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Mr Craig Garland MP
Member for Braddon
via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Mr Garland

Thank you for your question on behalf of your constituent, Kim from Ulverstone, regarding the North West Transmission Developments.

Project Marinus is a once-in-a-generation investment that will strengthen Tasmania's energy security, support economic growth and help keep electricity prices lower than they would otherwise be. The project has been subject to extensive scrutiny, including independent business cases, regulatory assessments, environmental approvals, planning processes and statutory appeal rights.

The Tasmanian Government respects the rights of individuals and community members to challenge planning decisions through established legal processes. Those appeal rights are an important part of Tasmania's planning system and help ensure decisions can be independently reviewed where appropriate.

Equally important is that tribunal and court processes operate independently of Government. Decisions regarding approvals, compliance and the conduct of legal proceedings are matters for the relevant statutory authorities, tribunals and courts, not Ministers.

In the case of the North West Transmission Developments, the Tasmanian Planning Commission's permit was upheld by TASCAT and remains in force. While an appeal has been lodged in the Supreme Court of Tasmania, no stay has been granted preventing the project from proceeding. As a result, construction activities may continue in accordance with the approvals that are currently in effect.

The Government expects all project proponents to comply with applicable laws, permit conditions and regulatory requirements, and to comply with any decision of a court or tribunal. If the Supreme Court ultimately makes orders affecting the project, those orders would be a matter for the parties involved and would be implemented through the appropriate legal processes.

As legal proceedings remain before the Court, it would not be appropriate for me to comment further on the specifics of the case.

Yours sincerely



Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Energy and Renewables