Marinus Link

Impact highlights

Respectful engagement with First Peoples communities. The project has engaged Indigenous Energy Australia to support the establishment of the Marinus Link First Peoples Forum, inclusive of 12 identified organisations in Tasmania (9) and Victoria (3). This Forum presents an opportunity to help inform management plans for construction, discuss workforce and supply chain opportunities, and create positive legacy through our Community Benefits Sharing Framework.

Accessible local engagement. Opened Community Information Centres in both Burnie and Leongatha, provided opportunities for stakeholders and community members to see behind the scenes at our various project sites, allowing continued access to the project team and contractors, as well as the creation of key project updates and collateral.

Practical support for host communities. Supported 55 community organisations across Gippsland and Northwest Tasmania through grants and sponsorships for local facilities, environmental projects, volunteer services, sport and the arts at a value of $165,648.98.

Connecting local businesses with opportunities. Worked alongside Industry Capability Network, bringing over 1,000 supply chain businesses together at Meet the Contractors events in Burnie, Leongatha and Traralgon, helping local businesses understand upcoming work packages and connect with delivery partners.

Landholder input shaping property outcomes. Worked individually with landholders to refine easement alignments and project designs, helping address property concerns and minimise disruption. Developed Property Management Plans and Construction Management Plans to set out the unique requirements for each land parcel.

Planning for local jobs and housing pressures. Released a Workforce and Accommodation Strategy and established the Industry and Workforce Development Working Group prioritising local recruitment, training and upskilling, with planning to reduce pressure on local housing and creating local opportunities during construction.

Areas for continuous improvement

Progress benefit sharing into delivery. Finalise the Community Benefits Sharing Framework and establish clear governance, community involvement and delivery pathways for the $20 million legacy fund, including a documented measurement of key learnings and impact.

Make community outcomes more visible. Strengthen reporting on the difference grants, engagement and local participation make, including what community feedback changes as construction progresses.

Work with landholders towards negotiated agreements. Continue individual discussions to understand landholder needs, explore preferable property-specific outcomes and refine access and design arrangements, with the aim of reaching mutually acceptable negotiated agreements.

Manage disruption with clearer local communication. Coordinate Marinus Link and contractor updates on traffic, noise, dust and access, and show communities how concerns are being addressed.

