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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 which provides for a range of approvals to be made in relation to regulated wholesale contracts.

Regulation 21 of the *Electricity Supply Industry (Pricing and Related Matters) Regulations 2013* requires the Economic Regulator to conduct a pricing investigation prior to the expiry of the existing Instrument on 31 December 2018 and prior to making or revoking approvals contained within the Instrument.

The investigation will determine, amongst other things, the wholesale contract regulatory arrangements that are to apply from 1 January 2019 and whether each approval in the Instrument requires amendment or revocation.

The pricing investigation will take into account information provided by stakeholders who provided submissions in response to an Issues Paper published by the Economic Regulator in December 2015, relating to the Review of the Wholesale Regulatory Instrument.

The Economic Regulator's *Review of the Wholesale Contract Regulatory Instrument Issues Paper* and the submissions received in response are available on the Economic Regulator's website: [www.economicregulator.tas.gov.au](http://www.economicregulator.tas.gov.au).

The Economic Regulator intends publishing its draft investigation report in mid-2016 and will seek comments from interested parties at that time.

The Economic Regulator's final report is expected to be published before the end of 2016. The approvals made under the Instrument that are to apply from 1 January 2019 will also be published at that time.

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