



PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA  
Legislative Council

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# **GOVERNMENT BUSINESSES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 'A' 2016**

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## **Report with Minutes of Proceedings**

### **Members of the Committee:**

Hon Robert Armstrong MLC  
Hon Craig Farrell MLC  
Hon Ruth Forrest MLC (Deputy Chair)  
Hon Mike Gaffney MLC  
Hon Greg Hall MLC (Chair)  
Hon Leonie Hiscutt MLC  
Hon Tony Mulder MLC

# MINUTES

**MONDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2016**

The Committee met at 11.19 am in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Hobart.

**Present:**

Mr *Armstrong*

Mr *Farrell*

Ms *Forrest* (Deputy Chair)

Mr *Gaffney*

Mr *Hall* (Chair)

Mrs *Hiscutt*

**Apologies:**

Nil

**In Attendance:**

Ms Allison Waddington (Acting Secretary)

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 15 November 2016 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Correspondence:**

The inwards and outwards correspondence was endorsed and received.

The Committee suspended at 11.22 am

The Committee resumed at 11.31 am

At 11.31 am the Committee commenced informal discussions with stakeholders.

(Mr *Gaffney* left his seat at 11.50 am)

(Mr *Gaffney* took his seat at 11.53 am)

The Committee suspended at 12.05 pm.

The Committee resumed informal discussions with stakeholders at 1.02 pm.

(Ms *Forrest* took her seat at 1.05pm)

(Mrs *Hiscutt* left her seat at 1.18 pm)

(Mrs *Hiscutt* took her seat at 1.21 pm)

(Mr *Armstrong* left his seat at 1.46 pm)

(Mr *Armstrong* took his seat at 1.49 pm)

(Mr *Gaffney* left his seat at 2.10 pm)

(Mr *Gaffney* took his seat at 2.12 pm)

The Committee suspended at 2.21 pm until 8.50 am on Tuesday, 6 December 2016.

## **TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2016**

The Committee met at 9.00 am in Committee Room No. 2, Parliament House, Hobart.

### **Present:**

Mr *Armstrong*  
Mr *Farrell*  
Mr *Gaffney*  
Mr *Hall* (Chair)  
Mrs *Hiscutt*

### **Apologies:**

Nil

### **In Attendance:**

Ms Allison Waddington (Acting Secretary)

## **TASMANIAN RAILWAY PTY LTD**

At 9.00 am the following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

**Hon Rene Hidding MP**, Minister for Infrastructure  
**Mr Robert Annells**, Chair  
**Mr Damien White**, Chief Executive Officer

The Minister provided a brief overview and the Committee proceeded to questions.

(Ms *Forrest* took her seat at 9.01 am)

### **Questions on Notice**

- Tamping program - hours worked by the tamper
- Ballast composition - dolerite vs basalt
- Explanation of remuneration increase particularly in regard to the amounts over \$30,000
- \$20 million - not accounted for with external spend

The witnesses withdrew at 10.03 am.

The Committee suspended at 10.03 am

The Committee resumed at 10.10 am

## **TASMANIAN PUBLIC FINANCE CORPORATION**

At 10.10 am the following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

**Hon Peter Gutwein MP**, Treasurer  
**Mr Tony Ferrall**, Chair  
**Mr Stephen Rochester**, Chief Executive Officer  
**Mr Ignacio Welch**, Chief Financial Officer

The Treasurer provided a brief overview and the Committee proceeded to questions.

(Mr *Armstrong* took his seat at 10.21 am)  
(Mr *Gaffney* left his seat at 10.26 am)  
(Mr *Gaffney* took his seat at 10.39 am)

The witnesses withdrew at 11.02 am.

The Committee suspended at 11.02 am  
The Committee resumed at 11.40 am

## **AURORA ENERGY PTY LTD**

At 11.40 am the following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

**Hon. Matthew Groom MP**, Minister for Energy  
**Ms Caryle Demarte**, Chair  
**Mrs Rebecca Kardos**, Chief Executive Officer  
**Mr Grant Russell**, General Manager Customer Operations  
**Mr Kane Ingham**, Group Manager Commercial Services

The Minister provided a brief overview and the Committee proceeded to questions.

(Mr *Gaffney* took his seat at 11.42 am)

### **Question on Notice**

- Provide price comparison of tariffs in other jurisdictions

(Mr *Armstrong* left his seat at 12.56 pm)

The witnesses withdrew at 1.08 pm

The Committee suspended at 1.08 pm  
The Committee resumed at 2.02 pm

## **TASMANIAN WATER AND SEWERAGE CORPORATION PTY LTD**

At 2.02 pm the following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

**Mayor David Downie**, Chair, Owners Representative Group  
**Mayor Tony Bisdee**, Southern Midlands Council

The Chair provided a brief overview and the Committee proceeded to questions.

(Mr *Mulder* took his seat at 2.12 pm)

### **Question on Notice**

- Provide copy of the current Corporate Plan

The witnesses withdrew at 2.55 pm

The Committee suspended at 2.55 pm

The Committee resumed at 3.07 pm

At 3.07 pm the following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

**Mr Miles Hampton**, Chair, TasWater

**Mr Mike Brewster**, Chief Executive Officer

**Mr Dean Page**, General Manager Finance & Commercial

The Chair provided a brief overview and the Committee proceeded to questions.

(Mr *Armstrong* left his seat at 4.12 pm)

(Mr *Armstrong* took his seat at 4.18 pm)

### **Questions on Notice**

- Provide copy of 10 year Financial Plan
- Breakdown of consultants - how much and whom

The witnesses withdrew at 4.35 pm

The Chair (or southern based Member) is to present the report of the Committee to the President out of session during the week commencing 12 December 2016 (subject to the availability of the President) at a time to be confirmed.

### **Next Meeting**

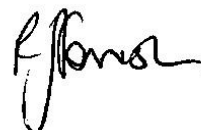
At 10.30 am on 12 December 2016 (via teleconference).

### **Adjournment**

At 4.43 pm the Committee adjourned until 12 December 2016.

**DATE:** 12/12/16

**CONFIRMED**



**CHAIR**