

NWTD SLG MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group Meeting
Meeting date:	25 June 2024
Meeting location:	Cradle Coast Authority, Board Room
Chairperson	Rodney Greene, Collaboration for Impact

Invitees

Name	Initials	Organisation	Role
Jess Berechree	JB	Future Energy Hub	Member
Andrew Harris	AH	Skills Tasmania	Member
Ian Jones	IJ	Business NW	Member
Sarah Jones	SJ	UTAS	Members
Danielle Kidd	DK	West North West Working	Member
Graham Marshall	GM	YFCC	Member
Emily Norris	EN	TasNetworks	Member
Luke Sayer	LS	Department of State Growth	Member
Sheree Vertigan	SV	Cradle Coast Authority	Member
Chris Warr	CW	TasNetworks	Member

Apologies

Name	Initials	Organisation	Role
Kim Bomford	KB	Housing Choices	Member
Matthew Dance	MD	TasTAFE	Member
Laura Johnson	LJ	Youth Panel	Member
Vanessa Skipworth	VS	Tasmanian Minerals, Manufacturing & Energy Council (TMEC)	Member
Veronica Terry	VT	Cradle Coast Authority	Member

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Item

Round robin

- Member discussion about recent North West Renewable Energy Zone (NW REZ) consultation. Members discussed providing as many different opportunities for people to engage as possible. Suggestions included:
 - NWTD, Marinus Link and ReCFIT to host a session together at a central foot traffic area.
 - Myth-busting facts.
 - Simple displays in empty shop fronts and supermarkets.
- Discussion on the conflation of international and national energy issues which may not be issues specific to Tasmania but still need to be addressed.

NWTD update

- Members were provided with an update on key project milestones and timeframes.
- Upcoming NWTD community engagement sessions were shared with the Group.
- An update was provided on TasNetworks' involvement in the Energy Charter's Better Practice Social Licence Guideline. The annual Independent Review took place in June 2024 and provides an opportunity to review and reflect on the implementation of the Guideline by participating transmission businesses. The progress report and recommendations of the Review were shared with the Group.
- An update was provided on TasNetworks' two new Engagement Advisory Groups, Customer Advisory Group and Stakeholder Advisory Group. Recruitment in April/May attracted 55+ quality candidates from across the State. Members were thanked for their role in consultation on establishing the Groups.

Renewable Energy Zone update - ReCFIT

- Update from ReCFIT included the current consultation about the proposed NW REZ and associated community benefits sharing (CBS) framework.
 - Information was provided on how the NW REZ proposed boundary has been defined.
 - Information was provided on a proposed CBS framework to encourage a greater regional legacy.
 - Correspondence was provided to 2,000 landholders in the proposed REZ. There is an EOI for hosting projects on the ReCFIT website. Landholders are under no obligation to host renewable energy projects on their property.
 - Extended the consultation period to 11 September.
 - Draft legislation to be released for consultation on 17 July.
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Marinus Link update

- Marinus Link provided a project and key milestone update.
 - Two new NW Engagement Specialist roles filled and a permanent presence in Burnie at the Future Energy Hub.
 - The public exhibition period for the Environmental Impact Statement (Commonwealth waters) and the Environment Effects Statement (Victoria) is open 31 May – 12 July.
 - In Tasmania Marinus Link is preparing one Development Application including one Environmental Impact Statement for the Heybridge Converter station and one Environmental Impact Statement for the shore crossing and subsea and underground cables. Planning for future Public Exhibition.
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Regional Economic Development Action Plan

- A status update on TasNetworks actions as part of the Plan was circulated to members as pre-reading. A discussion on SLG priority actions was deferred to the August meeting due to time constraints.
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Community investment

- The NWTDC community investment program update and member feedback on its future direction was deferred to the August meeting due to time constraints.
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Meeting close

Next meeting: Tuesday 27 August 2024
