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To whom it may concern,

Draft 2026 Integrated System Plan

TasNetworks welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the development of the 2026 Integrated System Plan (ISP). TasNetworks is the transmission network service provider (TNSP), distribution network service provider (DNSP) and jurisdictional planner in Tasmania. TasNetworks is also responsible for the progression of the North West Transmission Developments (NWTD), which is a key component of Project Marinus. We appreciate AEMO's ongoing engagement in the development of the 2026 ISP.

TasNetworks welcomes updates to Project Marinus Stage 1 as an anticipated project in the draft 2026 ISP. We support Project Marinus Stage 2's continued status as an actionable ISP project and that the draft 2026 ISP recognises the critical role Project Marinus will play in facilitating both Tasmania's and Australia's transition to a clean energy future.

In addition to Project Marinus, the draft 2026 ISP continues to recognise the Waddamana-Palmerston transfer facility upgrade as an actionable ISP project (first identified as actionable in the final 2024 ISP).

The draft 2026 ISP states Waddamana – Palmerston is likely to remain an actionable project in the final ISP. However, it has become apparent that the ISP modelling may have inadvertently misrepresented the total system costs of developing Tasmania's North West, compared to Central Highlands, Renewable Energy Zone (REZ). Specifically, the draft ISP is currently duplicating costs when modelling the investment required to develop the North West REZ. This is because part of the proposed augmentation, the 220 kV transmission line upgrade between Burnie and Hampshire Hills (BU-HH), is already captured in the works required for Stage 2 of Project Marinus, which is an actionable project.

TasNetworks understands AEMO intend to address this issue in the ISP modelling by adding additional augmentation options depending on when the NW REZ is developed relative to Project Marinus Stage 2. Specifically, AEMO intend to add an additional option to:

- T2 that includes the required augmentations should the NW REZ be developed after Project Marinus. This will only require development of a wind collector station at Hampshire Hills; and
- Project Marinus Stage 2 if it is developed after the NW REZ. This will be identical to the existing scope except exclude the BU-HH line augmentation, which would have already been developed as part of the NW REZ.

TasNetworks supports the approach proposed by AEMO to address this issue in the final 2026 ISP.

TasNetworks will continue to work with AEMO on developing costs for the options in the 2026 ISP including adopting Transmission Cost Database estimates where appropriate.

We look forward to continuing to support AEMO in its preparation of the final ISP.

Yours sincerely



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