



**Amended Notice of intention to conduct a Regulated
Feed-in Tariff Rate pricing investigation**

Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995

*Electricity Supply Industry (Pricing and Related Matters)
Regulations 2013*

The *Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995* requires the Tasmanian Economic Regulator to make a feed-in tariff rate determination, which sets the rate to be paid by authorised retailers to standard feed-in tariff customers for energy exported to the electricity grid.

Standard feed-in tariff customers are those customers who did not qualify for the Government's transitional feed-in tariff rate.

The determination will apply to a regulatory period that commences on 1 July 2016 and ends on 30 June 2019. The Final investigation report will be released, and the determination will be made, on or before 6 May 2016.

Before the Economic Regulator makes a determination, the *Electricity Supply Industry (Pricing and Related Matters) Regulations 2013* require the Economic Regulator to conduct a pricing investigation.

The objective of the pricing investigation is to gather information to assist the Economic Regulator in making a determination.

The Economic Regulator will publish a draft report and draft determination by 31 January 2016. Written submissions (preferably by email) on the draft report and draft determination can be made to the Economic Regulator during a consultation period ending on 15 March 2016.

In accordance with the matters the Economic Regulator is required to consider in determining the regulated feed-in tariff rate, submissions on the draft report and draft determination will be invited on issues including the following:

- (a) the fair and reasonable value to authorised retailers of electricity supplied to the distribution network by feed-in tariff customers;
- (b) the net financial benefit, to authorised retailers, of electricity supplied to the distribution network by feed-in tariff customers, having regard to the costs of authorised retailers, including, but not limited to including –
 - (i) the costs to authorised retailers of purchasing wholesale electricity; and
 - (ii) other costs of authorised retailers in operating their retail electricity businesses;
- (c) the other costs, or other benefits, that –
 - (i) include those related to the distribution networks or transmission networks; and
 - (ii) result, either directly or indirectly, from the supply of electricity to distribution networks by qualifying systems at premises of small customers;
- (d) the COAG National Principles for Feed-in Tariff Arrangements, as those Principles apply from time to time;
- (e) any arrangements of the Commonwealth, whether legislative or otherwise, in relation to the pricing of carbon emissions or other mechanisms to reduce the use of carbon-emitting fuels;

(f) the principle that the feed-in tariff rate specified in the determination should not have the effect that any customer would effectively be cross-subsidising any other customer; and

(g) approaches, methodologies, findings or recommendations, taken or made in other jurisdictions for determining fair and reasonable feed-in tariff rates.

The Economic Regulator's draft report and draft determination will be available on the Economic Regulator's website: www.economicregulator.tas.gov.au.

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