

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The House of Assembly has established a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the three Tasmanian water and sewerage corporations and the common services corporation Onstream, with particular reference to:-

- (a) the governance structure of the corporations and Onstream;
- (b) the operating structure of the corporations and Onstream;
- (c) the first 12 months financial performance of the corporations and Onstream;
- (d) the impact of the structure, operations and legislation on the effectiveness and efficiency of the corporations and Onstream;
- (e) the impact on future prices for consumers of the current corporate structures;
- (f) the identification of strategies and options to enhance the structure, effectiveness and efficiency of the corporations and Onstream;
- (g) the identification of a suitable transition mechanism to avoid a price shock at the end of the 5% (cumulative) price cap period on 1 July 2012, whilst ensuring the ongoing financial sustainability and viability of the water and sewerage sector and its capacity to continue the important reform process, including the required investment into critical infrastructure capital upgrades and improvements;
- (h) A plan to restructure tariffs to end the cross subsidisation between municipalities and to achieve an equitable pricing structure; and
- (i) any other matters incidental thereto.