

# Tasmanian Infrastructure Advisory Council

Minutes of Meeting No. 3  
16 November 2011

Wednesday 16 November 2011

## MINUTES

### 1. Welcome

#### Attendees:

Mr Philip Clark, Chair  
Mr Norm McIlfatrick, Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources  
Mr Kim Evans, Secretary, Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water & Environment  
Mr Mark Kelleher, Secretary, Department of Economic Development, Tourism & the Arts  
Mr Damien White, CEO, Tasrail  
Dr Peter Davis, CEO, Aurora Energy  
Mr Peter Clark, CEO, Transend  
Mr Robert Wallace, CEO Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI)  
Mr Greg Alomes, Executive Commissioner, Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC)  
Mr Miles Hampton, Chair, Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporations Board  
Mr Paul Weedon, CEO, Tasports  
Mr Matthew Phillips, Manager Commercial Network, NBNC Co  
Mr Richie Sheather, General Manager, TasGas

#### Apologies:

Mr Allan Garcia, CEO, Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)  
Mr David Spence, Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources

#### Observers:

Ms Angela Conway, Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources  
Ms Sonya de Lacey, Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources

- The Chair welcomed all members and invited declarations of conflicts of interest from members.

#### Decision

No declarations of conflicts of interest were tabled.

### 2. Acceptance of Minutes of the Meeting/Action Items – 17 August 2011

#### Decisions

The Chair requested an amendment be made on page 4 of the Minutes stating that only after the Electricity Supply Industry Review is completed will Council discuss the Review (not in November 2011 as indicated).

The Chair moved that the Minutes from the Council's meeting on 17 August 2011, be accepted as a true and accurate record. The motion was carried.

### 3. Presentations and Discussions

#### *Discussion*

#### **(i) Planning Reforms in Tasmania**

- Greg Alomes (Tasmanian Planning Commission) provided a presentation on the 'Planning Reform Agenda for 2011-2014' in Tasmania.
- Members discussed the commonly found disconnect between agencies such as TPC and DPIPWE (Aboriginal/Heritage/Environment).
- Members agreed that key learnings should be taken from the Parliament Square development process and a case study could determine how such a development could be better handled in the future.
- Greg Alomes indicated that the Planning Reform Agenda is intended to address these issues; so that once a development has received the Planning Scheme/Code 'tick' then the development should be able to occur without hindrance.

#### **(ii) Proposal for the extended rollout of gas**

- Richie Sheather (General Manager TasGas) provided an update on the 'Further Gas Rollout in Tasmania'. TasGas would like to see a future planning strategy for Tasmania endorsing the use of reticulated gas, with a firm commitment to some investment over time. TasGas seek a long term vision, with the key driver being commitment in the planning arena rather than merely focussing on funding dollars.
- Discussion followed as to whether the Council should endorse this as a project for further consideration. Members agreed that robust cost/benefit analysis needs to be conducted to ensure there are clear economic benefits for Tasmania.

<i>Decisions</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Noted that DIER will circulate a copy of a handout on Transport Corridors in Northern Tasmania	DIER	November 2011
Agreed that a future agenda item of Council should be to discuss ways of achieving better alignment between TPC and other entities (e.g. Aboriginal, Heritage, Environment)	DIER	February 2012

#### 4. Draft TIAC Project Schedule

##### *Discussion*

- The Chair explained that the **Draft Project Schedule 1** is intended to be a comprehensive list of significant infrastructure projects in Tasmania.
- The Draft Project Schedule will be a useful tool for advising Government and is hoped to improve Tasmania's position with Infrastructure Australia (IA), in that IA can see that all our projects align with their categorisation and key themes.
- The Chair encouraged Council members to share their expertise and provide comment on the substance of the document. All members were asked to review the list and ensure that all projects of significance are included.
- It was noted that some of the projects listed will be self-funded and don't require the Council's and/or Government's endorsement, however to enhance the Council's understanding of whole of State infrastructure developments and to promote linkages between sectors, it may be useful to include them on the Project Schedule (e.g. Aurora's Eastern Shore upgrade).
- Norm Mcilpatrick offered to convene a Working Group to look at funding sources and noted that IA is a strong advocate of private sector investment to supplement public funding.
- The Chair commented that projects between \$50M - \$100M are seen favourably by Small Fund Managers as low risk and not too big. Any long term sustainable projects in this range should be promoted.
- It was noted that the Minister is keen to receive Council's vision and direction for strategic infrastructure development in Tasmania.
- The Chair noted that there were a number of projects not listed in **Schedule 2 - Current and Proposed Projects : \$5M-\$100M** that should be included (e.g. Macquarie Wharf Developments and Devonport Airport). The Chair suggested that the Council should identify key projects in Schedule 2 to promote.
- Members discussed the need to be able to draw links between small subset projects and other larger ones.
- Members agreed that the new Regional Plans will generate more interest in the Council's role, especially in creating linkages between projects.
- Discussion followed about the need for a list (e.g. Schedule 3?) capturing what studies (e.g. Western Tasmania Industry Infrastructure Study) are either underway or proposed so as to inform the Draft Project Schedule. It was noted that the Tasmanian Infrastructure Strategy (on DIER's website) should capture the full mix of projects and strategies. Ange Conway noted that the document attached to Agenda item 5 should cover all such studies and additional information could be added.
- Council members commended DIER on the Draft Project Schedule and commented that it was a helpful starting point.
- Council members felt it would be helpful to place all projects on a regional map. Norm Mcilpatrick agreed this could quite easily be done showing overlays of infrastructure.
- The Chair indicated that Michael Deegan and Rod Eddington (from IA) were open to meeting with Council to discuss relevant projects.

<i>Decisions</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
The Council agreed in principle with the Draft Project Schedule and for it to be the key focus of its next meeting	DIER	February 2012
All Council members to review document and provide comment or additional information to Angela Conway (DIER)	All Council members	December 2011
The Draft Project Schedule \$5M-\$100M will be restructured under a theme basis and circulated for discussion at the next Council meeting	The Chair & DIER	February 2012
Council agreed to invite Michael Deegan to address its next meeting	The Chair	February 2012
Norm Mcilpatrick to convene a Working Group to look at potential funding sources	DIER	December 2011
DIER to prepare a Regional Map showing all potential projects	DIER	February 2012

#### 5. Update of the Tasmanian Infrastructure Strategy - Projects and Strategies

##### *Discussion*

- Norm Mcilpatrick gave a brief update on the Tasmanian Infrastructure Strategy (TIS) and the importance of keeping it up to date. The TIS is undergoing some modifications to streamline the website and make it more user-friendly. The TIS is seen as the place to go to get initial linkages through to specific and more detailed information.
- Once a year DIER will co-ordinate a major update of the TIS, however in between all sectors are encouraged to forward through any smaller updates (e.g. adding a new project, marking a project as complete). Content management is critical to ensuring that this document is a useful resource to the community.
- Between now and the next meeting of Council, DIER will be writing to all sectors and asking them to populate the Strategies/Plans and Developments lists in the attachment to this agenda item.
- Council members are asked to ensure that all information is suitable for public release as it will appear on the public website and is available under the *Right to Information Act 2009*. If sensitive information is provided which is considered "confidential" and not for release into the public arena, it must be clearly marked as such.

<i>Decision</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
DIER to co-ordinate receiving feedback on the attachment	DIER	February 2012
Updating of the TIS will be a main agenda item for the 14 August meeting next year	DIER	August 2012

## 6. Infrastructure Australia Submission

### *Discussion*

- The Chair reported that he had met with Mike Deegan (IA) and believed that further meetings with Mike, Lyn O'Connell and Rod Eddington next year would benefit Council in its deliberations about which projects to promote in future.
- Important when considering any project to look at the local social and economic benefits.
- Members discussed the high hurdle rate of getting anything through IA (e.g. our rail will have to compete with other National Rail projects).

## 7. Report from Chair on consultations

### *Discussion*

- The Chair gave a brief report on the following meetings with:
  - Minister and his advisors
  - Mark Birrell - Melbourne Ports
  - SKM – Western Tasmania Industry Infrastructure Study
  - Local Government meeting with General Managers
  - Nick Heath (Hobart City Council) – Hobart Waterfront City
  - CSIRO – IMAS
  - Peter Poulet - State Architect
  - Tony Cook – CEO Civil Contractors' Federation
  - Paul Fletcher and Malcolm Turnbull - NBN
- The meeting with Local Government General Managers was useful and they were interested to hear about the Council's role.
- The Chair shared his enthusiasm for the concept of Hobart being a gateway to the Antarctic. Discussion followed regarding future planning for such expansion (e.g. Kingston or elsewhere)
- The Chair was impressed with his visit to the Meander Valley and Coal River Valley.
- The Chair has encouraged increased collaboration between CSIRO and the Hobart Waterfront community.

## 8. Other Business

### *Discussion*

- Mathew Phillips (NBNC Co) provided an update on the NBN rollout. Telstra have agreed to allow NBNC Co full access to their infrastructure which will facilitate the continued rollout of NBN across Australia.
- NBN will continue to be rolled out across the 'rest of Tasmania' over the next 4 years.
- In October NBN published its first quarterly report providing a 12 month rolling forecast of their planned rollout. In addition, every 12 months they will provide a 3 year indicative view of their future operations.
- NBNC Co has built a bus which will provide a mobile information centre to enhance community awareness and improve public engagement. Tasmania will be its first port of call in the New Year.
- Significant issues still exist to get full scale mobilisation of NBN across Tasmania, but NBNC Co are still going ahead.

### *Decision*

### *Responsibility*

### *Due Date*

Council agreed to the following meeting dates for 2012:

- Tuesday 14 February 2012
- Tuesday 15 May 2012
- Tuesday 14 August 2012
- Tuesday 13 November 2012

## 9. Next Meeting

- Tuesday 14 February 2012, 10 am to 1 pm, Premier's Reception Room, Level 11, 15 Murray Street



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