



PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA  
Legislative Council

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# **GOVERNMENT BUSINESSES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 'A' 2015**

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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 (Chair)  
Hon Mike Gaffney MLC  
Hon Leonie Hiscutt MLC (Deputy Chair)  
Hon Tony Mulder MLC

# MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2015**

The Committee met at 10.36 am in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Hobart.

**Present:**

Mr *Farrell*

Ms *Forrest* (Chair)

Mr *Gaffney*

Mrs *Hiscutt* (Deputy Chair)

Mr *Mulder*

**In Attendance:**

Ms Jenny Leaman (Assistant Committee Secretary)

Ms Allison Waddington (Executive Assistant)

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2015 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Correspondence:**

The inwards and outwards correspondence was endorsed and received.

At 10.38 am the Committee commenced informal discussions with stakeholders.

[Mr *Armstrong* took his seat at 10.41 am]

[Mr *Gaffney* left his seat at 10.42 am]

[Mr *Gaffney* took his seat at 10.46 am]

The Committee suspended at 11.49 am.

The Committee resumed informal discussions with stakeholders at 12.16 pm.

The Committee suspended at 1.14 pm.

The Committee resumed informal discussions with stakeholders at 2.00 pm.

[Mr *Mulder* took his seat at 2.03 pm]

[Mrs *Hiscutt* took her seat at 2.03 pm]

[Mr *Armstrong* took his seat at 2.04 pm]

[Mr *Armstrong* left his seat at 2.19 pm]

[Mr *Armstrong* took his seat at 2.21 pm]

[Mr *Armstrong* retired at 2.41 pm]

[Mr *Gaffney* left his seat at 2.46 pm]

[Mr *Gaffney* took his seat at 2.50 pm]

[Mrs *Hiscutt* left her seat at 3.05 pm]

[Mrs *Hiscutt* took her seat at 3.06 pm]

The Committee suspended at 3.11 pm.

The Committee resumed informal discussions with stakeholders at 3.12 pm.

[Mr *Mulder* left his seat at 3.33 pm]

The Committee suspended at 4.22 pm until 7.45 am on Thursday, 3 December 2015.

### **THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2015**

The Committee met at 7.56 am in Committee Room No. 2, Parliament House, Hobart.

#### **Present:**

Mr Armstrong

Mr *Farrell*

Ms *Forrest* (Chair)

Mr *Gaffney*

Mrs *Hiscutt* (Deputy Chair)

#### **Apology:**

Mr *Mulder*

#### **In Attendance:**

Ms Jenny Leaman (Assistant Committee Secretary)

## **HYDRO TASMANIA**

At 7.56 am the following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

**Hon Matthew Groom MP**, Minister for Energy

**Mr Grant Every-Burns**, Chairman

**Mr Stephen Davy**, Chief Executive Officer

**Mr Miles Smith**, Chief Financial Officer

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

#### **Questions on Notice**

- Has the Government responded to the 6 monthly review of the Energy Strategy (MG)

The Committee suspended at 9.20 am

The Committee resumed at 9.38 am

The witnesses withdrew at 10.39 am

The Committee suspended at 10.39 am

The Committee resumed at 10.52 am

## **TASNETWORKS PTY LTD**

At 10.52 am the following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

**Hon Matthew Groom MP**, Minister for Energy

**Lance Balcombe**, Chief Executive Officer

**Dan Norton**, Chairman of the TasNetworks Board

**Ross Burridge**, General Manager Finance & Business Services

**Bess Clark**, General Manager Strategy & Stakeholder Relations

**Linda Manaena**, Communications and Brand Leader

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

### **Question on Notice**

- Please provide a list of mini hydro schemes (RA)

The witnesses withdrew at 12.23 pm.

[Mr *Armstrong* retired at 12.23 pm]

The Committee suspended at 12.23 pm

The Committee resumed at 1.16 pm

## **TASMANIAN PORTS CORPORATION PTY LTD**

At 1.16 pm the following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

**Hon Rene Hidding MP**, Minister for Infrastructure

**Dr Dan Norton**, Chairman

**Paul Weedon**, CEO

**Geoff Duggan**, Chief Financial Officer

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

### **Question on Notice**

- Was there an independent valuation of the Triabunna Wharf (CF)

The Committee suspended at 2.35 pm

The Committee resumed at 2.52 pm

The witnesses withdrew at 3.39 pm

**Next Meeting**

10 am on Friday, 11 December 2015 (via teleconference).

The Chair (or southern based Member) is to present the report of the Committee to the Acting President out of session during the week commencing 14 December 2015 (subject to the availability of the Acting President) at a time to be confirmed.

**Adjournment**

At 3.46 pm the Committee adjourned until Friday, 11 December 2015.

**DATE: 11/12/15**

**CONFIRMED**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Jones', written in a cursive style.

**CHAIR**