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ENERGY IN TASMANIA REPORT 2018-19

The Tasmanian Economic Regulator today published its annual performance report for Tasmania's energy sector, the *Energy in Tasmania Report 2018-19*.

Mr Joe Dimasi, the Tasmanian Economic Regulator, noted that total on-island generation increased by 1.5 per cent in 2018-19, with hydro generation output increasing by 5.5 per cent and wind generation increasing by 2.4 per cent. Thermal generation output from the Tamar Valley Power Station decreased by 43.3 per cent compared to 2017-18.

The number of customers connecting solar PV systems to the network increased by around 2 000, bringing the total number of solar PV customers to over 31 000. Despite this growth, distributed generation provided less than one per cent of Tasmania's total electricity generation in 2018-19.

Mr Dimasi also noted that the number of electricity customers increased by 1.6 per cent during 2018-19. However, electricity consumption through the National Electricity Market decreased by over one per cent. This small decrease is likely to be due to changes in consumption by large industrial customers, customers continuing to install more energy efficient appliances and weather-related factors. The continued growth in distributed generation systems is also likely to have contributed as electricity consumed on-site from these systems is not recorded as electricity consumption through the National Electricity Market.

In 2018-19, an additional retailer offered products to residential customers in Tasmania, increasing the total number of electricity retailers in mainland Tasmania to five.

Tasmania continued to be a net exporter of electricity via Basslink during 2018-19, with exports at significantly higher levels than in 2017-18.

TasNetworks transmission and distribution networks in mainland Tasmania generally performed well during 2018-19. Compared to earlier years, fewer communities in mainland Tasmania received electricity network services that failed to meet the standards in the Tasmanian Electricity Code.

Similarly, the State's natural gas transmission and distribution network performed well, including the transmission pipeline linking Tasmania with Victoria, with no major reliability issues in 2018-19.

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