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Mr Roger Jaensch MP
Liberal Member for Braddon
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Mr Jaensch

I am writing in response to a question raised in Parliament on 19 May 2026 on behalf of your constituent regarding the next steps for Project Marinus.

Project Marinus is one of the largest infrastructure projects in the State's history. It will deliver thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of investment into our north west region. It will also provide a significant increase to the State's energy security and will underpin significant growth in the State's renewable energy advantages.

Following a positive Final Investment Decision and Financial Close for Project Marinus, the project teams have been finalising the necessary activities needed ahead of construction, including regulatory, planning and environmental approvals. Full construction of Project Marinus is planned to commence later in 2026 once all regulatory and approval processes are finalised. In the interim, activities are underway to progress Project Marinus ahead of this milestone.

For Marinus Link, these include preparatory works being undertaken in accordance with State and Commonwealth approvals. These preparatory works are being undertaken on both the Victorian and Tasmanian side of the project (for the Heybridge shore crossing) in accordance with existing project approvals. As a result, locals in the north west region may see a small increase in activity in the Heybridge area during this time. These preparatory works include mobilising of contractors, establishing construction sites and access tracks, alongside geotechnical, environmental and site investigations. Further information can be found on the Marinus Link website here: <https://www.marinuslink.com.au/2026/04/marinus-link-preparatory-works-underway-across-gippsland/>

For the NWTD, a range of activities are also underway in accordance with the project's Australian Government environmental approval under the *Environmental Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. These activities include pre-clearance surveys, installation of signage and temporary fencing, and other works. A range of work is also underway to meet the environmental approval conditions, including preparation of management and offset plans.

The current work to progress Project Marinus is already employing Tasmanian businesses and workforces. Further, the full construction of Project Marinus will provide significant benefits to Tasmania, including 2,000 jobs at peak construction and \$4.4 billion in economic activity.

You may also be interested to know about the recent developments for community benefits schemes for Project Marinus. Both Marinus Link and TasNetworks have announced Community Benefit Schemes for Project Marinus, which will inject a total of \$16 million of funding to local north west communities. These two complementary funds will deliver lasting and meaningful benefits and legacy to the communities hosting Project Marinus in the north west.

This funding is in addition to more than \$1 million of existing community grants, sponsorships and partnerships from Marinus Link, including \$400,000 for the Marinus Link and Burnie City Council Community Partnership program which has already delivered several projects for the community.

I thank you and your constituent for this question, and I agree there is plenty to look forward to as we head towards full construction of Project Marinus later in 2026 and we begin to unlock the full benefits of this transformational project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Duigan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Energy and Renewables