

NWTD SLG MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	NWTD Stakeholder Liaison Group Meeting
Meeting date:	22 November 2022
Meeting location:	Cradle Coast Authority, 1-3 Spring Street, Burnie
Chairperson	Rodney Greene
Presenters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Damian Vermey, Project Director, NWTD, TasNetworks• Chris Warr, Community, Communications & Environment Lead, NWTD TasNetworks• Ben White, Marinus Link• Stewart Sharples, Director Major Renewable Energy Projects, Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania (ReCFIT)• Amy Abraham, Director of Innovation, The Energy Charter
Notetaker	Lucy Temple-Smith, RPS

Attendees

Name	Initials	Organisation	Role
Matthew Dance	MD	TasTAFE	Member
Ian Jones	IJ	Business NW	Member
Sarah Jones	SJ	UTAS	Member
Luke Sayer	LS	Department of State Growth	Member
Veronica Terry	VT	RDA Tasmania	Member
Sheree Vertigan	SV	Cradle Coast Authority	Member
Alexis Wadsley	AW	Skills Tasmania	Member
Emily Norris	EN	TasNetworks	Observer
Kate Lancaster	KL	Marinus Link	Observer
Mark Lindsay	ML	Marinus Link	Observer

Apologies

Name	Initials	Organisation	Role
Graham Marshall	GM	YFCC	Member
Brittany Rubie	BR	TFGA	Member
Tom Wootton	TW	West by North West Tourism	Member

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Welcome and introductions

- The Chair welcomed attendees, shared member apologies, and delivered the Acknowledgement of Country
- The Chair provided a new member update. Proposed new members are Danielle Kidd, Program Manager, West by North West Working, Kim Bomford, General Manager, Housing Services (TAS) and a representative of the Tasmanian Minerals, Manufacturing and Energy Council.
- The inclusion of representatives of these organisations was noted as reflective of the stage the NWTD project is moving toward in 2023-24
- All members agreed, new members will be invited to join the SLG in 2023
- The Beacon Foundation were noted as a key stakeholder in the delivery of information and education to youth about the career opportunities from the NWTD project and wider renewables industry
- The group agreed that a presentation from the Beacon Foundation about their work will be valuable in early 2023.

Round robin

- One member noted a broader reflection that, following the recent Marinus Link funding announcements, there has been a shift in sentiment, both positive and negative, in the community. They shared a sense the project is beginning to feel 'real' for community members
- Another member seconded the observation. They noted the opportunity to connect the varied aspects of the project – Marinus Link, renewable developments and NWTD – and the importance of continuing to deliver consistent messaging
- One member noted the height of towers remains an area of concern for some Burnie residents
- One member noted the new housing developments in the Burnie area and the importance of connecting with, and educating, new residents about the NWTD project
- TasNetworks acknowledged their continued commitment to communicating with these community members, including working with local stakeholders to increase reach.

NWTD Project Update

- The NWTD project team provided a program update including the recent Marinus Link funding announcement, the launch of the procurement expression of interest (EOI) process and geotechnical studies.
 - Procurement EOI process will open until late February 2023 and include a 'meet the project' event in late November in Burnie. The Request for Proposals phase is planned for mid-2023
 - The Geotechnical studies program, including ecology studies, has re-commenced for the Staverton to Hampshire Hills and remaining NWTD route sections following recent disruption due to wet weather.
- The NWTD Economic Development work will progress in 2023 with the implementation of the Regional Economic Development Action Plan
- The NWTD environment, planning and heritage approvals process continues for the Staverton to Hampshire Hills and remaining NWTD route sections.
 - The declaration of the notified corridor for the Staverton to Hampshire Hills route section is expected in early 2023
 - This will be followed by the submission of the Development Application and Environmental Impact Statement.
- The development of a Community Benefits Sharing Program (CBSP) for the NWTD reached important milestones in early November with the completion of the Youth Panel process, the presentation of final recommendations on a framework for the program and the continuation of stakeholder engagement on the governance of the program
 - The CBSP will be presented to the TasNetworks Board in March 2023
 - All SLG members involved in the process in 2022 were thanked for their time, input and valuable insights.
- An update was provided on recent NWTD community engagement activities which included the Rural Alive and Well (RAW) event in Sheffield, delivered in partnership with TasNetworks, and community engagement at the Westbury Show

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- Regarding technical studies conducted on the NWT route sections, one member queried whether there is information that can be shared with the community to communicate what has been done, what has been found and what has been considered, mitigated, and changed as a result
 - TasNetworks shared there will be pre-EIS submission engagement activities as well as dedicated factsheets and information to communicate the process, the studies, and the mitigation activities with the community.
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Renewable Energy Zones

- ReCFIT provided an update including an introduction to the organisation and their role, an overview of the Renewable Energy Coordination Framework, information on renewable energy zones and the proposed zones for Tasmania
 - Information on current and upcoming community consultation on renewable energy zones across Tasmania was shared.
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Marinus Link

- Marinus Link provided an update on the recent funding announcement and the progress of the design and approvals process, information on the planning and engagement for the proposed Heybridge converter station upgrade and recent community engagement activities in north west Tasmania.
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Community and Landowner Social Licence Research Project

- The Energy Charter provided background and information on recently completed national research into community and landowner social licence
 - The Energy Charter welcomed contact and follow up questions from the SLG on the research and will present the final guidelines to the SLG in 2023.
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Meeting close

- The Chair shared that the proposed focus for the first SLG meeting of 2023 will be the Regional Economic Development Action Plan and a NWT project/SLG look ahead for 2023-24. Members agreed
- The Chair requested all members to attend in person where possible for the meeting
- Next meeting to be held in February 2023, date to be confirmed and communicated by TasNetworks
- Members were thanked for their time and valuable contribution and the meeting closed.