

# NWTD SLG MEETING MINUTES

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<b>Meeting Name:</b>	NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group Meeting
<b>Meeting date:</b>	27 August 2024
<b>Meeting location:</b>	Cradle Coast Authority, Board Room
<b>Chairperson</b>	Rodney Greene, Collaboration for Impact

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## Invitees

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role</b>
Jordan Abell	JA	TasNetworks	Member
Jess Berechree	JB	Future Energy Hub	Member
Annie Gatenby	AG	Regional Development Australia	Member
Andrew Harris	AH	Skills Tasmania	Member
Sarah Jones	SJ	UTAS	Member
Danielle Kidd	DK	West North West Working	Member
Graham Marshall	GM	YFCC	Member
Troy Robins	TR	TasTAFE	Member
Luke Sayer	LS	Department of State Growth	Member
Chris Warr	CW	TasNetworks	Member

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## Apologies

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role</b>
Kim Bomford	KB	Housing Choices	Member
Matthew Dance	MD	TasTAFE	Member
Laura Johnson	LJ	Youth Panel	Member
Ian Jones	IJ	Business NW	Member
Vanessa Skipworth	VS	TMEC	Member
Veronica Terry	VT	Cradle Coast Authority	Member
Sheree Vertigan	SV	Cradle Coast Authority	Member

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## Item

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### Round robin

- Member discussion about what they had been hearing and seeing in the community related to renewable energy. Concerns were raised around potential misinformation within the community and need for ongoing clear communications by Government and project proponents.

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### Marinus Link update

- Marinus Link provided a project and key milestone update.
- The public exhibition of the Victorian Environmental Approvals has concluded with 27 submissions received.
- The Tasmanian Environmental Approvals public exhibition is expected to open in October / November 2024.
- As part of the tender and contract update, Marinus Link will continue to have a presence at community events to ensure project benefits can be maximised throughout the region i.e. making it known local businesses can register their interest to tender.
- Another round of career readiness programs were held in Burnie via its partnership with the Beacon Foundation.

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### Regional Economic Development Action Plan

- The Chair led a discussion on the SLG priority actions relating to two key themes; 1) Workforce Development, Skills and Training, and 2) Local and Regional Community Benefits.
- Members identified the key next steps in confirming and allocating the priority actions.
- Supporting these actions, members heard of the recent work CCA had undertaken including hosting a round table with Government and project proponents.
- Regional economic development will remain an agenda item at the next meeting for further discussion.

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### NWTD update

- Members were provided with an update on key project milestones and timeframes.
- Upcoming NWTD community engagement sessions were shared with the group along with an update on landholder engagement activities.

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### Community investment

- Members were provided with a NWTD community investment program update, including two short videos of previous grant recipients.
- The future direction of community investment was discussed, with upcoming community support for the region detailed.
- TasNetworks' ongoing partnership with Rural Alive & Well (RAW) was also highlighted.

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## **Contingent Project Application**

- A summary of TasNetworks' Contingent Project Application (CPA) 1 to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) was shared with the group, this included:
  - CPA process
  - Total capex
  - Concessional financing and impacts on revenue and pricing
  - Indicative pricing impacts
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Next steps

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## **Any other business**

- Feedback was sought on SLG membership including addition of representation from RE-Alliance. RE-Alliance is an independent, not-for-profit advocacy organisation working to secure an energy transformation that delivers long-term benefits and prosperity to regional Australia.
- The date for December's meeting was discussed.

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## **Meeting close**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 15 October 2024**

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