

Tasmanian Infrastructure Advisory Council

Minutes of Meeting No. 8
13 November 2013

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Declarations of Interest

Attendees:

Mr Philip Clark, Chair
Mr Norm McIlpatrick, Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources
Mr Mark Kelleher, Secretary, Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts
Mr Kim Evans, Secretary, Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment
Mr Damien White, CEO, Tasrail
Dr Peter Davis, CEO, Aurora Energy
Mr Peter Clark, CEO, Transend Networks
Mr Neil MacKinnon, CEO, Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Mr Miles Hampton, Chair, Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporations Board
Mr Matthew Phillips, Manager Commercial Network, NBNC
Mr Allan Garcia, CEO, Local Government Association of Tasmania
Mr Simon Hinson in attendance for Mr Roger Ingram, CEO, Tasgas
Mr Greg Alomes, Executive Commissioner Tasmania Planning Commission
Mr Paul Weedon, CEO, Tasports

Apologies:

Mr Roger Ingram, CEO TasGas.

In attendance:

Mr David Spence, Ms Angela Conway, Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources
Dr Alan Haig, Department of Primary Industries Parks Water and Environment
Mr Stewart Johnson, Tasmanian Planning Commission

The meeting noted that Mr Roger Ingram is the new representative for Tasgas.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting No. 7 held 14 August 2012

The Minutes of Meeting No. 7 held on 14 August 2012 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. Presentations

(i) Aboriginal Heritage Legislation

Kim Evans noted that the current legislation is dated 1975 at a time when circumstances were significantly different. The legislation is in need of significant change. A draft bill has been released for comment.

Alan Haig as the Project Manger provided an overview of the proposed regime to the Council. He noted that the new legislation will significantly enhance protection of Aboriginal heritage. Alan presented a fact sheet on the new arrangements and a schema on the proposed development approval processes. He invited written comment from members.

(ii) Regional Economic Development Plans

Mark Kelleher provided an overview of the development of the regional economic development plans. He noted that following the completion of the State Economic Development Plan a major exercise was undertaken to complete operational regional plans. These involved significant community and stakeholder consultation. The regional plans take a long term perspective and they focus on major economic opportunities and critical enabling requirements, particularly in relation to infrastructure, skills and land use. He noted that there are no silver bullets. Integration between the regional economic development plans and regional land use strategies was fundamentally important. The meeting noted the importance of infrastructure providers being engaged in relation to future economic development opportunities. The three regional plans are to be released in the following week.

ACTION: The Department of Economic Development Tourism and the Arts provide an update to TIAC on a six monthly basis on the regional economic development plans and by exception in relation to major developments.

4. Workshop on Planning Reform

Facilitated by Greg Alomes and Stewart Johnson. The intention of the current reform process was outlined. It was noted that all of the existing planning schemes would be replaced to introduce a high level of consistency. This is the key theme – consistency with regional planning scheme templates, state policies and planning directives.

Regional Land Use Strategies will be reviewed and updated.

It was noted that only a small number of development applications involve third party representatives and appeals.

Consistency is a major achievement but there are still steps to be taken so that the system is contemporary.

There are actions infrastructure providers can take to enhance the system. Greg provided some areas where TIAC and providers should have input into current processes. He noted current opportunities include development for industrial land use strategies and the Greater Launceston Plan.

The Parliament Square Project was discussed.

The meeting noted the initial need for due diligence at the front end of projects. There is a need to establish which projects will hit barriers.

Stewart Johnson presented the new online enquiry system for parties to quickly and accurately establish planning requirements

5. Report from Chair on consultations

Macquarie Point Development

Chair provided update on this project.

Aiming for legislation this year.

Project is progressing well.

Freight Logistics Coordination Team - Chair provided an update. Recommendations on membership are currently with the Minister.

Aiming for first meeting end of November. There would be regular reporting to TIAC.

Key role will be assessing the full logistics chain.

Aiming to complete major tasks by end of 2013.

Chair is maintaining contact with Infrastructure Australia.

6. Other Business

(i) Priority Focus Areas for TIAC

Chair raised the issue of priority focus areas for TIAC. There was a brief discussion on project funding/financing. Chair noted potential high level of future superannuation funds. Logistics Team work and planning reform should be retained on the Agenda.

Suggested future issue to consider is mechanisms to encourage national businesses to establish a presence in Tasmania.

It was agreed to discuss funding / financing and the Strategic Ports Plan at the February meeting.

A further issue for future council consideration was a review of leverage points for infrastructure providers in relation to the rollout of the NBN. It was agreed that this should be scheduled for the May meeting.

In addition it was agreed that the gas expansion proposal would be considered at the May meeting.

It was agreed that at a future meeting there would be a focussed session on gap analysis/constraints for economic development.

It was noted that TIAC should consider future project priorities for Tasmania.

7. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the proposed schedule of meeting dates in 2013 be accepted.

Tuesday	12 February 2013
Tuesday	14 May 2013
Tuesday	13 August 2013
Tuesday	12 November 2013



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