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## Dear Senator Urquhart

Thank you for your letter of 1 December 2014 requesting that the Tasmanian Government reconsider a written submission to the inquiry into electricity network companies.

The Government's views on past network price increases is reflected in its recently released draft Energy Strategy, as are the actions the Government intends to take unilaterally and through the COAG Energy Council to ensure future sustainable network pricing.

A copy of the Strategy can be found at: http://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/energy/strategy

Yours sincerely

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