



Interim Report Release

The Taskforce released its Interim Report on 21 December 2016. The Interim Report presents the Taskforce's assessment of Tasmania's energy security risks, and identifies strengths and areas which require action to improve Tasmania's energy security.

The Interim Report affirms that Tasmania's energy security is the responsibility of the Tasmanian Government, and it sets out recommendations to clarify the roles and strengthen the frameworks that support the Government in achieving this responsibility.

The Taskforce assesses that there is no immediate risk to energy security after the higher than average rainfall this past winter.

The Taskforce has recommended five priority actions for the Tasmanian Government.

1. Define energy security and responsibilities.
2. Strengthen independent energy security monitoring and assessment.
3. Establish a more rigorous and more widely understood framework for the management of water storages.
4. Retain the Tamar Valley Power Station as a backup power station for the present and provide clarity to the Tasmanian gas market.
5. Support new on-island generation and customer innovation.

These priority actions are supported by 32 recommendations and focus on ensuring Tasmanians can have confidence that their demand for energy is secure and, importantly, that there is a robust framework for monitoring and responding to risks.

To view the Interim Report please go to: www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/tasmanian_energy_security_taskforce/interim_report

Stakeholder feedback on the Interim Report and the proposed content of the Final Report is welcomed by the Taskforce. Please send any feedback to energysecuritytaskforce@stategrowth.tas.gov.au by COB 20 January 2017.

Meeting with Dr John Tamblyn

The Taskforce has continued to engage with the joint Australian and Tasmanian Governments feasibility study into a second Bass Strait interconnector, which is being undertaken by Dr John Tamblyn.

Mr Geoff Willis and the Secretariat have met with Dr Tamblyn and his Taskforce on two occasions in October and early December 2016. These meetings facilitated discussions around the relative key work streams of both studies/reviews.

What's on the horizon?

The Taskforce will now turn its attention to developing its Final Report, which is due to be delivered in June 2017. In support of this, we will be:

- reviewing feedback on the Interim Report and the proposed direction for the Final Report;
- continuing key stakeholder engagement;
- undertaking more detailed scenario analysis; and
- developing internal working papers which will be the basis of the content for the Final Report.

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Please note the office of the Taskforce Secretariat will be closed from 24 December 2016 to 2 January 2017.

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