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Accessing properties for land surveying ahead of NWTB construction

TasNetworks will complete vital survey work across a small number of properties from this week as the North West Transmission Developments (NWTB) project gears up for construction.

Over several years, TasNetworks has been working closely with landholders to negotiate license and easement option agreements, with around 95 per cent having signed voluntarily.

Due to now-critical project timeframes, including requirements ahead of Financial Close, it is necessary that a detailed easement survey is undertaken on several properties where agreements are yet to be finalised.

NWTB Project Director, Richard Sheather, said TasNetworks is carefully following the statutory process and has done everything possible to negotiate with landholders.

"We know landholders may hold differing views about the NWTB project, and that a small number are opposed to the project," Mr Sheather said.

"We have conducted good faith negotiations with landholders for years, and the vast majority of these have been finalised successfully."

TasNetworks has statutory powers under the *Land Acquisition Act 1993* (Tas) to authorise access for surveying to gather detailed information associated with the proposed easement.

"We appreciate that statutory access can raise concerns, but I want to make it clear that TasNetworks is adhering to the law during every single step of this process as well as ensuring landholders are respectfully engaged and have been given advanced notice," Mr Sheather said.

"While we have authority to access landowner property, we are strongly committed to conducting the required work respectfully and with regard to landholder property operations and individual circumstances."

Mr Sheather said TasNetworks' focus remains on continuing good faith negotiations with remaining landholders to reach voluntary agreements, with construction due to commence in April 2026.

TasNetworks provided prior notice to landholders to capture any requirements or farming activities surveyors need to be aware of.

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