

NWTD SLG MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group Meeting
Meeting date:	15 October 2024
Meeting location:	Cradle Coast Authority, Board Room
Chairperson	Rodney Greene, Collaboration for Impact

Invitees

Name	Initials	Organisation	Role
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
Ian Jones	IJ	Business NW	Member
Graham Marshall	GM	YFCC	Member
Matthew Dance	MD	TasTAFE	Member
Luke Sayer	LS	Department of State Growth	Member
Toby Thorpe	TT	RE-Alliance	Member
Veronica Terry	VT	Cradle Coast Authority	Member
Sheree Vertigan	SV	Cradle Coast Authority	Member
Chris Warr	CW	TasNetworks	Member

Apologies

Name	Initials	Organisation	Role
Sarah Jones	SJ	UTAS	Member
Danielle Kidd	DK	West North West Working	Member
Vanessa Skipworth	VS	TMEC	Member

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Item

Round robin

- Member discussion about what they had been hearing and seeing in the community related to renewable energy.
- The five-part series in *The Advocate* examining Marinus Link was raised along with accommodation requirements for workers of renewable energy projects being rolled out across the North West.
- Announcement was noted of the two projects (Bell Bay Wind Farm located near George Town and Cellars Hill Wind Farm located in the Central Highlands) to pilot the Renewable Energy Approvals Pathway (REAP).

Workforce development, skills and training

- AH led a discussion around on the SLG priority action relating to workforce development, skills and training.
- The role Skills Tasmania plays in managing the Tasmanian training and workforce development system was conveyed, including the Tasmanian Skills Plan, which will set the strategic direction and inform Government's funding priorities over the next five years.
- It was noted Skills Tasmania has a dedicated team focused on building relationships with the energy sector.
- Other information shared included the Government's commitment to develop a skilled workforce to grow the renewable energy and related sectors via the now concluded \$16.1M Energising Tasmania fund, as well as highlighting the Clean Energy Centre of Excellence in Burnie and the establishment of a Tasmanian Clean Energy Skills Ministerial Advisory Board.
- The group discussed the opportunity and complexities around responsibility for bringing together each of the elements together for renewable energy transition career pathways in the North West.

Regional Economic Development Action Plan

- The other SLG priority action 'local and regional community benefits' was considered.
 - Following the Cradle Coast Authority round table with Government and renewable energy proponents in August 2024, workforce and housing were recognised as the next two priorities.
 - The next round table, focussed on workforce, skills and training, will seek to pair Government data and planning objectives with renewable project delivery within the North West region.
 - The Future Energy Hub was also discussed, with Cradle Coast Authority confirming its focus is on increasing information to leaders in the community.
 - 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.
- Recent and upcoming NWTD community engagement sessions were shared with the group, including attendance at the Burnie Show in early October.

Community investment

- Members were provided with a NWTD community investment program update, including the grants that were recently awarded to the Royal Life Saving Tasmania (enabling the Mole Creek Swimming Pool to re-open in time for summer) and Youth, Family and Community Connections (supporting its ARVOS program for the next 12 months).
- TasNetworks also announced a new partnership with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra (TSO) and Dewayne Everettsmith for a once in a generation project, which will support the creation and rollout of a lutriwita song for schools, providing a reconciliation voice for students across Tasmania, including focus on schools on the North West and West Coast.

RE-Alliance

- The group officially welcomed a new member from RE-Alliance, Toby Thorpe.
- RE-Alliance is an independent, not-for-profit advocacy organisation working to secure an energy transformation across the eastern seaboard that delivers long-term benefits and prosperity for regional and rural Australia.
- RE-Alliance plays a unique role in Australia's energy sector, and are recognised as a leading voice on community engagement and social license in Australia.
- Toby is the Community Engagement Manager for the organisation and gave a snapshot of his areas of focus in Tasmania.

Any other business

- No other business was noted.

Meeting close

Next meeting: Tuesday 3 December 2024
