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Inquiry into the Tasmanian Dairy Industry

The Legislative Council Select Committee inquiring into the Tasmanian Dairy Industry has tabled its Final Report today.

The Inquiry resulted in 16 findings and 11 recommendations. Key findings and recommendations included the value of the 'Tasmanian brand' to the dairy sector and its scope for expansion. An important finding was that Tasmania's clean and sustainable dairy farming practices could be considered of equal value to organic dairy products and this is something that the Tasmanian sector could capitalize on.

The Inquiry also found, however, that it is important that the integrity of the Tasmanian brand is maintained as a single food-safety incident has the potential to undermine the brand.

Other key recommendations included upgrades to roads and energy infrastructure, particularly in North-East Tasmania, certification, emerging markets, the role of the Brand Tasmanian Council and links with the tourism industry. The Inquiry also recommended that the Government consider the value of Tasmania remaining GMO free.

Inquiry Chair, the Hon Greg Hall MLC, noted that the national dairy sector was undergoing significant change, with a number of major announcements occurring throughout the course of the Inquiry.

Mr Hall said that responses to the Inquiry from organisations and individuals had been very pleasing and extended the thanks of the Committee to all participants.

The Final Report is available on a dedicated [Inquiry page](http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/Council/LC%20Select%20Dairy%20Industry%20in%20Tasmania%202016.html) of the parliament of Tasmania website at:
<http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/Council/LC%20Select%20Dairy%20Industry%20in%20Tasmania%202016.html>

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