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Invitation

Microeconomic Reform in Western Australia - Release of Inquiry Draft Report

FRIDAY, 11 APRIL 2014, FROM 10:00-11:30 AM
THE PAVILION, LEVEL 1, BANKWEST PLACE
300 MURRAY STREET, PERTH, WA

MORNING TEA PROVIDED

Registration essential: RSVP to records@erawa.com.au by Wednesday, 9 April 2014

The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA), supported by the Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre, invites you to the launch of the release of the ERA's Draft Report on the Inquiry into Microeconomic Reform in Western Australia.

The ERA, with input from many stakeholders, has developed a package of microeconomic reform measures to improve the efficiency and productivity of the Western Australian economy. The Inquiry, requested by the Treasurer, focusses on increasing choice for consumers and businesses and increasing opportunities for Western Australian businesses to compete nationally and internationally.

Mr Lyndon Rowe, Chairman of the Economic Regulation Authority, will present the findings from the Draft Report of the Inquiry into Microeconomic Reform and the challenges posed by reform.

Topics considered in the Draft Report include:

- Decisions on public infrastructure
- Government ownership of assets and businesses
- Red tape
- State taxes
- Retail trading hours
- Taxi industry
- Potato marketing

At the conclusion of the Chairman's presentation, there will be a question and answer session, followed by an opportunity to discuss the findings from the Draft Report with senior staff from the Economic Regulation Authority over morning tea.



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About the Economic Regulation Authority

The Economic Regulation Authority is the independent economic regulator for Western Australia and an independent advisory body to the State Government. The ERA's functions are designed to maintain a competitive, efficient and fair commercial environment for the benefit of the Western Australian community.

In its regulatory role, the ERA assesses the terms and conditions, including prices, offered by owners of monopoly infrastructure to third parties in the gas, electricity and rail industries. It also licenses providers of energy and water services and monitors compliance with licensing conditions. The ERA also has a range of responsibilities in gas retailing and surveillance of the State's wholesale electricity market.

In its advisory role, the ERA inquires into and reports on matters referred to it by the State Government. Inquiries, such as this Inquiry into Microeconomic Reform in Western Australia, and the reports which follow, generally involve extensive public consultation. Unlike its regulatory role, the ERA is not a decision-maker when undertaking inquiries, but makes recommendations to the State Government.

The ERA makes its decisions and provides advice independent of industry, government, or other interests and is not subject to State or Ministerial direction in carrying out its regulatory or inquiry functions. In making its decisions, the ERA strives to ensure consumers receive quality services for a reasonable price.

About the Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre

The Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre is an independent economic and social research organisation within the Curtin Business School at Curtin University. The Centre was established in 2012 through the generous support of Bankwest (a division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia), with a mission to examine the key economic and social policy issues that contribute to the sustainability of Western Australia and the wellbeing of Western Australian households.

Pre-registration is necessary to attend the presentation. Please RSVP to records@erawa.com.au by Wednesday, 9 April 2014.

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