

TERM OF REFERENCE 5: TRANSITION FROM RESPONSE TO RECOVERY

The effectiveness of transition from response to recovery in the week following the June floods; including capacity and priorities for infrastructure repair, and immediate assistance payments.

1 DAMAGE TO HYDRO TASMANIA'S ASSETS AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

- (a) In the week after the floods, Hydro Tasmania's efforts were focussed on assessment of damage to our assets, making all impacted sites safe, and ensuring functional access to all operational sites. Production and Maintenance staff based in the north of the state took the lead in this effort, and liaised closely with staff from local councils, Department of State Growth and Forestry Tasmania. To coordinate our flood recovery efforts, Hydro Tasmania nominated a senior resource as a flood recovery coordinator, and allocated a project manager to the task of commencing repair works.
- (b) The flood recovery coordinator collated all the damage assessments from the affected regions and produced a single register of all affected assets and sites and developed cost estimates for repair works to restore functionality. A simple prioritisation process was then applied to the register of sites based on site criticality, production impacts, safety and other factors. The result of this assessment was a list of over 100 affected sites rated as high, medium or low priority for repair.
- (c) Hydro Tasmania's assets sustained around \$4 million worth of damage, mostly caused from inundation, debris damage or high flow scouring and eroding earthen structures.

2 LONGER TERM REPAIRS

- (a) Most high priority repairs were completed in the four months following the flood, and focus now moves to remaining medium priorities. We have spent over \$2 million on repairs to October 2016. It may be some time before the lower priority repairs are completed. These repair works are being funded out of our normal capital and operating budgeting arrangements.

3 HYDRO TASMANIA'S INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER AGENCIES

- (a) Hydro Tasmania has continued to work closely with other agencies involved in the flood recovery effort.
- (b) In particular, we had representation on the Tasmanian Flood Recovery *Infrastructure Recovery Planning Meetings* coordinated by Department of Premier and Cabinet and SES from July onwards.