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Mr Mark Shelton MP
Member for Lyons
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Mr Shelton

Thank you for raising your question in Parliament on 17 November 2026 on behalf of your constituent regarding hydro asset maintenance and upgrades.

Our hydropower system is a critical asset to Tasmania, delivering clean, green energy to our homes and businesses. Tasmania has one of the most complex hydropower systems in the world, with 30 hydropower stations and 54 large dams. As you can imagine, Hydro Tasmania has an extensive asset upgrade and maintenance program, designed to ensure our hydropower assets can continue to operate safely, efficiently and reliably.

Over 2025-26, Hydro Tasmania invested $284 million in their capital works program, delivering several major upgrades and improvements to assets across the state. Some of the notable achievements over the year included the completion of an updated control room and operating system at Poatina Power Station, which provides real-time data on how the machine is functioning for easier maintenance planning, and progressing wind turbine upgrades on King Island, boosting the renewable energy capacity on the Bass Strait Islands. Significant milestones were also met on longer term projects, such as reaching the half-way point on the $60 million Lemonthyme Power Station refurbishment, the first full upgrade since the station was commissioned in 1969.

As one of Australia's largest renewable energy businesses, Hydro Tasmania plays a vital role in the State's clean energy future and long-term economic growth. This role will only continue to grow following the completion of Project Marinus. This nation-building project will deliver transformative benefits for Tasmania, strengthening our energy security and enabling further development of new wind and solar projects here in Tasmania, which Hydro Tasmania can also support through partnering with new energy generation projects that strengthen energy security and affordability.

Furthermore, as the national energy market continues to evolve, Hydro Tasmania's deep storage capacity and dispatchable energy will become even more valuable to both Tasmania and the broader energy system. Hydro Tasmania is well-placed to capitalise on these opportunities, with a capital investment program of more than $2 billion over the next ten years, designed to improve efficiency and bolster reliability in its hydropower assets, ensuring Tasmanians continue to receive safe, reliable energy for years to come.

Once again thank you again for raising this important topic and I trust this information is useful to both you and your constituent.

Yours sincerely



Hon Nick Duigan MLC
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