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#### METRO INVESTIGATION

The Tasmanian Economic Regulator has been requested to conduct an investigation into Metro Tasmania's pricing policies for the provision of bus services within Hobart, Launceston and Burnie. The investigation is being conducted in line with the Terms of Reference issued by the Government in October 2013.

The Regulator has today published its Draft Report which takes into account Metro's preliminary submission in response to the Terms of Reference and other submissions made by stakeholders.

The Regulator invites and encourages all interested parties, to make submissions on the items for comment in the Draft Report, including any other matter relevant to the Terms of Reference.

In the Draft Report the Regulator has assessed Metro's efficiency and compared it with interstate private sector and public sector urban bus transport operators in establishing Metro's annual revenue requirements. The revenues Metro ultimately receives will be dependent on the amount it generates from fares and through Government funding. The Regulator notes that 75 per cent of Metro's funding is sourced from the Government through contract payments and additional budget funding.

Metro's preliminary submission outlines a proposed alternative fare structure for Tasmania. The Regulator notes that there are pro and cons to alternative fare structure options and Metro's proposal has the potential to impact differently on different customer groups. To assist in forming its final recommendations, the Regulator is seeking feedback from the community on Metro's proposal.

After taking account of any submissions received in response to the Draft Report, the Regulator will provide its final recommendations in the Final Report to Government by 30 May 2014. After considering those recommendations, the Government will determine maximum fares that may be charged by Metro for the following five years.

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Copies of the Draft Report and the Terms of Reference are available at:  
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