



Parliament of Tasmania

Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters

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SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR INQUIRY INTO ENERGY MATTERS

The Parliament of Tasmania has appointed a Joint Select Committee to inquire into energy prices and related matters in Tasmania with the following Terms of Reference –

- a) Factors that impact energy prices for Tasmanian household and small and medium business customers, with particular reference to energy generation, distribution and retail costs.
- b) The challenges related to energy supply and energy costs in Tasmania including –
 - i) Role and participation of State-owned energy entities;
 - ii) Energy requirements;
 - iii) Expansion of State-owned renewable energy generation including associated community and economic benefits;
 - iv) Private energy generators;
 - v) Energy generation, storage and transmission capacity; and
 - vi) Energy security considerations.
- c) Opportunities related to energy supply and energy costs in Tasmania including –
 - i) Role and participation of State-owned energy entities;
 - ii) Energy requirements;
 - iii) Expansion of State-owned renewable energy generation including associated community and economic benefits;
 - iv) Private energy generators;
 - v) Energy generation, storage and transmission capacity; and
 - vi) Energy security considerations.
- d) Tasmania's past, current and future participation in the National Electricity Market with a focus on impacts for Tasmania, including matters related to the national renewable energy transition:
 - i) Current and future energy demand;
 - ii) Costs, risks and benefits; and
 - iii) Resource opportunities.
- e) Marinus Link Pty Ltd and associated energy power developments (Battery of the Nation and North West Transmission Development) including –
 - i) Likely beneficiaries;
 - ii) Funding arrangements, including the potential for private sector contribution;
 - iii) Impact on Tasmanians' energy bills and concessional pricing arrangements; and
 - iv) Alternative options and associated costs and/or benefits to Tasmania including costs and cost of a 'do nothing approach'.
- f) Any other matters incidental thereto.

The Committee invites interested persons or organisations to make written submissions to the Committee by the closing date of **Friday 23 August 2024**.

Anyone who made a submission to the previous Parliament's Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters and/or the Legislative Council Sessional Committee Government Administration 'A' Inquiry into Energy Prices in Tasmania is able to provide an updated submission to this Committee.

An advertisement calling for submissions will be placed in the three regional newspapers on Saturday, 6 July 2024. For further information about the inquiry please visit the inquiry website:

<https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/committees/joint-committees/select-committees/energy-matters>

Enquiries and submissions should be directed to:-

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**Hon. Ruth Forrest MLC
Committee Chair**