



MEDIA RELEASE – Improved power supply for Dairy Farmers

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TasNetworks Project Manager Peter Findlater, Circular Head Mayor Daryl Quillam and representatives from the Tasmanian and Australian governments today unveiled the Harcus River Road Project.

TasNetworks will operate and maintain a 22 kV distribution line adjacent to Harcus River Road, from Marrawah to the Woolnorth dairy operation gates.

The distribution line will be approximately 23 km long and involved the installation of approximately 230 poles.

The project supports the local dairy industry by improving power supply between Marrawah and Woolnorth on the North West Coast.

Mr Findlater said there was increasing demand for more power and a reliable network to supply it as the dairy industry on the North West Coast continues to grow.

He congratulated all those involved in the design and construction phases.

“TasNetworks is proud to have been able to deliver an upgraded and reliable power supply for a growing industry,” Mr Findlater said.

“Our team members worked alongside government and industry to get a great outcome for all.”

At its peak, the project had up to ten crews working out of Smithton to establish the line.

“Construction commenced in March and crews certainly experienced some challenging weather conditions over winter,” Mr Findlater said.

“It was very satisfying to flick the switch knowing that we had met our customers’ requirements.”

The total capital cost of the project was \$1.5 million.

In partnership with the Tasmanian Government, the Australian Government is investing \$120 million in Tasmania over 15 years to diversify the State economy.

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