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TASMANIAN ELECTRICITY NETWORK RELIABILITY REVIEW – DRAFT REPORT

Today the Tasmanian Economic Regulator released the Draft Report of its 2016 Network Reliability Review for public consultation.

The Tasmanian Economic Regulator is required by legislation to conduct periodic reviews into the reliability of electricity network services in Tasmania. The current review commenced in late 2015 but was deferred as a result of the recent Basslink outage.

The Tasmanian Economic Regulator, Mr Joe Dimasi, said that “The objective of the Network Reliability Review is to identify and analyse issues that may impact upon the reliability of the Tasmanian electricity network, either currently or in the medium term”. Mr Dimasi also noted that the management of hydro water storages and its impact on energy security in Tasmania were outside the scope of the Network Reliability Review.

The Draft Report addresses a number of issues, including:

- the performance and robustness of the Tasmanian electricity network including Basslink;
- issues around the management of potential further large scale renewable generation in the State; and
- risks and opportunities for the network arising from emerging technologies such as embedded solar generation, battery storage and electric vehicles.

Mr Dimasi acknowledged that there a number of reviews currently underway into different aspects of the Tasmanian energy system and stated that “It is anticipated that the findings of this Network Reliability Review will assist further consideration of these issues, as part of the reviews currently underway, and by industry stakeholders more generally”.

The Economic Regulator will consider submissions received up to 30 September 2016 on the Draft Report and intends to release its Final Report in November 2016.

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