



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE A

INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE

That Government Administration Committee 'A' 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.