

Staverton to Hampshire Hills transmission route **community and customer engagement update**

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North West Transmission Developments - August 2020



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The release of the Staverton to Hampshire Hills route is a culmination of detailed analysis and investigations that have been informed by feedback from landowners, the local community and key stakeholders.

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Engagement undertaken so far

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In late 2019 and early 2020, TasNetworks consulted on a proposed route for the Staverton to Hampshire Hills section of the North West Transmission developments. The proposed route was identified using detailed desktop studies undertaken by a team of experts in the fields of land use planning, power system engineering, economics, environment and cultural heritage.

As part of the engagement process TasNetworks met with landowners, in addition to holding community pop-up sessions, conducting an online survey, and running face-to-face community workshops held in Ulverstone, Gunns Plains, Burnie and Sheffield, where 85 people attended community workshops and 90 completed an online survey.

Through the initial engagement process, TasNetworks sought feedback from landowners and the community about what they value about the area and whether they thought the route selection process had taken into account what mattered to them.

TasNetworks has also been engaging with relevant local councils, State and Commonwealth government agencies and other industry, business and broader stakeholders, has been available for media coverage of the project.

We are listening

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The wide range of feedback received from our initial engagement process on the Staverton to Hampshire Hills transmission route has been considered.

We have considered your feedback, and the feedback of others, and this has informed our selection of the preferred route.

Following the initial engagement process, TasNetworks received requests for changes to the proposed route from directly affected landowners, neighbours and community groups. We then met with these interested parties to better understand their concerns and suggestions for realignment.

TasNetworks undertook further detailed investigations into variations to the proposed route, which aimed to address landowner and community concerns and suggestions. As part of the investigation process, we undertook eagle nest surveys in late April and early May 2020.

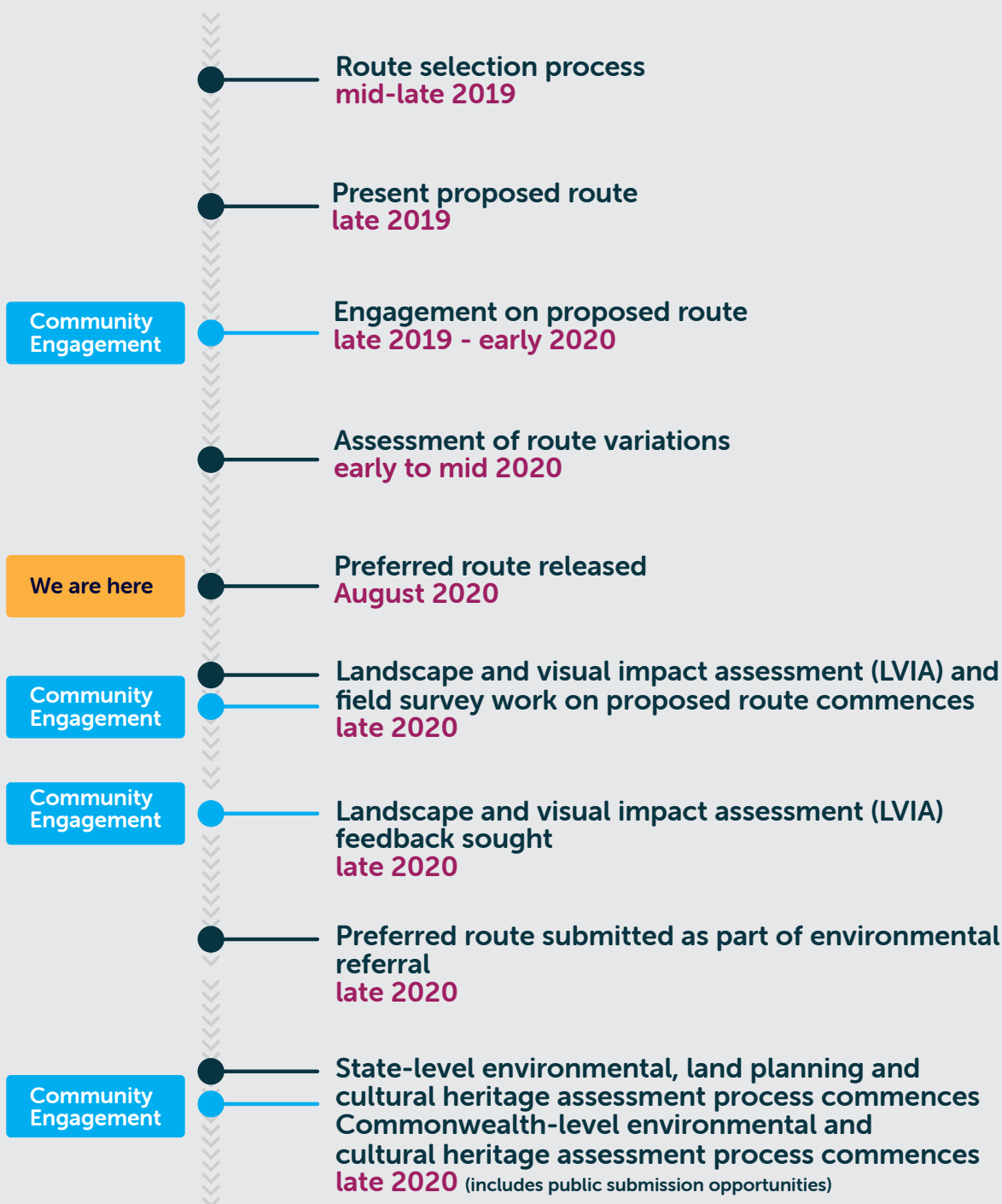
Variations to the proposed route have now been assessed. These variations have informed the preferred route, which seeks to address a number of key issues, impacts and concerns raised

How are we engaging with landowners and the community?

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As part of the landscape and visual impact assessment process, TasNetworks will be seeking further community feedback to better understand the important views and amenity values that may be impacted by the project. To find out more, please see our Landscape and visual impact assessment fact sheet.

Landowners, neighbours and community members will also have several opportunities to comment during the environmental, land use planning and cultural heritage approvals process. These will include formal opportunities required by the approvals processes and informal opportunities through planned engagement activities. As part of this, there will be opportunity to make written submissions. TasNetworks will provide more information about these opportunities once the environmental and planning approvals process is confirmed.



We're here and **ready** **to engage**

The coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic has meant a change in when and how we engage on our proposals.

The majority of engagement on the proposed developments is currently being conducted by phone, email and other non-face-to-face methods. We will continue to review our engagement approach, in accordance with health advice. We will engage face-to-face where appropriate, and where this can achieve good health and safety outcomes.

As part of the release of the Staverton to Hampshire Hills preferred route, we have an engagement process and planned series of activities now available on our website and Facebook page. We will advertise upcoming engagements in local papers and on the radio. Our engagement methods currently include:

- **online briefings and meetings,**
- **webinars, and**
- **pre-arranged face-to-face sessions at the Future Energy Hub in Burnie.**



Date	Activity
Tuesday 4 August	Preferred route release
Tuesday 18 August	<p>Live webinar:</p> <p>Staverton – Hampshire Hills route presentation</p> <p>Tune in and join our webinar with our Project Team who will outline the details of the Preferred Route and the selection process and you can ask questions online.</p> <p>This will be a recorded session and will be available on the website afterwards.</p> <p>Register to attend online: talkwith.tasnetworks.com.au</p>
Wednesday 19 Aug – Wednesday 2 Sep	<p>We'll be asking for your thoughts on viewpoints as part of the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment. It's a feedback form and it will start after the webinar and will be open for two weeks. Your contribution is important so that our consultants, Inspiring Place, understand your perspective.</p> <p>Feedback forms will be available online: talkwith.tasnetworks.com.au</p>
Thursday 27 August	<p>Ask questions at our Drop-in session at the Cradle Coast Future Energy Hub, Burnie.</p> <p>Meet our Project Team and discuss specific issues. Due to COVID-19 you'll need to book a time.</p> <p>Book a time online: talkwith.tasnetworks.com.au</p>
Friday 28 August	<p>Visit our Drop-in session at the Cradle Coast Future Energy Hub, Burnie</p> <p>Meet our Project Team and discuss specific issues. Due to COVID-19 you'll need to book a time.</p> <p>Book a time online: talkwith.tasnetworks.com.au</p>
Monday 31 August	<p>We'll send you a feedback form reminder, because we want to make sure your views are taken on board. The feedback form closes on Tuesday 2 September.</p>
Ongoing	<p>Ask us a question or arrange a time to meet online or in person</p> <p>Email: projectmarinus@tasnetworks.com.au Call: 1300 127 777</p>

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We will continue to work closely with community, businesses and landowners as planning continues for Marinus Link and the proposed North West Transmission Developments.

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Contacting us

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We are committed to communicating in a transparent, respectful, and timely manner. We also plan to talk with the community about benefits sharing and a process to work together towards such outcomes.

You can contact us with any questions about the proposed developments to the North West Tasmanian transmission network via our project email and phone line.

You can also access our information from the **Future Energy Hub**:

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- futureenergyhub@cradlecoast.com
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