

NWTD SLG MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group Meeting
Meeting date:	21 September 2023
Meeting location:	Cradle Coast Authority, 1-3 Spring St, Burnie
Chairperson	Damian Vermey

Invitees

Name	Initials	Organisation	Role
Jess Berechree	JB	Cradle Coast Future Energy Hub	Member
Kim Bomford	KB	Housing Choices	Member
Leesa Butler	LB	TasNetworks	Observer
Matthew Dance	MD	TasTAFE	Member
Ian Jones	IJ	Business NW	Member
Sarah Jones	SJ	UTAS	Member
Laura Johnson	LJ	Youth Panel	Member
Danielle Kidd	DK	West North West Working	Member
Graham Marshall	GM	YFCC	Member
Emily Norris	EN	TasNetworks	Notetaker
Luke Sayer	LS	Department of State Growth	Member
Veronica Terry	VT	Cradle Coast Authority	Member
Damian Vermey	DV	TasNetworks	Acting Chair
Sheree Vertigan	SV	Cradle Coast Authority	Member
Chris Warr	CW	TasNetworks	Member

Apologies

Name	Initials	Organisation	Role
Chris Bennett	CB	Skills Tasmania	Member
Rodney Greene	RG	Burnie Works	Chair
Vanessa Skipworth	VS	TMEC	Member

Minutes

Item

Round robin

- IJ advised he was appointed Chair of TCCI's Clean Energy Tasmania.
 - VT raised the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program is open for funding applications and was an opportunity for the region and for potential partners to consider.
 - VT raised the Cradle Coast Natural Resource Management document Native Grasses of Tasmania in the context of Rehabilitation Plans during NWTD construction.
 - KM advised Housing Choices is finding ways to support information sharing with the resident cohort and wider community, particularly Shorewell Park. The Shorewell Park Twilight Market is an example of this, trialled on 21 September with TasNetworks supporting the event.
 - SJ advised the Group of an innovative study pathway for engineering, specifically related to energy which involves study with TasTAFE and UTAS for an engineering professional pathway. This study pathway includes project management and technical energy related skills.
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NWTD update

- Group discussion and clarification about the recent Marinus Link ownership announcement.
 - An update on key NWTD project milestones was provided.
 - TasNetworks shared upcoming NW community event plans with members.
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Key findings from the Development Application and Environmental Impact Statement technical reports

- Members were briefed on the upcoming Development Application (DA) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) milestones; TasNetworks is required to prepare a DA and EIS as part of the environment, planning and heritage approvals process. These documents will form one consolidated 'application' that will enable the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) to assess the environmental, social and economic aspects of the project against the project assessment criteria and determine whether approvals will be granted and what conditions will be applied.
 - The DA and EIS will be submitted to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) for review and consideration in late 2023. The TPC will place the application on public exhibition, including the full versions of all technical reports. All members of the community will then be provided with the opportunity to make a written submission on the application. It is anticipated this will occur early 2024. Prior to this, TasNetworks has committed to share the key findings from the technical studies and how impacts will be managed as part of community session in November 2023, ahead of the TPC public exhibition period.
 - Members were given an overview of how key findings and impacts from the technical studies will be presented.
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Community Benefits Sharing Program

- An update on the Community Benefits Sharing Program (CBSP) was provided, including current status and program development.
- The details of the proposed governance arrangements were shared and the Group including roles and responsibilities and advanced thinking on an independent community assessment panel.
- Members provided feedback on risks, challenges and opportunities of the governance arrangements in order to further refine.
- The SLG were informed about the next steps and further discussion points planned for November SLG meeting.

Contingent Project Application

- Members were briefed on TasNetworks Revenue Reset and related Contingent Project Application (CPA) process where the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) assesses the costs to be recovered from electricity customers.
- TasNetworks is planning to lodge a CPA for the NWTD with the AER in May 2024.
- Members were provided with an overview of the CPA process as it relates to NWTD.

Economic Development

- Members discussed the status of a number of actions from the [Regional Economic Development Plan](#) and provided updates and next steps on key priority areas relating to regional economic development.

Meeting close

Next meeting Tuesday 21 November
