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ECONOMIC  
REGULATOR**



**Notice of intention 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 has been responsible, since 1 January 2014, for regulating Hydro Tasmania's wholesale contract activities.

The Economic Regulator carries out this function through its administration of the Wholesale Contract Regulatory Instrument (Instrument) which provides for a range of approvals to be made in relation to regulated wholesale contracts.

A pricing investigation into the Wholesale Contract Regulatory Instrument was completed in December 2016. Following the completion of the pricing investigation, an inconsistency originating from the commencement of the original Instrument in January 2014 was identified between the Instrument and the wholesale pricing model which gives effect to the approved pricing methodology set out in the Instrument.

To correct this inconsistency the Economic Regulator has decided to conduct another pricing investigation to revoke the existing Instrument and make a new Instrument.

The Economic Regulator's *Review of the Wholesale Contract Regulatory Instrument Consultation Paper* is available on the Economic Regulator's website: [www.economicregulator.tas.gov.au](http://www.economicregulator.tas.gov.au) and seeks comments from interested parties on the Economic Regulator's proposed changes (submissions should be made by 16 March 2017).

The Economic Regulator's final report as well as the approvals made under the Instrument are expected to be published on 21 March 2017.

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