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1 General

1.1 Purpose

This document fulfils the requirement set out in the National Energy Rules section 5.2A.5 for information contained in Schedule 5.10 to be made available on TasNetworks' website.

1.2 Scope

This document is to assist Connection Applicants understand the required approvals needed before connecting to TasNetworks' transmission network.

2 Generic Development, Environmental and Heritage Approvals

Evidence indicating approvals or that there is no need for approval under relevant legislation prior to signing the connection application or asset development agreement is required.

To avoid project delays, please contact TasNetworks directly to discuss any land use planning, environment or heritage approvals (or exemptions), conditions or commitments that relate to operation, maintenance or demolition of the asset that do not accord with TasNetworks' technical requirements or business as usual activities.

For site specific land use planning, environment or heritage requirements, please contact TasNetworks directly. Please note, it is the developer's responsibility to seek independent land use planning, environment and heritage advice regarding projects.

Most use and development in Tasmania is regulated by the Resource Management and Planning System (RMPS). This is a suite of legislation with objectives centred around the principles of sustainable development. There is also legislation regulating environmental and heritage impact as a result of use and development, some of which form part of the RMPS.

The centrepiece of the RMPS is *the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA). This legislation authorises the declaration of planning schemes, which are the most common planning instrument used to assess use and development in Tasmania. Other assessment processes tailored to specific projects are also available under this Act.

Other legislation that may be relevant to the assessment of use and development in Tasmania are listed below (this list is not exhaustive):

- *Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995* and associated *Electricity Supply Industry Regulations 2008* (the Regulations). Of particular relevance is Regulation 7, which classifies certain activities as 'work of minor environmental impact'.
- *Major Infrastructure Development Approvals Act 1999* may be used to assess major infrastructure projects.
- *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* provides for management of the environment and the control of pollution in Tasmania.
- *State Policies and Projects Act 1993* provides for the integrated assessment of projects of State significance.
- *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975* regulates impact on Aboriginal Heritage in Tasmania.
- *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* regulates impact on places having historic cultural heritage significance.

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- *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002* provides for the management of national parks and other reserved land.
- *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995* provides for the protection and management of native flora and fauna.
- *Weed Management Act 1999* provides for the control and eradication of declared weeds and promotes a strategic and sustainable approach to weed management.
- The Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* regulates matters of national environmental significance.

Other legislation that establishes review or assessment bodies are also relevant to development approvals in Tasmania. These regulatory bodies relate to the legislation listed above.

The legislation listed here is available at [Tasmanian Legislation online](#).

A list of the legislation that constitutes the RMPS, or supports it, is available on the Environment Protection Agency website in the [Guide to the Resource Management and Planning System](#).

Further information on the State Planning System, and the RMPS, are provided by the [Tasmanian Planning Commission](#).