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Legislative Council Select Committee Inquiry

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Inquiry into the TasWater Ownership

The Legislative Council Select Committee inquiring into TasWater Ownership has tabled its Final Report today.

The Inquiry was intended to take evidence in order to assist Legislative Council Members in deliberating the Government's proposed takeover of TasWater. The Inquiry resulted in 48 findings covering infrastructure, funding, trade waste, the viability of the proposed new entity, the feasibility of the Government's proposed accelerated infrastructure program and the potential impact on councils as a result of the takeover of TasWater.

A key finding is that payment of dividends to council is not guaranteed to occur after 2025. If councils' TasWater dividends were reduced the sustainability of some councils to provide services may be jeopardized and some councils may need to increase their rates as a result.

The Inquiry also examined TasWater's environmental compliance record and found 25 Tasmanian towns are still on boil water alerts, although TasWater has removed 17 such alerts since commencing operation and has stated that it will be in a position to remove all boil water alerts by August 2018.

Mrs Armitage extended the thanks of the Committee to all organisations and individuals who provided evidence to the Inquiry.

The [Final Report](http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/Council/Reports/two.171116.rpt.FINAL.ne.001.pdf) is available on a dedicated Inquiry page of the parliament of Tasmania website at: <http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/Council/Reports/two.171116.rpt.FINAL.ne.001.pdf>

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