

Independent Assurance Practitioner’s Review Report

To the Australian Energy Regulator and the Directors of Tasmanian Networks Pty Ltd

Report on the Review of the Non-Financial Information and Basis of Preparation

Conclusion

I have conducted a limited assurance review of the non-financial information in the transmission data templates (Non-Financial Information) titled:

- TasNetworks-(T) Workbook 2 MIC 2016-Dec-22-Public.xlsm
- TasNetworks-(T) Workbook 2 MIC 2017-Dec-22-Public.xlsm
- TasNetworks-(T) Workbook 2 MIC 2018-Dec-22-Public.xlsm
- TasNetworks-(T) Workbook 2 MIC 2019-Dec-22-Public.xlsm
- TasNetworks-(T) Workbook 2 MIC 2020-Dec-22-Public.xlsm
- TasNetworks-(T) Workbook 2 MIC 2021-Dec-22-Public.xlsm
- AER MIC Data Template – V7 – TasNetworks 2022.xlsm

of Tasmanian Networks Pty Ltd (the Company) for the regulatory year ended 30 June 2023, which has been prepared in accordance with the Company’s Basis of Preparation in response to the 2024-29 Reset Regulatory Information Notice (the Notice) issued by the Australian Energy Regulator.

In addition, I have conducted a limited assurance review of the Basis of Preparation’s compliance with the requirements of the Notice, as it relates to the Non-Financial Information, for the regulatory year ended 30 June 2023.

The Australian Energy Regulator requires the Non-Financial Information and the accompanying Basis of Preparation for the performance of a function conferred on it under Division 4 of Part 3 of the *National Electricity (Tasmania) Law*, namely to set the service target Performance incentive scheme (STPIS) targets for the 2024-2029 regulatory control period as outlined in the Notice issued to the Company on 26 October 2022.

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the Non-Financial Information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of the Notice and the Company’s Basis of Preparation. In addition, the Basis of Preparation as it relates to the Non-Financial Information complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Notice.

Basis for Conclusion

My review of the Non-Financial Information was conducted in accordance with Australian Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* in order to state whether anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the Non-Financial Information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Notice and the Company's Basis of Preparation.

My review of the compliance of the Basis of Preparation as it relates to the Non-Financial Information has been conducted in accordance with Australian Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3100 *Compliance Engagements* to provide limited assurance. My procedures have been undertaken to form a conclusion that nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the Basis of Preparation has complied in all material respects, with the Notice.

My procedures consisted of primarily making enquiries and applying analytical and other review procedures. My engagement provides limited assurance as defined in ASAE 3000 and ASAE 3100. A limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly I do not express an opinion providing reasonable assurance.

I believe that the evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my conclusion.

Restricted Distribution and Use

Without modifying my conclusion, I draw attention to the fact that the Non-Financial Information and Basis of Preparation is prepared to assist the Company to meet the requirements of the Notice. As a result, the Non-Financial Information and Basis of Preparation may not be suitable for another purpose. My report is intended solely for the Company and the Australian Energy Regulator and should not be distributed to, or relied upon by, any other parties.

Management's Responsibility for the Non-Financial Information and Basis of Preparation

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Non-Financial Information in accordance with the Notice and the Basis of Preparation. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Non-Financial Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Management is also responsible for the preparation of the Basis of Preparation consistent with the Notice.

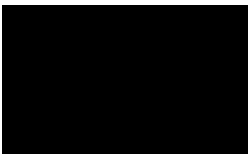
Assurance Practitioner’s Responsibility for the Review for the Non-Financial Information and Basis of Preparation

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Non-Financial Information based upon my review. My responsibility is also to express a conclusion on compliance, in all material respects, of the Basis of Preparation with the requirements of the Notice, as it relates to Non-Financial Information.

Independence and Quality Management

I have complied with the independence and other relevant ethical requirements, which are founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

The Tasmanian Audit Office applies Auditing Standard ASQM 1, *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements*, which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.



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31 October 2023
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