

# Marinus Link Pty Ltd – Electricity transmission licence application

## Submissions received through Engage Victoria

1. **Date submitted:** 20 June 2023

**Submission written by:** *[Redacted for privacy]* (Victorian consumer)

**Are you a farmer and/or member of a local community group in the vicinity of the Marinus Link project?**

No.

**What are your views on Marinus Link’s electricity transmission project and the need to build new transmission lines?**

[No comment made]

**If you have previously had contact with Marinus Link regarding the project, please provide the context.**

[No comment made]

**What experience, if any, have you had with transmission companies accessing your land?**

[No comment made]

**Are you aware of the commission’s current work to development an enforceable Land Access Code of Practice?**

No.

**What effect on electricity pricing do you think Marinus Link will have?**

Unsure.

**Do you have any views on Marinus Link’s ability to comply with its regulatory obligations?**

[No comment made]

**Do you have any views on the potential benefits the Marinus Link project may provide in the long-term interest of Victorian consumers?**

[No comment made]

**Is there anything else you think we should consider as we assess Marinus Link’s electricity transmission licence application?**

[No comment made]

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## **2. Date submitted: 26 June 2023**

**Submission written by:** *[Redacted for privacy]* (Business or industry representative)

**Are you a farmer and/or member of a local community group in the vicinity of the Marinus Link project?**

[No comment made]

**What are your views on Marinus Link’s electricity transmission project and the need to build new transmission lines?**

Why are you allowing this. Who is making a profit?

**If you have previously had contact with Marinus Link regarding the project, please provide the context.**

No.

**What experience, if any, have you had with transmission companies accessing your land?**

Plenty I work in property.

**Are you aware of the commission’s current work to development an enforceable Land Access Code of Practice?**

No.

**What effect on electricity pricing do you think Marinus Link will have?**

Prices will be more expensive.

**Do you have any views on Marinus Link’s ability to comply with its regulatory obligations?**

If its private they will do what they want.

**Do you have any views on the potential benefits the Marinus Link project may provide in the long-term interest of Victorian consumers?**

No.

**Is there anything else you think we should consider as we assess Marinus Link's electricity transmission licence application?**

Ensure you are not allowing a private company to do as they want because you gave them permission, check what you at City of Greater Geelong are doing to look after the rate payer who looks after your wages, which looks after your mortgage and your lifestyle.

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### **3. Date submitted: 5 July 2023**

**Submission written by: [Redacted for privacy] (Victorian consumer)**

**Are you a farmer and/or member of a local community group in the vicinity of the Marinus Link project?**

No.

**What are your views on Marinus Link's electricity transmission project and the need to build new transmission lines?**

My views on the project is a gross waste of 75 million Of Victorian Taxpayer Money for a electricity conduit that Tasmania will collect revenue from.

I am concerned that TasNetwork has had " A number (how many?) immediate reportable breaches of the National Energy Customer Framework regulated by the Australian Energy Regulator" To What outcomes? This must be considered as serious failings in business conduct and not acceptable when Millions of dollars and community service provision is at stake.

TasNetworks has failed in its employer duties with reports to Worksafe, how many times, not provided or the severity of those reports. Just that they are not currently bound by enforceable undertakings. Their workforce is questionably valued.

The Need to build new Transmission lines is the BIG Question, Governing bodies and Multinational investment peer pressure are steam-rolling their own agendas. Has other options really, honestly been appraised?

**If you have previously had contact with Marinus Link regarding the project, please provide the context.**

No.

**What experience, if any, have you had with transmission companies accessing your land?**

We have had persistent, bullying, misinformation and unacceptable business practice engagements with Ausnet in Gippsland.

**Are you aware of the commission's current work to develop an enforceable Land Access Code of Practice?**

Yes.

**What effect on electricity pricing do you think Marinus Link will have?**

Prices will be more expensive.

**Do you have any views on Marinus Link's ability to comply with its regulatory obligations?**

By their own admission they have not conducted business in Victoria before and reveal their major Executive Team are newly employed, untested in this process and the complex development and end engagements this venture will require.

Common sense tells me they will make Rookie Mistakes, Feign ignorance with their Compliance and unfortunately regulatory failures will make the 6 o'clock news at the expense of the stakeholders affected.

**Do you have any views on the potential benefits the Marinus Link project may provide in the long-term interest of Victorian consumers?**

Potential is the key word here. Benefits I'm certain will not be evident for a very long time.

**Is there anything else you think we should consider as we assess Marinus Link's electricity transmission licence application?**

Actual ability to obtain the materials required to build the entire Transmission line. They don't provide proof that they have the equipment, people, materials, logistical skill to achieve the licence goal.

They provide No respect or details of MLPL's Biosecurity Processes through the 80 kilometres of land they will traverse from Waratah bay to Hazelwood. No Mention of Biosecurity Officer qualifications to assess, identify and mitigate Biosecurity Risks on land and on water. Will they utilise International Ships- Ballast water dumps, quarantine processes, international employees?

Are they Fit to be granted an Electricity Transmission Licence? No not without answers to these and many more common sense concerns in HOW they will conduct their business.

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**4. Date submitted: 8 July 2023**

**Submission written by: [Redacted for privacy] (Community organisation)**

**Are you a farmer and/or member of a local community group in the vicinity of the Marinus Link project?**

No.

**What are your views on Marinus Link's electricity transmission project and the need to build new transmission lines?**

The project is not viable and on most years we will not import power from Vic at price in favour on Tas consumer.

**If you have previously had contact with Marinus Link regarding the project, please provide the context.**

Bass link has lost money.

**What experience, if any, have you had with transmission companies accessing your land?**

Nil.

**Are you aware of the commission's current work to development an enforceable Land Access Code of Practice?**

Yes.

**What effect on electricity pricing do you think Marinus Link will have?**

Prices will be more expensive.

**Do you have any views on Marinus Link's ability to comply with its regulatory obligations?**

Victoria will call the prices.

**Do you have any views on the potential benefits the Marinus Link project may provide in the long-term interest of Victorian consumers?**

Very little.

**Is there anything else you think we should consider as we assess Marinus Link's electricity transmission licence application?**

Promote consumer and business companies in Tas.

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**5. Date submitted: 11 July 2023**

**Submission written by:** *[Redacted for privacy]* (Victorian consumer)

**Are you a farmer and/or member of a local community group in the vicinity of the Marinus Link project?**

No.

**What are your views on Marinus Link's electricity transmission project and the need to build new transmission lines?**

Marinus Link will support energy resilience for Australia and support our achievement of a renewable energy future.

**If you have previously had contact with Marinus Link regarding the project, please provide the context.**

Have worked with some of the Tasmanian businesses involved and can vouch for the commitment to the project.

**What experience, if any, have you had with transmission companies accessing your land?**

None although I was [redacted] for [redacted] some years ago and dealt with many disputes at the fringes of this issue.

**Are you aware of the commission's current work to development an enforceable Land Access Code of Practice?**

No.

**What effect on electricity pricing do you think Marinus Link will have?**

Other.

I don't think pricing is relevant. We need this if we are to move our renewable energy future and grid resilience forward.

**Do you have any views on Marinus Link’s ability to comply with its regulatory obligations?**

I have witnessed firsthand the commitment to regulatory obligations.  
I have also seen a commitment from many in that sector to delivering the project in consultation with impacted parties such as landowners and Traditional Owners.  
I have a perspective that delivery will be enhanced with greater and ongoing community collaboration.

**Do you have any views on the potential benefits the Marinus Link project may provide in the long-term interest of Victorian consumers?**

It will support our renewable energy future.

Depending on how community consultation and collaboration is conducted, it could also evolve the way in which governments and communities come together for significant projects such as this. This is an evolution that is sorely needed if we are to work together effectively in the face of the significant and unprecedented disruption ahead of us.

**Is there anything else you think we should consider as we assess Marinus Link’s electricity transmission licence application?**

[No comment made]

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**6. Date submitted: 16 July 2023**

**Submission written by:** *[Redacted for privacy]* (Tasmanian consumer)

**Are you a farmer and/or member of a local community group in the vicinity of the Marinus Link project?**

No.

**What are your views on Marinus Link’s electricity transmission project and the need to build new transmission lines?**

Marinus is unviable and relies on Tasmanian taxpayers to fund a higher proportion of costs than is fair or realistic. Tasmania will sacrifice its energy security for no benefits.

**If you have previously had contact with Marinus Link regarding the project, please provide the context.**

[No comment made]

**What experience, if any, have you had with transmission companies accessing your land?**

[No comment made]

**Are you aware of the commission's current work to develop an enforceable Land Access Code of Practice?**

No.

**What effect on electricity pricing do you think Marinus Link will have?**

Prices will be more expensive.

**Do you have any views on Marinus Link's ability to comply with its regulatory obligations?**

It will not be able to comply - it will become a stranded asset.

**Do you have any views on the potential benefits the Marinus Link project may provide in the long-term interest of Victorian consumers?**

Victoria is focussing on its own energy projects and does not need Marinus.

**Is there anything else you think we should consider as we assess Marinus Link's electricity transmission licence application?**

Without guaranteed funding for Marinus a licence application is premature.

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