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Dear Project Team

**RE: Future Regulation of the Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Sector Part A**

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the *Future Regulation of the Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Sector Part A - Proposed Position Paper November 2007* - Prepared by SAHA Pty Ltd.

Hydro Tasmania has previously provided two submissions to your process in which we included information on:

- our central role in water management in Tasmania;
- our water management capability; and
- the need to protect our ability to produce electricity.

The current paper outlines proposed roles and responsibility models which, if implemented, are likely to have implications for our business. We expect with the development of Part B to have a better understanding of how the consultants see the various interactions working.

In this context, key points for Hydro Tasmania are:

- further consideration needs to be given to the roles of significant water managers such as Hydro Tasmania in terms of water resource management, demand and supply planning, and environment; and
- future water allocations and licences to 'service providers' under the proposed model need to recognise potential impacts on existing users. This may include an upstream constraint on power production and/or a need for high surety water downstream then special arrangements must be entered into with Hydro Tasmania.

We look forward to contributing further to the Review process in early 2008.

Yours sincerely

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