



## CONFERENCE DAY ONE | Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

*All timings are in Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)*

**09:30 Registration & Morning Coffee**

**10:00 DAY ONE OPENING**

**10:05 OPENING REMARKS | Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tasmanian Energy Development Conference & opening remarks from the Chair**

**10:10 The latest developments for the Tasmanian energy industry**  
Vanessa Pinto, *Acting Chief Executive Officer, Renewables Climate Change and Future Industries Tasmania (ReCFIT)*

**10:30 The energy market in 2026 for Tasmania and the wider NEM**  
Marc White, *Chief Operating Officer & Principal Consultant, Goanna Energy Consulting Pty Ltd*

**10:50 Marinus Link: The two-way clean energy highway**  
Stephanie McGregor, *Chief Executive Officer, Marinus Link*

**11:10 Update on Hydro Tasmania's operations**  
*Senior Representative, Hydro Tasmania*

**11:30 Networking and refreshment break**

**12:00 The latest developments with the Weasel Solar Farm and Cellars Hill Wind Farm**  
Jarred Hardman, *Chief Strategy & Growth Officer, Gamuda Engineering Australia*

**12:20 PANEL DISCUSSION | Community benefit sharing**  
Kim Mallee, *Director, Community Power Agency*  
Nathan Calman, *Chief Executive Officer, TasFarmers*

**13:00 Lunch and networking break**

**14:00 ACEN Australia's Tasmanian Projects, Robbins Island & Jim's Plain Wind, and North East Wind**  
David Pollington, *Managing Director, ACEN Australia*

**14:20 The Whaleback Ridge Renewable Energy Project: Creating a renewable future on Tasmania's west coast**  
Alan Morrell, *Chief Executive, West Coast Renewable Energy*

**14:40 Capabilities of IdentiFlight in environmental regulation of onshore wind farms**  
Bronya Lipski, *Head of Policy and Communications - Australia, Boulder Imaging*

**14:55 Securing project approvals**

**15:10 Networking and refreshment break**

**15:40 The St Patricks Plains Wind Farm: Update on the latest developments**

Damian Vermey, *Head of Development*, **Ark Energy**

**16:00 PANEL DISCUSSION | Electricity constraints and economic growth in Tasmania**

Ian Jones, *Chair*, **Clean Energy Tasmania**

**16:40 Future load growth in Tasmania...is AI and data centres the answer?**

Mark Bowles, *Dean*, *Tasmania School of Business and Economics*, **University of Tasmania**

**17:00 CLOSING REMARKS | Closing remarks from the Chair & Networking Function**



## CONFERENCE DAY TWO | Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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**08:30** Registration & Morning Coffee

**09:00** DAY TWO OPENING

**09:05** **OPENING REMARKS** | Welcome to Day 2 of the 8th Annual Tasmanian Energy Development Conference & opening remarks from the Chair

**09:10** **The 'state of play' regarding the developments in the Bell Bay region**  
Susie Bower, *Chief Executive Officer, Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone (BBAMZ)*

**09:30** **Gas developments in Tasmania**  
*Senior Representative, Solstice Energy*

**09:50** **The current transport fuel shortages facing the world and their impacts on Australia**  
Clyde Russell, *Asia Commodities and Energy Columnist, Thomson Reuters*

**10:10** **The Bell Bay Powerfuels project - Tasmania's premier export hub**  
Michael van Baarle, *Executive Chairman & Co-founder, ABEL Energy*

**10:30** Networking and refreshment break

**11:00** **PANEL DISCUSSION** | Infrastructure investment in the North West  
Claire Connelly, *President, Devonport Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI)*  
James McKee, *Chief Executive Officer & Director of Regional Development, Regional Development Australia - Tasmania*  
Philip Reid, *Chief Executive Officer, Cradle Coast Authority*

**11:40** **Update on the Northern Midland Solar Farm**  
Bess Clark, *Chief Executive Officer, TasRex*

**12:00** **ATMOS Renewables' experience operating the Cattle Hill and Granville Hill wind farms**  
Jason Porter, *General Manager, Operations, ATMOS Renewables*

**12:20** **The Port Latta Wind Farm: Harnessing Tasmania's wind for clean energy**  
Thomas Schmitz, *General Manager, Energy Markets APAC, Aquila Clean Energy*

**12:40** **Equis' plans for the Bell Bay wind farm**  
Andrew Kerley, *Director - Head of Wind, Equis*

**13:00** **CLOSING REMARKS** | Closing remarks from the Chair

13:05 Lunch & END OF CONFERENCE