

TasNetworks – Economic & Social Benefits Statement

Executive Summary

Are you a Tasmanian SME? Do you employ Tasmanians?

Jacobs has an established Hobart office with approx. 35 permanent Tasmanian staff, plus visiting project staff, as well as a steady intake of interns and graduates from the University of Tasmania. Through our contracts with TasNetworks, we are growing our local service offering and our team, in engineering and project management as well as associated specialist sub-consultant sectors, such as cost planning, environmental and construction management, survey and digital solutions, stakeholder engagement and land use planning.

Jacobs' Hobart office is also actively engaged in Tasmanian STEM education, corporate citizenship and philanthropy.

Where are the goods or services to be used in the contract sourced from?

Jacobs will prioritise local SMEs wherever possible. We have a long track record of supporting local Tasmanian businesses including Aboriginal-owned businesses and consultants.

All of our subconsultants, contractors and suppliers must be registered on Jacobs' supplier portal Prolog Converge, which requires them to meet minimum standards including insurances and relevant experience, and to sign up to Jacobs' contractual terms and conditions. Prolog Converge also handles invoicing and payment on 30-day terms, and we have worked with smaller suppliers to support them to understand and comply with our standards as a means of empowering local SMEs.

The table below indicates the number of suppliers currently registered on Jacobs' Hobart office's supplier portal:

Supplier Category	No. of Tasmanian Suppliers
Civil contracting and construction	13
Environmental, heritage and planning	10
Marine	3
Accommodation	4
Transport	1
Health, Safety & Environment	3
Office Services	10
Catering	3
Goods	6

Opportunity for Tasmanian SME involvement

Where we do not have capacity or capability within our existing team or network to supply local goods or services, or where our in-house provision needs outside expertise to tailor a product to the specific requirements of this project, we will use our informal industry network by word of mouth to source local consultants, suppliers and contractors, which we find in Tasmania to be the most effective method.

We will also use industry platforms such as the Industry Capability Network (ICN) Gateway, Local Buy, Supply Nation (for Aboriginal-owned businesses) and other business directories and tender portals.

Broader social and economic opportunities

Our approach to these projects focusses on enabling TasNetworks access to the very best experience and skills in Australia and internationally whilst leveraging our Tasmanian knowledge and people to get the best possible outcomes for the project and the community. This includes a substantial focus on upskilling and growing our existing local power business in Tasmania, as well as maximising the social and economic benefits of the project for the Tasmanian community. We directly employ 36 staff who are permanently based in Tasmania.

Our commitment to supporting local businesses is demonstrated in past projects where Jacobs had the resource capacity and technical capability needed on the mainland, in areas such as cost estimation and geotechnical services, but instead elected to engage local businesses.

Jacobs also proactively support the Tasmanian economy by utilising local accommodation, transport, food outlets, printing, cleaning, stationery and office supplies, and other goods and services. We also seek to upskill our local staff through formal and informal learning opportunities to take advantage of the expertise of visiting professionals from other geographic areas within our business, to realise lasting, local benefits.

Local innovative solutions

At Jacobs, we bring a wealth of experience and expertise that ensures we can provide innovative and successful solutions. Our approach is to collaborate with our project partners (clients, key stakeholders and the community) through engagement, co-design and human-centered design, to create infrastructure projects as levers or catalysts to create social value and beneficial outcomes for local communities. Social value outcomes span a range of components that contribute to quality-of-life, including community wellbeing, equity and equality, housing, mobility, access to work and vital services, and physical and mental health.

Jacobs believes strongly in its corporate social responsibility as a global industry leader to support the local economy and to actively build capacity in local business to actively engage in Tasmanian projects.