

Marinus is a con, and TasNetworks are running it.

OUR LOONGANA VALLEY, OUR FORESTS, OUR WILDLIFE, OUR TOURIST BUSINESSES WILL BE DESTROYED. WHY?

TASNETWORKS NEW GRID IS BAD FOR TASMANIA.

A mega transmission line through Loongana Valley hurts residents, tourist operators and the environment. **Who wins?** Offshore Investors.



Will Loongana Valley benefit with local jobs and business opportunities? **NO**

Will Loongana Valley suffer inter-generational damage to the natural environment, local tourism industry, community safety, social impacts? **YES**

Will the visual impacts damage North West's tourism, lower visits to the region and degrade the Tasmanian Wilderness Brand? **YES**

LOCAL JOBS

This line will send >90% of new renewable energy to the Mainland – that's where the new jobs will be.

During construction: there will be few local jobs.

After construction: there will be even fewer, and even these will be outsourced by TasNetworks to subcontractors and labour hire companies, driving down local wages.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

TasNetworks new powerlines have put new business plans on hold. Lower property values are hurting locals and are now affecting decisions, options and alternatives.

TasNetworks so far decline to discuss this, or compensation for locals.

VISUAL IMPACTS

Loongana Valley links the Leven River, Black Bluff, Winterbrook, Leven Canyon and the forests between the ranges. This landscape simply cannot absorb a development of the size proposed.

Visually there will be 45-60m towers, but far worse are the 60-90m wide easements under the line which will not only scar the landscape but cause massive impacts to forests, critical habitats, water catchment, karst and caves, and increase fire risk.

Massive forest clearance will be permanent, and be a huge barrier for wildlife to cross.

Worse again is the injustice - Marinus is putting 90km of their line in Victoria underground but are refusing to do so here. They will compromise in Victoria but railroad Tasmanians. Why?, TasNetworks make \$\$\$ from building high voltage overhead transmission lines!

LOCAL/REGIONAL TOURISM

Local tourist operators have spent decades promoting the many attractions in the Loongana Valley area.

TasNetworks has not yet measured the impact and costs of the transmission line on the local tourist industry, or discussed compensation for these operators.

Local tourist operators cater to visitors from all over the world, looking for a wilderness experience. A degraded industrialised landscape will kill word-of-mouth reputation, kill the potential to expand walking tours, and reduce days spent in the region by all tourists, a loss for the whole Central Coast.

TasNetworks has not yet measured how this visitation decline will cost the whole region.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

TasNetworks should be doing an Aboriginal Cultural Assessment, or we could lose indigenous heritage we don't even know about. Collectively we have a responsibility to respect iconic places that have deep roots in history, and have been significant for the First Nations peoples.

SOCIAL IMPACTS / COMMUNITY SAFETY / NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The multiple impacts to Loongana are all connected, with inter-generational consequences for the entire Northwest. Tasnetworks ignore this big picture by ticking a few boxes, talk of mitigation and glib assurances:

Loongana residents are proud of their contribution in caring for the natural environment. The valley is a hotspot of biodiversity, including populations of threatened and endangered species. Our private forests form crucial wildlife corridors between ranges and regional parks. Every impact caused by this development is a deep personal loss to us.

60m wide cleared easements wreak havoc on wet forests.

Weeds: Construction will bring weeds into the valley, spreading into waterways and into the River Leven catchment. Weed control is another cost borne by landholders

Erosion & herbicides: Will pollute waterways and personal water sources, habitat for Giant Freshwater Crayfish, and the delicate Karst and cave fauna.

Edge Effect: Wind, weeds, erosion, drying soils and increased sunlight will degrade many metres into forests, reducing habitat and biodiversity. Rainforest gullies are particularly vulnerable. Increase of predator behaviour, cats in particular, who thrive on easement edges.

Easements are NOT fire-breaks, which are specifically located for the purpose.

Fire Risk from easements: Wet forests provide us with protection from the speed of dangerous fire. The easements dry out soils and forests and form a wind channel. In a changing climate there are more high fire danger days, which has a social and economic cost. A catastrophic fire has a high environmental cost for the whole region leaving the surrounding regional reserves more vulnerable.

Fire Risk from the Line: The increased risks from fires around transmission lines are clearly laid out by Energy Providers in other states. TasNetworks appears to ignore or deny this.

The potential for fires forming along transmission lines ahead of the main front ("flashovers") may have our community trapped very quickly with our only exit being under transmission lines. It puts us and fire service at greater risk.

Impacts to Flora and Fauna

Loongana Valley has a high density of threatened and endangered species. Wedge-tail eagles, devils, quolls, masked owls, grey goshawks, E.viminalis forest community, karst, giant freshwater crayfish... the noise from construction alone will have long-term impacts on the local Tasmanian Devil population. No mitigation measures have been discussed with our community ahead of construction.

THERE IS NO SOCIAL LICENCE HERE

The **claims for Marinus and TasNet's new grid don't stack up.** They are **not credible** or legitimate, not least because lead planner, TasNet, has a **clear conflict of interest** - they will profit from a plan skewed to build 100's of kilometres of big overhead power lines.

With no credibility, tokenistic 'community engagement', and phoney claims, we have zero trust in TasNetworks.

If power and profits all go offshore, and Tasmanians bear much of the cost for corporations, with none of the benefits like jobs or cheaper power, we call on politicians to stop Marinus now. We want planning that benefits us. Tasmania deserves better.

FACT-CHECK THE MARINUS HYPE!



We reject TasNetworks transmission line route through Loongana:

Chosen by TasNetworks as the cheapest route, using the last century tech they build. Overhead lines will destroy our local landscapes, our community, tourism, and environment. This short-term thinking will cause longterm harms.



We reject the claim that undergrounding in a suitable location is too expensive, not least because they haven't costed it!

Why should Loongana bear the costs for power and benefits enjoyed on the mainland? If there is no alternative route, compensate us.

Ruining landscapes ruins tourism, and this cost is borne by hundreds of hardworking Tasmanians running small business throughout the northwest coast.



We reject the Marinus Project in its current form:

>90% of new energy generated will go offshore. Increasing number of energy experts, unions and everyday Tasmanians recognise there is no economic case for Marinus, there are no longterm benefits for Tasmanians.



We want a properly planned transition to renewables that benefits all Tasmanians:

We support renewables but why should Tasmanians pay for a scheme which exports power and jobs? Wind generated from places like Robbins Island, and transmission lines which ruin communities and environments, cannot be called "clean" energy.



Supporting Our Loongana Valley Environment is a community group dedicated to the protection of the Loongana Valley.

Help us stop this unwanted project, follow us on Facebook and join the fight. Remember, if this can happen to our community YOU COULD BE NEXT.

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