



# Marinus Link Community Benefits Sharing Framework

Marinus Link is developing a **Community Benefits Sharing Framework** to guide how community benefits from the Stage 1 Marinus Link interconnector are designed, delivered and evaluated across Tasmania and Victoria.

The Framework recognises that while Marinus Link delivers a range of benefits for the grid and the economy, some communities will experience more direct local impacts.

The Framework sets out a transparent and accountable approach to benefit sharing over the project lifecycle, from development and construction through to operation.

## Why the Framework is being developed

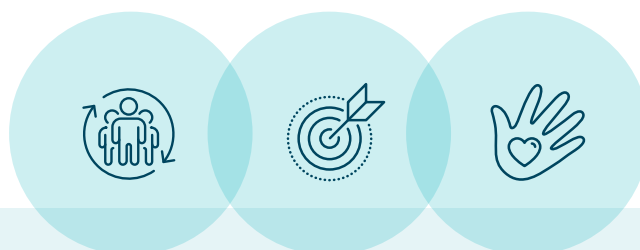
The Framework aims to:

- Prioritise communities most directly impacted by the project
- Deliver benefits that are practical, meaningful and long-lasting
- Support local and regional priorities in Tasmania and Victoria
- Provide transparency around how benefits are allocated
- Reflect responsible use of funding for a public, regulated asset
- Build trust through ongoing engagement, monitoring and reporting.

## How the Framework has been informed

The draft Framework has been shaped by engagement with community members, councils, government agencies, First Peoples, community organisations, industry representatives, regional bodies and consumer advocates.

Stakeholders highlighted the importance of fairness, equity, transparency and long-term value. There was strong interest in visible and tangible benefits, local jobs and training, procurement opportunities, clear decision-making processes, and continued community input.



## Proposed benefit sharing model

The Framework proposes a **three-tier model**:

<b>Tier 1: Immediate Benefits</b> - \$600k through to 2030 across NW Tasmania and Gippsland	Short-term support during project development and early delivery	Community grants, sponsorships and local initiatives
<b>Tier 2: Enduring Benefits</b> including Burnie City Council Partnership - \$400k over ten years, and contractor led investment in NW Tasmania and Gippsland (funding TBC)	Benefits linked to construction and project delivery	Local employment, training, procurement and contractor-led initiatives and partnerships
<b>Tier 3: Legacy Benefits</b> - \$20 million investment across NW Tasmania and Gippsland	Longer-term strategic investment	Larger-scale initiatives aligned with community priorities and long-term regional value

## Where benefits will be focused

Benefit sharing will be guided by the location and nature of project impacts.

Benefits will focus on communities associated with the project footprint. This includes Burnie and Heybridge in Tasmania and parts of Latrobe City and South Gippsland Shire in Victoria.

Distribution will be guided by proportionality between jurisdictions, alignment with project impacts, responsiveness to community need, and transparency.

## Governance and reporting

The Framework will include clear eligibility and assessment criteria, ongoing stakeholder engagement, monitoring of outcomes, annual public reporting, and adaptive management so the approach can be refined over time.

## Next steps

Marinus Link is sharing the draft Framework to support early awareness and understanding of what matters most to the community before finalisation and broader release. Feedback is welcome on community priorities, values and expectations, and what should be considered in refining the framework to ensure it is clear, practical and fair.