

NWTD SLG MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group Meeting
Meeting date:	25 February 2025
Meeting location:	Cradle Coast Authority, Board Room
Chairperson	Rodney Greene, Collaboration for Impact

Invitees

Name	Initials	Organisation	Role
Jordan Abell	JA	TasNetworks	Member
Lucy Allan	LA	RE-Alliance	Guest
Jess Berechree	JB	Future Energy Hub	Member
Garry Dodd	GD	Genus	Guest
Ken Drake	KD	Marinus Link	Guest
Annie Gatenby	AG	Regional Development Australia	Member
Andrew Harris	AH	Skills Tasmania	Member
Carrie Hughes	CH	Summit Strategy	Guest
Richard Ingram	RI	TasTAFE	Member
Ian Jones	IJ	Business NW	Member
Danielle Kidd	DK	West North West Working	Member
Graham Marshall	GM	YFCC	Member
Alexandra Paterson	AP	Skills Tasmania	Guest
Vanessa Skipworth	VS	TMEC	Member
Veronica Terry	VT	Cradle Coast Authority	Member
Toby Thorpe	TT	RE-Alliance	Member
Chris Warr	CW	TasNetworks	Member
Reg Yarran	RY	Genus	Guest
Zoy Yerondais	ZY	Housing Choices	Member

Apologies

Name	Initials	Organisation	Role
Matthew Dance	MD	TasTAFE	Member
Sarah Jones	SJ	UTAS	Member
Luke Sayer	LS	Department of State Growth	Member
Sheree Vertigan	SV	Cradle Coast Authority	Member

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Item

Round robin

- Member discussion about what they had been hearing and seeing amongst stakeholders and community members related to renewable energy. This included activities to freshen up the Future Energy Hub at the Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) as well as the announcement on the Clean Energy Centre of Excellence.

Clean Energy Centre of Excellence

- Skills Tasmania talked to the [recently announced Clean Energy Centre of Excellence](#).
- The \$27.2M joint state and federal centre will deliver purpose-built facilities at TasTAFE campuses in Burnie focussed on training the workforce needed to support renewable energy developments in the region.
- A workforce needs assessment to identify priority occupations and qualifications will be a key deliverable of the centre's advisory committee.

Regional Economic Development Action Plan

- TasNetworks is undertaking a review of the [NWT D Regional Economic Development Action Plan](#) to ensure it is fit for purpose for the next phase of the project.
- Theme areas and objectives were considered, with members encouraged to provide responses to discussion questions to help identify opportunities to refine the plan to maximise project benefits.

NWTD head contractor

- [GenusPlus Group Ltd \(Genus\)](#) was introduced to the group, having recently been awarded the two-part contract for Stage 1 of the NTWD project.
 - Genus is experienced in electricity and communications infrastructure projects within Tasmania and nationally.
 - Genus will be instrumental in advancing the engineering, design and surveying in preparation for construction, which is expected to begin in 2026, subject to approvals.
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NWTD update

- Members were provided with an update on key project milestones and timeframes, with Development Application (DA) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) engagement activities scheduled for April.
- [Upcoming NWTD community engagement sessions](#) were shared with the group, including attendance at this year's Agfest.
- An update on land access and acquisition across Stage 1 was also shared.

Community investment

- A NWTD community investment program update was provided, including [a short video of a previous grant that funded vital training for 14 lifeguards to enable the Mole Creek pool to reopen](#).
- TasNetworks' ongoing partnership with Rural Alive & Well (RAW) was also highlighted.

Marinus Link update

- Marinus Link provided a project and key milestone update, with [a preferred contractor to be selected mid-2025 with two proponents shortlisted](#).
- Marinus Link shared recent and upcoming community engagement activities, including its DA and EIS public exhibition drop-in sessions and 'meet the proponents' event which had more than 150 attendees.

Local Energy Hubs

- RE-Alliance detailed the [Local Energy Hubs national campaign](#).
- It is calling on the federal government to fund 50 hubs in regional communities across Australia, supported by a national coordination body.
- The hubs will aim to empower regional communities in the energy transition.

SLG member survey

- SLG members were provided with the results of the member survey to check-in and provide TasNetworks with any areas for improvement in relation to the operation of the group.

Any other business

- TasNetworks' next e-news will be released shortly, including a link to its latest engagement report (July-December 2024).
- CCA is hosting a solar event next week, where the findings from a community solar initiative in Victor Harbor making renewable energy more accessible will be shared.
- Geoneon is also running a free session in Burnie next week to talk about advanced geospatial solutions to map climate physical risks and vegetation.

Meeting close

Next meeting: Tuesday 29 April 2025
