



Collaboration and coordination key themes of Generator Forum

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The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) has today highlighted the critical role of Tasmania, and the new Marinus Link interconnector, in Australia's energy future. To achieve Tasmania's renewable energy potential, Tasmanian communities and electricity customers are asking for collaboration and coordination on energy projects. The opportunity to work together to realise Tasmania's potential was discussed today at the fourth Tasmanian Generator Forum.

The TasNetworks-hosted event is a forum for existing Tasmanian generators and Tasmanian energy developers to come together and discuss future plans and issues affecting the Tasmanian power system.

TasNetworks Acting CEO Ross Burridge said collaboration and coordination was the key theme of the forum – brought into sharp focus recently at the inaugural Tasmanian Energy Development Conference in Devonport last month.

“As AEMO's Insights Paper reinforces, Tasmania can play a leading role in Australia's energy transformation and emissions reduction objectives. It is critical that Tasmanian generators, together with TasNetworks (as the state's electricity network planner), customers and the community work together to achieve Tasmania's clean energy potential.

“We are already seeing exciting projects underway at Cattle Hill in the Central Highlands and at Granville Harbour on the West Coast.

“The North-West of Tasmania is becoming the hub for extraordinary energy development opportunities, with prospective new world class wind farm developments, Marinus Link, and the Battery of the Nation initiative.

“But these opportunities need to be carefully considered alongside community concerns and the need for close engagement.”

To foster this engagement, a coordinated and collaborative approach is required between all parties, and TasNetworks intends to establish a stronger community presence in Burnie to provide more accessibility to the community and to share and engage on its plans for Marinus Link and the supporting transmission network.

“We believe having a project-based presence in the North-West will help ensure all voices are heard and information is provided in a timely, convenient and transparent way,” Mr Burridge said.

“We are working with the Cradle Coast Authority and seeking interest from other energy sector businesses that may like to share a presence with us as well, to create a 'one-stop-shop' to engage further with energy projects in the North-West.”

Further information about the future requirements of Tasmania's electricity network can be found at www.tasnetworks.com.au/apr.

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