

WORKS NOTIFICATION – MARINE SURVEYS IN WARATAH BAY

Commencing 29 July 2024, we are undertaking marine surveys in Waratah Bay. These surveys will help us understand the marine ecology and maritime heritage in the area of Marinus Link's proposed cable alignment.



Types of surveys we are undertaking

Magnetometer survey

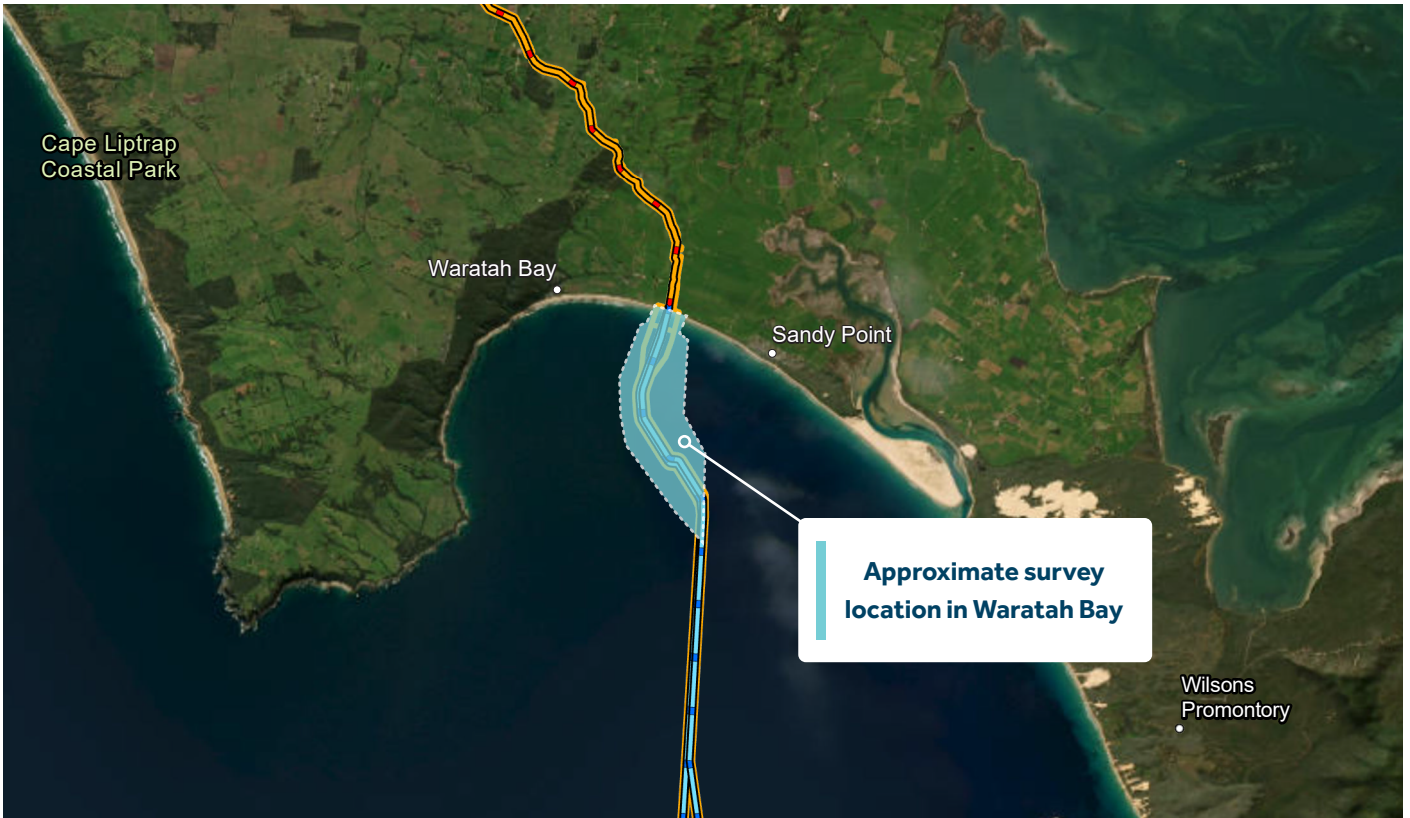
- ◇ **What is it?** This survey reads for magnetic fields which detect if there are any metal objects in the area. Objects include ferrous metal objects such as anchors.
- ◇ **What does it involve?** A small, crewed work vessel (boat) will be towing survey equipment.
- ◇ **What will you see?** People may see the vessel from the beach at Waratah Bay.
- ◇ **What are the impacts?** This survey is low impact and will not disturb marine life or recreational activities in the area.

Benthic survey

- ◇ **What is it?** Benthic surveys are used to determine if proposed marine works will have an impact on marine species and how to best mitigate, reduce or remove those impacts. They involve taking images of the seafloor and marine life using cameras.
- ◇ **What does it involve?** A small, crewed work vessel (boat) will be towing survey equipment such as cameras and a remotely operated vehicle (ROV).
- ◇ **What will you see?** People may see the vessel and activity from the beach at Waratah Bay.
- ◇ **What are the impacts?** This survey is low impact and will not disturb marine life or recreational activities in the area.

Things to note:

- ◇ **This work is subject to weather.**
- ◇ **There are currently no significant impacts anticipated for the public, or exclusion areas because of this survey.**
- ◇ **This work is not the beginning of construction.**



Background

Marinus Link is a proposed undersea and underground electricity and telecommunications interconnector between North West Tasmania and the Latrobe Valley in Victoria.

The project comprises high voltage direct current (HVDC) cables, fibre optic cables, and converter stations in both Tasmania and Victoria. The converter stations will connect Marinus Link directly into the transmission networks in both Tasmania and Victoria.

The cables will be about 345 kilometres long, including 255 kilometres of undersea cables across Bass Strait and 90 kilometres of underground cables in Victoria.

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