

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Reckless vandals just hurt Tasmanians**

TasNetworks is asking anyone with information to come forward after a serious act of vandalism in northern Tasmania yesterday.

A mattress was set on fire next to an electrical substation at Rocherlea on Sunday afternoon, causing extensive damage and leaving customers without power across Launceston's northern suburbs.

TasNetworks' Head of Asset Management, Josh Cunningham, said it was a deeply reckless act.

"Tasmanians need electricity that's safe, reliable and sustainable," Mr Cunningham said.

"This sort of vandalism puts communities at risk. It left customers without power on a cold day. And TasNetworks is left dealing with expensive damage that's eventually paid for by Tasmanians.

"Criminal consequences are often the best deterrent. So, we'd encourage anyone with information that might lead to an arrest and conviction, to come forward in service to their community," he said.

People can report any information about asset vandalism to Tasmania Police on 131 444, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or via <https://crimestopperstas.com.au/>. You can quote Offence Report Number OR802611 (to either police or Crimestoppers) to reference this case.



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