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Business Hunter welcomes Hunter Transmission Project milestone

Business Hunter has welcomed the NSW Government's appointment of Transgrid as Network Operator for the Hunter Transmission Project, describing it as another significant step towards delivering the infrastructure needed to unlock the region's renewable energy future.

Business Hunter CEO Bob Hawes said the appointment provides momentum as the Hunter continues its transition to becoming a nationally significant clean energy and advanced manufacturing hub.

“The Hunter Transmission Project is critical infrastructure that will help connect Renewable Energy Zones, strengthen the state's electricity network and support investment in the industries and jobs of the future,” Mr Hawes said.

“Today's announcement brings the renewable energy pipeline another step closer to delivery and reinforces the Hunter's central role in NSW's energy transition.”

Business Hunter also welcomed the appointment of Downer and UGL as major construction partners, noting both companies have a substantial presence in the Hunter and deep connections to the region's workforce and supply chains.

“The selection of Downer and UGL highlights the depth of expertise that already exists in the Hunter and demonstrates the advanced skills capability we continue to build across the region,” Mr Hawes said.

“These are companies with a strong local footprint and proven experience delivering complex energy infrastructure projects. Their involvement showcases the capability of the Hunter workforce and the strength of our industrial ecosystem.

“As we continue to attract investment across renewable energy, transmission infrastructure, clean manufacturing and emerging technologies, the Hunter is building a global reputation as a leading renewables and clean energy hub.”

Business Hunter also acknowledged the role of EnergyCo in leading planning and procurement. Mr Hawes said the project would create opportunities for local businesses, contractors and workers, while helping establish the foundations needed to support long-term economic growth and energy security across NSW.

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