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### **TasWater to review select committee terms of reference**

Following the decision by the Legislative Council to establish a select committee to inquire into and report on its operations, TasWater will carefully consider the terms of reference, and wait for further detail regarding the committee's plans.

TasWater CEO Michael Brewster said that as a publicly owned utility, the community expects a high degree of transparency and that TasWater will fully co-operate with the enquiry.

"I am confident the committee process will highlight how the business is working hard to provide customers with essential water and sewerage services.

"TasWater's operations are heavily scrutinised, including annually by parliamentary committees and the Office of the Economic Regulator whose most recent report was published in May of this year. We work with a number of other regulators including the Department of Health on water quality, DPIPWE on wildlife impacts and dam safety, and the EPA on environmental matters.

"We will continue to work closely with our regulators and both houses of the Tasmanian Parliament to ensure we are transparent and accountable to our customers and shareholders.

"Our focus at the moment is the safety of our staff and customers, and ensuring we can provide support to our customers who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19.

"We also have staff working in the field seven days a week making sure we are still delivering on our primary role of maintaining access to clean drinking water and efficient sewerage services.

"Regarding the issue of industrial and commercial trade waste compliance, we have made a concerted effort to listen to our customers and act on this feedback and have put in place a number of tailored support programs to assist commercial customers with meeting their compliance obligations."

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