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2015-16 ENERGY IN TASMANIA REPORT

The Tasmanian Economic Regulator today publishes its annual report on the performance of the energy supply industry, the *2015-16 Energy in Tasmania Report*.

Mr Joe Dimasi, the Tasmanian Economic Regulator, noted that Tasmanian electricity generators were able to meet all demand for electricity during 2015-16, despite significant challenges including the Basslink Interconnector outage between December 2015 and June 2016, in combination with low rainfall, causing storage levels in Hydro Tasmania's dams to fall to their lowest recorded level. However, Mr Dimasi noted that additional temporary diesel generation was also utilised to meet demand.

Energy transmission and distribution entities in Tasmania also performed well during 2015-16, despite bushfires, storms and floods causing unplanned outages in various locations around the State. TasNetworks did not experience any major transmission loss of supply incidents for the year. Tas Gas Networks experienced only one major loss of supply during 2015-16, due to the Invermay floods in June 2016.

Mr Dimasi notes that "Overall, Tasmanian electricity and natural gas suppliers met most of their respective performance standards during 2015-16, which is comparable to industry performance over recent years."

Publication of a full Energy in Tasmania Report has moved to a three-yearly timeframe, with streamlined reports to be published in each of the two years between the publication of each detailed report (the most recent of these being the *2014-15 Energy in Tasmania Performance Report*). The 2015-16 Report is the first of the new short format reports.

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