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Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Thank you. I have a couple of quick questions on Tasmania. Are there any projects being considered in Tasmania at the moment, Mr Yates?

Mr Yates: I might have to come back on notice, but my recollection is that we do not see a large pipeline of projects in Tasmania, other than one project we have been looking at which relates to a pellet mill, in relation to wood pellets for export. The other one would be Basslink, obviously—

Senator WHISH-WILSON: That is the one I was particularly interested in, because during the election Minister Hunt flew in and visited the northwest and said that this was something that was being looked at. Is it being considered for financing? Have you received a proposal from the state government?

Mr Yates: No, we have not received a proposal from the state government. We have been actively involved with Dr Tamblyn in relation to a review of that project. He is due to bring out his report—I do not know whether it is imminent, but maybe within the next month—about a review of the viability of a second interconnect to Tasmania.

Dr de Brouwer: I think his report is being finalised at the moment.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Any idea when that might land, just as a matter of interest?

Dr de Brouwer: No, sorry, but it is soon.

Answer:

The Commonwealth and Tasmanian governments released the final joint Australian and Tasmanian Government feasibility study (Tamblyn Report) on 20 April 2017.