



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Supporting Tasmanians and our people**

TasNetworks is offering an Enterprise Agreement that supports and rewards its people, while keeping power prices under control for Tasmanians.

TasNetworks CEO, Seán Mc Goldrick, said a revised offer was shared with TasNetworks employees on Tuesday afternoon (30 July). The business will discuss the offer in detail with unions at a Fair Work Conciliation Conference on Friday afternoon.

“We’re offering a very fair and competitive package that supports and rewards our people without putting upward pressure on Tasmanian power prices or compromising network reliability for customers,” Dr Mc Goldrick said.

“Importantly - TasNetworks is not seeking to remove any existing EA conditions through the current negotiations. The offer brings only benefit and improvement for more than 1,000 TasNetworks team members covered by this agreement.

“We’ve presented our revised offer now, so that our people have ample time to consider those benefits and ask questions before any vote process occurs.

“After months of good-faith negotiations, we’re hopeful that unions will look favourably on our balanced and realistic offer. However, we also respect our team members’ right to take lawful protected industrial action in coming days or weeks, if they choose.

“In the event of lawful industrial action, Tasmanians can rest assured that laws protecting essential services, as well as precautionary preparations we’re making, will help keep disruption to a minimum. They can be confident that any talk of extended widespread ‘black-outs’ is exaggerated,” he said.

TasNetworks performs an essential service for Tasmanians. For that reason, there are laws to protect minimum front-line staffing, safety and network reliability in the event of industrial action – which helps keep disruption caused by lawful protected industrial action to a minimum.

TasNetworks is being transparent by presenting its EA offer to team members and unions well before any vote. The business doesn’t intend to conduct a rolling public or media debate on the details.

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