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CRADLE COAST AUTHORITY WELCOMES REGIONAL BENEFITS FROM MARINUS LINK

Today, Sheree Vertigan, CEO of Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) joined Minister for Energy and Renewables, Guy Barnett and Minister for Skills, Training and Workforce Growth, Felix Ellis to discuss the opportunities for economic growth, jobs, and skills development that will come to the Cradle Coast region with the construction of Marinus Link.

It was recently announced that Tasmania, Victoria, and the Commonwealth have reached an agreement for the funding of Marinus Link. Marinus Link comprises of two undersea cables that will reach from converter stations proposed to be built at the old "Tioxide" site in Heybridge, across Bass Strait to Victoria. Geotechnical investigations are currently underway from the self-levelling platform that sits in the nearshore environment, close to the Heybridge Converter Station site.

Marinus Link is supported by CCA's Regional Investment Framework as a Regionally Important Project, with the potential to bring economic change and address the priorities of the Regional Futures Plan.

The Regional Futures Plan is a strategy aimed at improving living standards across the region by boosting regional growth and fostering a more resilient economy. Marinus Link is expected to support these goals through enabling new projects across the region, including the proposed 750 MW pumped hydro energy storage system at Lake Cethana, and renewable projects onshore and possibly offshore. CCA anticipates these projects will boost opportunities for new and existing businesses from a wide range of industries across the Cradle Coast region.

CCA is owned by the Cradle Coast region's Councils. "Councils in the Cradle Coast region play a key role in the growth of the renewable energy industry, both as statutory planning authorities, and as advocates for the best outcomes for their communities. CCA stands ready to support our region's Councils in fulfilling their roles, providing assistance, and sharing information through the Future Energy Hub as projects such as Marinus Link progress", said Ms Vertigan.

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