



Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts

Media Advisory

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Inquiry into the Financial and Operational Performance of TasWater

Following an initial targeted inquiry into TasWater's 2026–2030 Price and Service Plan as released by the Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator and ongoing significant public interest, the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts has resolved, in accordance with section 6(2) of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1970*, to further inquire into and report on the financial and operational performance of TasWater.

The following Terms of Reference will inform the inquiry and examine:

- the balance between TasWater's financial and operational settings, statutory objectives and financial arrangements
- the implications of those settings for the State's housing supply priorities under the National Housing Accord
- TasWater's financial relationship with its owner councils, including dividends, capital investment and customer pricing
- implementation of the 2026–2030 Price and Service Plan, and
- the decision to end the 24-month remission on fixed charges for newly subdivided lots, including its rationale, financial impact and associated consultation.

At this stage, the Committee is not seeking public submissions and will be considering the evidence received from targeted key stakeholders. Evidence received to date is available on the Committee website.

The Members of the Committee are:

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Hon Ruth Forrest MLC (Chair)

Hon Luke Edmunds MLC

Hon Bec Thomas MLC (Deputy Chair)

House of Assembly

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