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TasNetworks finalises delivery partner

TasNetworks has awarded Zinfra a five-year contract for the provision of Distribution and Transmission Services following an extensive and robust procurement process. The contract includes maintenance, capital works and emergency response activities across its distribution (overhead and underground) and transmission networks.

TasNetworks Executive Operations Kevin McGrath said there were several benefits associated with the decision, as Zinfra will be investing heavily in the state in terms of capital works, skilled labour, training apprentices and supporting local Tasmanian businesses.

"This change is an important decision for the business as we transition from a panel of contracted services to a single strategic partner (Delivery Partner) to provide the existing component of TasNetworks' regulated network Program of Work (PoW)," he said.

"This approach will enable us to have a more streamlined approach to the various challenges we face such as ageing assets across our network and in the fault detection and restoration space."

Following feedback from the industry, TasNetworks' approach to the single Delivery Partner model was reviewed by independent consultants engaged by Renewable Energy, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania (ReCFIT). This review rated the model as 'High Confidence', which is the highest rating possible.

Mr McGrath said the findings of the review reflected TasNetworks' position that ultimately the model was about ensuring the best value for our customers.

"The single Delivery Partner will allow us to consolidate already externally-delivered works, which are predominantly managed by tier 1 providers. As per this independent review, our move is all about ensuring that we improve the way we plan, schedule and complete these works," he said.

"Importantly, our Delivery Partner model does not seek to change the amount of work being delivered internally by our team compared to externally."

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