

**Economic forecasts for the Transgrid forecast – April 2006**

	Population	GSP	Sydney CPI	Nominal average electricity price	Nominal average gas price	Standard variable home loan rate (level %)
<b>Base Scenario – annual growth rate (%)</b>						
2003/04	0.6	1.3	2.2	1.2	3.0	7.1
2004/05	0.7	1.2	2.5	3.5	3.3	7.3
2005/06	0.8	1.6	2.8	4.7	3.9	7.6
2006/07	0.8	2.1	3.2	5.3	4.5	7.6
2007/08	0.9	2.7	3.0	5.0	4.3	7.3
2008/09	0.9	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.0	7.3
2009/10	0.9	1.4	2.8	1.6	3.7	7.1
2010/11	0.9	2.7	2.7	1.4	1.5	6.8
2011/12	0.9	2.9	2.5	4.0	3.3	7.3
2012/13	0.9	2.8	2.7	4.1	3.6	7.3
2013/14	0.9	2.7	2.8	3.8	3.9	7.1
2014/15	0.9	2.8	2.6	1.3	1.4	6.8
2015/16	0.9	3.0	2.6	3.1	3.1	6.8
<b>High Scenario – annual growth rate (%)</b>						
2003/04	0.6	1.3	2.2	1.2	3.0	7.1
2004/05	0.7	1.2	2.5	3.5	3.3	7.3
2005/06	0.8	1.6	2.8	4.7	3.9	7.6
2006/07	1.0	3.4	2.4	4.5	5.0	7.9
2007/08	1.1	3.6	2.2	3.4	4.9	7.8
2008/09	1.1	3.4	1.7	1.9	4.0	7.8
2009/10	1.1	2.3	2.0	-0.6	4.2	7.4
2010/11	1.1	3.7	2.0	0.9	0.8	7.3
2011/12	1.1	4.0	1.9	2.6	3.7	7.8
2012/13	1.1	3.4	2.2	2.7	3.8	7.7
2013/14	1.2	3.6	2.3	0.7	4.0	7.5
2014/15	1.1	3.7	1.9	2.3	3.6	7.4
2015/16	1.1	3.8	1.8	2.4	3.0	7.3
<b>Low Scenario - annual growth rate (%)</b>						
2003/04	0.6	1.3	2.2	1.2	3.0	7.1
2004/05	0.7	1.2	2.5	3.5	3.3	7.3
2005/06	0.8	1.6	2.8	4.7	3.9	7.6
2006/07	0.6	1.4	4.2	7.8	5.0	6.9
2007/08	0.7	1.8	4.1	7.2	5.0	6.9
2008/09	0.7	1.7	4.1	6.1	4.7	6.8
2009/10	0.7	0.7	4.3	3.3	4.8	6.3
2010/11	0.7	1.7	3.7	3.2	3.2	6.3
2011/12	0.6	2.0	3.6	6.1	4.2	6.7
2012/13	0.7	1.3	3.9	6.2	4.4	6.6
2013/14	0.7	1.8	4.0	4.7	4.6	6.5
2014/15	0.7	2.0	4.0	6.5	4.6	6.3
2015/16	0.7	2.0	4.0	5.5	4.4	6.3

- Notes:
1. Population growth is the average annual growth rate. The historical data was from the ABS.
  2. GSP or gross state product estimates are sourced from the ABS and NIEIR.
  3. Sydney CPI is the ABS Consumer price index, Sydney. It is the average annual growth rate.
  4. Nominal electricity and gas prices.
  - 5 Standard variable home loan interest rate sourced from RBA and NIEIR.

Sources: Electricity prices in Australia, ESSA, NIEIR, Australian Gas Association.