

Social and economic impacts and benefits



This fact sheet explains the social and economic impacts and benefits of the proposed Tarraleah redevelopment. It summarises what was assessed, what was found, and how impacts and benefits would be managed.

At a glance



Jobs, skills and training opportunities



Benefits for local and regional businesses



Contribution to the Tasmanian economy



Opportunities for First Nations peoples



Some short-term construction impacts



Measures in place to manage change

Why this matters to the community



The Project may affect how people live, work and use the area, especially during construction. It aims to deliver long-term benefits, such as jobs, training and business opportunities. Understanding both the impacts and benefits helps the community understand how the Project may affect everyday life.



What was studied and what was found



Social impacts and benefits

A Social Impact Assessment was completed to understand how the Project may affect people, communities and services. The assessment was informed by community engagement.

Potential social impacts during construction include:

- changes to visual amenity on a key tourist route
- increased traffic and possible delays
- increased demand on housing, accommodation, services and social infrastructure
- restricted access for Aboriginal community members to cultural landscapes and resources
- reduced access to Lake King William and Mossy Marsh from the Lyell Highway, affecting fishing, camping and boating.

Key social benefits include:

- employment, skills and training opportunities
- opportunities for local and regional businesses
- meaningful opportunities for First Nations peoples, communities and businesses
- supporting Tasmania's energy security and a cleaner energy future.

Economic impacts and benefits

An Economic Impact Assessment examined how the Project may affect the regional and state economy during construction and operation. It considered capital and operational expenditure, but not future revenue.



Overall, the Project is expected to contribute strongly to the regional and state economy by increasing demand for materials, services and workers. In the short term, increased competition for workers may affect other industries.

Construction period:

- around \$213 million added to the regional economy
- about 451 full-time equivalent (FTE) job-years created
- at a state level, approximately \$1.12 billion added to Gross State Product.

Operation (30-year period):

- around \$85 million added to the regional economy
- approximately 2 FTE job-years created.

How impacts and benefits would be managed



A range of measures would be used to reduce impacts and support community and economic benefits. These include:

Workers, housing and services

- Housing all workers in managed accommodation at the Tarraleah Village
- Providing health services for construction workers
- Developing an emergency response plan with emergency services

Jobs, skills and local business

- Delivering benefits through a Local Benefit Sharing Action Plan
- Supporting social procurement objectives
- Working with stakeholders on workforce planning and skills development
- Supporting training and skills development during construction
- Prioritising local suppliers and workers through our local content approach

First Nations participation

- Implementing a First Nations Participation Plan
- Supporting economic opportunities and access to Country and cultural resources

Access, traffic and communication

- Managing traffic through a traffic management plan
- Maintaining access to visitor experiences where possible
- Promoting alternative recreation options during construction
- Engaging stakeholders before operations and informing downstream users of changes.



Glossary



Gross State Product (GSP) – total value of goods and services produced across the state

FTE job-years – total amount of work over time; one fulltime job for one year

About the Environmental Impact Statement

We have prepared a range of documents to provide information at different levels of detail, so you can choose what best suits your interests and needs.

Separate, topic specific fact sheets are available for key aspects of the EIS. They explain what was studied, what was found, and how potential impacts would be managed, in plain English. The fact sheets don't cover all aspects of the proposal or all potential impacts assessed as part of the EIS.

A Summary EIS is available and provides an overview of all topics assessed as part of the EIS. The Full EIS contains detailed technical studies, data and assessments considered as part of the environmental assessment process.

Have your say

The EIS is on public exhibition, and submissions are welcomed from anyone in the community. All feedback received will form part of the EPA's assessment of the project.

Scan the QR code to visit our website:

- View the Summary EIS and full EIS
- View our Fact Sheets on a range of EIS topics
- Find out how to make a submission.



Questions or concerns?

You are welcome to contact us by phone or email if you would like more information or have a question about the project.



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