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North West Transmission Developments to host community drop-in sessions

North West Transmission Developments (NWTd) is reaching another major project milestone. As part of the comprehensive assessment and approvals process, TasNetworks will shortly lodge a permit application with the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC).

Lodgement of the permit application is an important step as it will allow NWTd to be formally assessed before TasNetworks can proceed to the construction phase of the project.

NWTd is hosting a series of community drop-in sessions in north-west Tasmania to share information about the assessment process and opportunities available for community members to have their say.

The sessions will also provide information on key findings from studies conducted along the route to inform the permit application. Completed studies include Aboriginal and historic heritage, environment, landscape and visual impact, social and economic impact as well as traffic and transport. This information helps identify ways to avoid, reduce and manage impacts.

Louise Baring, Head of Stakeholder Engagement, encouraged community members to drop-in to any of the four offered sessions.

"There will be key NWTd team members on hand to discuss the project and answer questions. There will also be a range of fact sheets available," Ms Baring said.

- Bracknell War Memorial Hall (29 Louisa Street) on Wednesday, 9 April from 2pm - 6pm
- Future Energy Hub (1-3 Spring St, Burnie) on Thursday, 10 April from 2pm - 6pm
- Sheffield Football and Cricket Club (Spring St) on Friday, 11 April from 2 - 6pm
- TasNetworks' Deloraine Depot (38 West Goderich St) on Saturday, 12 April from 11am - 2pm.

For those unable to attend in person, a webinar about the assessment process will be held on Tuesday 15 April from 12pm – 2pm. Register your interest for the webinar at tasnetworks.com.au/nwtd

NWTd will include new and upgraded transmission lines, substations and switching stations. The project is proposed to be delivered across two stages. The first stage will link Cressy, Sheffield and Burnie, with the second stage planned between Staverton and Burnie via Hampshire Hills.

NWTD will support new renewable energy developments and generate significant benefits and opportunities for Tasmanian communities and businesses. Subject to approvals, construction for Stage 1 is due to commence in 2026 and be completed by 2029.

The proposed new overhead transmission lines between Staverton to Hampshire Hills, which also form part of NWTD are not part of this application. A separate permit application is currently being prepared for that section.

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