

Hydro Tasmania's Electricity Contracting Guidelines

- A. Hydro Tasmania has a finite capability to contract with Tasmanian energy retailers and large industrial loads, and to provide firming prior to Marinus Link being operational.
- B. Hydro Tasmania is working with the Tasmanian Government to finalise a framework for prioritising and allocating this resource in a way that is sustainable for Hydro Tasmania and in the best interests of the State (the Framework).
- C. Once finalised, it is intended the Framework will be authorised under section 51(1) or section 88 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth)* (Authorisation).
- D. To ensure that Hydro Tasmania does not pre-empt the final outcome of the Framework or the terms of Authorisation, Hydro Tasmania is applying the following principles to guide discussions with existing and potential customers:
 1. Hydro Tasmania will continue to deal with Tasmanian energy retailers on the basis it has been dealing with them to date.
 2. Hydro Tasmania will negotiate potential new contracts with existing large industrial energy customers whose current contracts expire on or before 31 December 2025.
 3. Hydro Tasmania will negotiate potential firming with either loads or generators where that firming:
 - a) facilitates an existing load contracting with new Tasmanian variable renewable generation; and
 - b) where this does not reduce Hydro Tasmania's capability to contract or provide firming.
 4. Hydro Tasmania will negotiate potential firming with either loads or generators (new or existing) not covered by paragraphs 2 and 3 on the basis that:
 - a) any potential transaction will be subject to, and negotiated terms will depend on the detail of, the Framework and the terms of Authorisation; and
 - b) negotiations do not signal any representation and will be conducted on the basis that neither party is relying on any expectation or assumption, that any potential transaction will be executable under the Framework and the terms of Authorisation.
 5. Other than as provided for in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, any transaction outside the terms of the Framework and the terms of Authorisation will be subject to individual authorisation.
 6. All transactions provided for in paragraphs 2 to 5 are also subject to Hydro Tasmania Board approval.