

**OFFICE of the  
TASMANIAN  
ECONOMIC  
REGULATOR**



**Notice to conduct a pricing investigation in relation to the Wholesale Contract Regulatory Instrument**

*Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995*

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

The Tasmanian Economic Regulator (Economic Regulator) has been responsible, since 1 January 2014, for regulating certain wholesale contract activities undertaken by Hydro Tasmania.

The Economic Regulator carries out this function through its administration of the Wholesale Contract Regulatory Instrument (Instrument).

The change in the National Electricity Rules to a 5 minute settlement period in the electricity spot market from 1 July 2021 is not consistent with the approvals made under the Instrument.

Before changes are made to the approvals set out in the Instrument, the Economic Regulator is required, by legislation, to conduct an investigation.

The investigation is to inform the Economic Regulator whether or not to revoke the approvals set out in the existing Instrument made under Section 43G(1) of the *Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995* (the Act) on 30 November 2017, and whether or not to make a new Instrument.

The Economic Regulator invites submissions from interested parties on the proposals set out in a consultation paper available on the Economic Regulator's website: [www.economicregulator.tas.gov.au](http://www.economicregulator.tas.gov.au).

Submissions should be made via email by close of business 27 June 2019.

The Economic Regulator's final report is expected to be published on 1 July 2019.

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