



SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

20 May 2025

21.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR D MEACHEAM

RECOMMENDATION 23/05.2025/C

Moved: Cr D Meacheam

Seconded: Cr

THAT the information be received.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Under Division 2 – Motions, Section 16 (5) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, a Councillor may give to the General Manager, at least 7 days before a meeting, written notice of a motion, together with supporting information and reasons, to be included on the agenda of that meeting.

Date of Meeting:	20/5/25
Councillor Name:	David Meacheam
Proposed Motion:	Zoom meeting re Marinus Link, 8/5/25. For noting.
Background Details:	<p>On May 8 I attended a Zoom meeting relating to the Marinus Link project. It was convened by Andrew Wallace from Nick Duigan’s office. The <u>air time</u> was very much occupied with a presentation by Vanessa Pinto from <u>RecFit</u>.</p> <p>In essence, within the coming months two concurrent decisions have to be made. First, the development of the Northwest renewable energy zone. The second, commitment to the Marinus project. They are codependent, one won’t happen without the other.</p> <p>Vanessa stated a whole set of deadlines so quickly I didn’t have time to note them all down. In essence though, by the end of May the 3 major stakeholders have to <u>make a decision</u> as to whether they are committing to the project, or not. By this I presume she meant the Tasmanian, Victorian and Federal governments. As you probably know, Tasmania is the majority shareholder in the whole Marinus project. As you probably also know, Marinus is a separate entity, properly titled Marinus Link Pty Ltd or MLPL.</p> <p>At about the end of June, or perhaps early July, the business case for the Marinus development will be distributed. Vanessa described this as being a whole of State business case, with a 25 year vision. It will consider a range of investment scenarios and their likely impact.</p> <p>The redevelopment of Tarraleah seems to hang off acceptance of the whole Marinus deal. What Hydro is envisaging is making mega profits of Tarraleah as what they term a ‘capacity player’. That is to say, injecting into the national grid at the points of highest demand, extracting maximum profits. I know that at Eraring power station a smaller turbine they have can be turned on at short notice and yield something like \$250,000 of pure profit every 15 minutes. Those spot prices for power can be very lucrative.</p> <p>I took the chance to raise with Andrew Wallace the State government commitment to us hosting the 1.1 GW of renewable energy production we will likely see within the next five or so years, emphasising our infrastructure development, in particular.</p>
Signature:	<i>David Meacheam</i>
Date:	9/5/25