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CCA WELCOMES THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT PROJECT MARINUS

The Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) has welcomed the release of the Project Marinus Business Case Assessment which confirms that a 1,500-megawatt Bass Strait interconnector is technically feasible and commercially viable. Project Marinus would see a second interconnector cable established across the Bass Strait, providing Tasmania with increased energy security and allowing Tasmania to export clean energy to mainland Australia, as the nation moves away from relying on coal.

Thousands of jobs are likely to be created not only during construction but as a result of further wind and hydro investments that will become viable as a result of the Cradle Coast region being able to export additional energy to the mainland.

"This project is vital not only for the Cradle Coast region but for the entire country. TasNetworks and the Tasmanian Government have been working exceptionally hard on this, and we encourage the Australian Government to continue to provide the support required to bring it to fruition" said CCA CEO, Daryl Connelly.

"Project Marinus is a game-changer; establishing a second Bass Strait interconnector will lead to levels of investment and prosperity that will transform our region," said Mr Connelly.

Ensuring that local students and businesses derive maximum benefit from renewable energy development, is a cornerstone of CCA's Regional Futures Plan approach to growing the economy. Last month saw the Cradle Coast Future Energy Hub established at the CCA offices, and CCA will this week announce details of a program that will see West Coast students better prepared for future energy careers.

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