



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INQUIRY INTO THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF TAsRAIL

The Legislative Council Government Administration Committee 'A' has recently determined to inquire into the financial sustainability of TasRail, with particular reference to:

- The financial position of TasRail taking into account the half yearly financial position;
- Factors impacting on the ongoing and future financial performance of TasRail including:
  - State and Federal funding;
  - The projected cost of current programs for upgrading above and below rail assets and infrastructure;
  - The expected return on investment allowing for depreciation; and
  - The profitability of lines by type of freight carried, including bulk cargo and diversified freight;
- The social, economic and environmental benefits of rail transport (if any) compared with road and other surface transport modes;
- The opportunities and barriers, social, economic and environmental benefits and the opportunity cost of foregone road infrastructure with regard to commuter and tourist passenger rail services; and
- Any matters incidental thereto.

The Committee invites written submissions from interested individuals or organisations addressing the above terms of reference. Electronic submissions are preferred and can be forwarded to the Inquiry Secretary at [tasrail@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:tasrail@parliament.tas.gov.au). Alternatively, written submissions can be forwarded to:

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**Submissions should be received no later than close of business, Friday 31 July 2015.**

Submissions become the property of the Committee and should not be disclosed to any party prior to the Committee's final report. The Committee's Terms of Reference and other information are also available on the Parliament of Tasmania website ([www.parliament.tas.gov.au](http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au)) or by contacting the Inquiry Secretary.