

NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group

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Today's agenda

- Round robin
- Election discussion
- NWTD update
- Head contractor update
- Contingent Project Application (CPA) update
- Economic Development Action Plan
- Member survey results

Member round robin

TAS election discussion

Liberal government election commitments

NW Renewable Energy Training Centre

- Invest \$4 million into developing a state-of-the-art industry training facility in partnership with industry.
- Support 15-20 new apprentices each year.

Legislation to create a REZ will be introduced within 100 days

- The first REZ will be in the North West to support multiple proponents to connect new generation and load into the grid.

Renewable Energy Approval Pathway

- A streamlined pathway for projects through the Major Projects Assessment process.
- A Major Renewable Energy Project case management team within Government.

Hydro Tasmania First directive

- Remove the competitive impediments to Hydro investing in new generation projects.
- Lift the 40MW new generation limit.
- Lowest possible power prices for Tasmanians.
- Grow partnership with NECA and Master Electricians to ensure electrical skills are developed.

NWTD update

Landholder engagement



Recap:

- ✓ Valuations for compensation under the Land Acquisition Act
- ✓ Landholder Strategic Benefit Payments
- ✓ Letter to all landholders
- ✓ Four landholder drop-in sessions in March, in Cressy, Sheffield, Kindred and Ridgley.



What we asked landholders

The two proposed options presented were:

SBP Option 1

\$70,000 per km of transmission line + CPI paid over 20 years. This option proposes a uniform payment to all eligible landholders that host transmission infrastructure under the NWT D project.

SBP Option 2

\$100,000 per km of transmission line + CPI for new easements and \$50,000 per km of transmission line + CPI for existing easements paid over 20 years. This option proposes different rates of payment for new easements and existing easements.

What we heard from landholders

- There was a general appreciation from landholders towards TasNetworks for holding the sessions and providing an opportunity for them to find out more information and express concerns.
- Feedback on the SBP options resulted in a preference for Option 1 over Option 2.
- There was a general feeling that the value is inadequate/low. Payments should be the same as in other states, not less. Payments should be longer than 20 years.
- General confusion.



Key milestones

Milestone	Estimated date
Appointment of Head Contractor	July 2024
Submission of Contingent Project Application 1	August 2024
Final Investment Decision (FID)	December 2024
Submission of Contingent Project Application 2	January 2025
Lodge Environmental and Planning approvals with Tasmanian Planning Commission	February 2025
Community Engagement on Environmental and Planning approvals (ahead of public exhibition)	March 2025

Head contactor update

Recap



- Following the Register of Interest and Expression of Interest phase, three Tier One proponents were invited to the Request for Proposals (**RFP**) process.
- A Head Contractor is expected to be appointed in July 2024 under an Engineer, Procure and Construct delivery model which includes a preliminary Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) phase.
- Following the selection of the NWTD Head Contractor, the **ECI** phase will begin. Once a successful ECI phase is completed, TasNetworks intends to commence the Construction Phase with the Head Contractor.

ECI Phase



The objective of the Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) phase is to facilitate open collaboration between TasNetworks and the Contractor to gain a deeper understanding of the Project constraints and advance the design to provide greater price certainty and address constructability challenges.



IFC Design

Aligned to TasNetworks design review process and ECI Phase milestones



Construction Strategy & Methodology

Advice relating to Constructability issues to prevent rework and reduce uncertainty during delivery



Site Specific Information

Including Geotech, contaminated land and soil resistivity and desktop study of the alignment to plan and prioritise required site specific information.



Long Lead Items (if applicable) / BOQs

Bill of Quantities and Bill of Materials development



Sustainability / ISC target bronze or better

Sustainability Management Plan and IFC Design meeting or exceeding ISC bronze target (Design and As-Built)

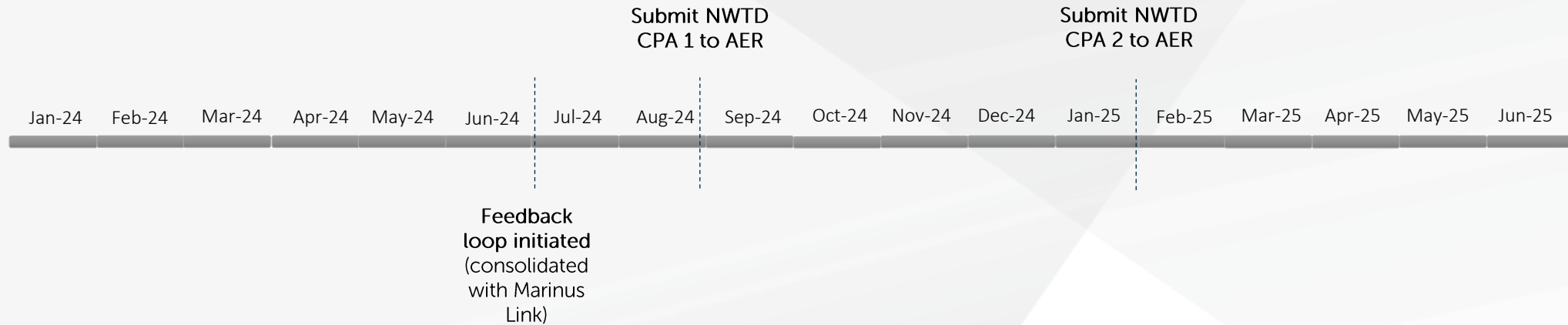


Battery Limits / Technical Interfaces

Delineation of responsibility, definition of technical interfaces and Battery Limits

Contingent Project Application (CPA)

NWTD CPA lodgement timeline



- TasNetworks is undertaking a staged CPA process:
 - **Stage 1 CPA (CPA 1):** early works, to be submitted August 2024
 - **Stage 2 CPA (CPA 2):** remaining construction costs post class 2 estimates being available, for submission January 2025

Economic Development Action Plan

Progress against actions

Theme 1: Workforce Development, Skills and Training

Opportunities	Actions
Promote the long-term career opportunities	Clearly communicate the job, skill development and training opportunities of Project Marinus and renewable energy developments with key target audiences
	Design and implement a Scholarship Program to encourage school leavers to pursue a career in the renewable energy sector
Develop and improve skill development pathways	Define TasNetworks' future role as an RTO in Tasmania providing critical high voltage transmission and / or localised, customised training
Be a model project proponent, driving local economic and social benefits for the region	Be an active member of industry groups and programs in the region

Theme 2: Procurement and Opportunities for Local Businesses

Opportunities	Actions
Promote the business procurement opportunities	Clearly communicate the local content opportunities with key target audiences
Develop procurement processes to localise spending benefits	Develop procurement strategies to localise spending in major projects
	Develop a range of non-financial procurement evaluation criteria
Expand business and government collaboration, partnerships and networks	Bring businesses together through events and forums (like meet the buyer) and provide introductions for firms who could collaborate

Theme 3: Infrastructure, Assets and Market Benefits

Opportunities	Actions
Continue to explore, confirm and communicate the benefits	Communicate the local and State benefits of hosting nationally significant renewable energy infrastructure in terms of reduced energy costs, increased reliability, enabling local investment and economic opportunities, and leading the nation in climate change mitigation
	Further define and communicate the fibre-optic benefit and opportunity to Tasmania from Project Marinus

Theme 4: Local and Regional Community Benefits

Opportunities	Actions
Focus on creating an enduring economic legacy	Incorporate the long-term, generational legacy story of the renewable energy opportunity in emotive branding and community engagement
Utilise supporting infrastructure for community benefit	Explore increased use of easements on community land
Share benefits with the community	Develop and implement a Community Benefit Sharing (CBS) framework for NWT
	Develop and implement a Community Investment Program for NWT

Theme 5: Public and Private Sector Investment

Opportunities	Actions
Enable flow-on industry investment	Share learnings through the design & approvals and construction phases with other project proponents and industry participants in the region

SLG Priority Actions

Theme 1: Workforce Development, Skills and Training

Opportunities	Actions
An organisation responsible for workforce development and coordination	Regional stakeholders to create a dedicated organisation tasked with overseeing the critical and complex task of workforce development and deployment for Project Marinus and other major projects in Tasmania (including the provision of the supporting social infrastructure)
	Explore the development of curriculum aligned material for engagement with schools, students, parents and teachers around the renewable energy future

Opportunities	Actions
Develop and improve skill development pathways	Map out skill demand over-time and breakdown by occupation for NWTD, induced investments and flow-on opportunities and share with education, skills and training partners
	Define the education / training pathways to careers in renewable energy sector
	Explore and develop innovative 'blended' education pathways for vocational and tertiary education into the industry
	Increase the number of supervisors and teachers to increase the capacity of the training system to take on more apprentices in Tasmania
	Develop a Renewable Energy Training Centre of Excellence in the North West region of Tasmania

Opportunities	Actions
Expand the regional workforce	Plan for, coordinate and deliver social infrastructure to support a larger workforce in the region
	Build partnerships and leverage existing outreach efforts and programs to directly reach, communicate with and encourage participation of diverse groups
Coordinate regional workforce development and deployment	Develop a micro-credentialing scheme making it easy for life-long learning and career switching into the renewable energy industry and between projects
Be a model project proponent, driving local economic and social benefits for the region	Expand skill demand forecasts (like SOFIA) to include broader range of renewable energy projects in the region

Theme 4: Local and Regional Community Benefits

Opportunities	Actions
Focus on creating an enduring economic legacy	Support opportunities to embed new arrivals into the community and mitigate against a FIFO mindset forming
	Understand the current housing supply profile for the region and define the impact NWTD and the induced investments may have
	Explore adaptable housing options for project workforce

Member survey results - 2024

SLG meetings

Thinking about SLG meetings, please indicate the extent to which you agree, or disagree, with the following statements.

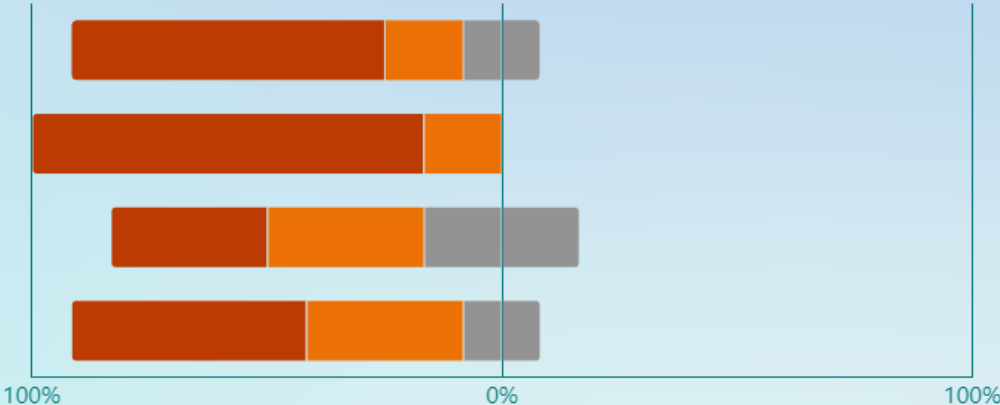
Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

SLG meetings provide meaningful opportunities for me to share my ideas and provide constructive...

My ideas and input are respected by the project team.

I am satisfied with the role the SLG plays as part of the project.

Overall, my participation on the SLG is a worthwhile use of my time.



SLG meetings

What is working well with SLG?

- Information sharing
- Willingness to listen to views of members
- Open and transparent meetings
- Respectful and thoughtful group who care about the region

What can be improved?

- Members could be 'activated' more
- Key staff departures

What would you like to know more about?

- Economic development

NWTD project

Positives?

- Economic development opportunities

Concerns?

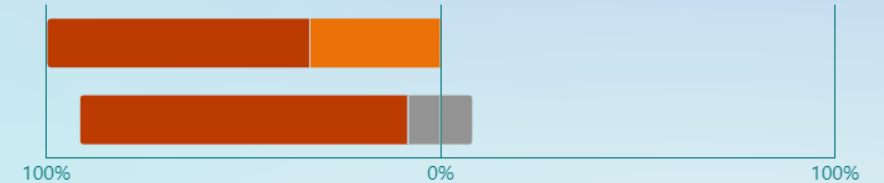
- FID
- Social licence
- Issues being politicised and misinformation

Thinking about your project knowledge and perceptions, please indicate the extent to which you agree, or disagree, to the following statements.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

I have a detailed understanding of the NWTD project.

The potential project benefits outweigh the potential disadvantages.



Future

Are there aspects of the project you are keen to be further involved with?

- Training and workforce needs, partnership opportunities between SLG member organisations
- Skilling, economic growth and ensuring equity and inclusion
- Procurement
- Economic development
- Support implementation of community benefits sharing

Are there any other organisations or individuals who should be invited to join SLG?

- Council champions
- Need a better understanding of other groups in the region



Any other business?



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