

Legislation Fact Sheet

Electricity Reform (Implementation) Bill 2013

- The *Electricity Reform (Implementation) Bill 2013* will amend the *Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995* and the *National Energy Retail Law (Tasmania) Act 2012* to implement the Government's reforms to the Tasmanian electricity supply industry.
- The Bill will amend the *Electricity Supply Industry Act* to:
 - facilitate full retail competition (FRC) in Tasmania by removing Aurora Energy's current monopoly on small customers;
 - provide for FRC to be implemented in a staged, sensible manner from 1 January 2014 to transition customers to FRC without disruption;
 - provide for the Minister to declare retailers operating in Tasmania as Regulated Offer Retailers or as a Local Area Retailer;
 - establish the framework for the Tasmanian Economic Regulator to determine the maximum prices for the standard retail contracts offered by Regulated Offer Retailers;
 - provide for the Regulator to declare any other electrical good or service to be a declared electrical service, subject to a market power and public interest test, and make a determination for that service;
 - provide for the Government's electricity concessions to be paid to eligible recipients under a Ministerial Concession Order;
 - establish the framework for the regulation of Hydro Tasmania's wholesale electricity contracts in Tasmania; and
 - make a number of minor amendments to reflect the transition to FRC.
- The Bill will amend the *National Energy Retail Law (Tasmania) Act* to modify the *South Australian Energy Retail Law*, as it applies in Tasmania, in certain ways to reflect the transition to FRC in Tasmania.