

# Major Infrastructure Development Approvals Act 1999

## Statement of Reasons

I, Roger Charles Jaensch, Minister for Planning, in accordance with the *Major Infrastructure Development Approvals Act 1999* (MIDAA), wish to propose that the Tasmania North West Transmission Line Project be declared a major infrastructure project.

Where the project would provide a high voltage power line from Palmerston to Burnie, via Heybridge, Burnie to Hampshire via East Cam and Hampshire to Staverton. The project will also include 4 substations and any necessary ancillary development, such as access tracks and storage areas.

In accordance with Section 8(3)(b) of the MIDAA, for the purposes of consultation with the Councils where the project is located, these are my reasons for wishing to propose the project to be declared a major infrastructure project –

1. I am satisfied that it is in the public interest for the declaration to be made;
2. The MIDAA process will provide for a single consolidated assessment of the project, and also a single avenue for appeal;
3. The assessment of the project will be conducted in accordance with the planning criteria created specific to the project and for the whole project;
4. Planning Authorities will save time and money through not assessing individual development applications for each section of the project within their municipal area;
5. Due to the anticipated timing of delivery of the project, it is essential that the approval of the whole project (if granted) occur at the same time, which will deliver certainty to TasNetworks (the proponent); and
6. The project has potential to contribute enormous benefit to the public, and as such warrants use of the MIDAA assessment process.



Hon Roger Jaensch MP

**Minister for Planning**

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