



Notice

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Inquiry into Microeconomic Reform in Western Australia

FINAL REPORT

The Treasurer, Dr Michael Nahan, has tabled the Economic Regulation Authority's (**ERA's**) Final Report on its *Inquiry into Microeconomic Reform in Western Australia (Inquiry)* in Parliament on 28 July 2014.

In July 2013, the former Treasurer, Mr Troy Buswell, gave written notice to the ERA to undertake an inquiry into microeconomic reform priorities for Western Australia. The objective of the Inquiry was to identify the most advantageous package of microeconomic reform measures that the Western Australian Government could implement to improve the performance of the Western Australian economy.

In undertaking the Inquiry, the ERA has examined a broad selection of areas of the Western Australian economy. These areas broadly fall into the categories of: infrastructure; addressing disincentives for businesses; and removing barriers to competition. Areas were selected based on their potential to improve the productivity and flexibility of the Western Australian economy, increase choice for consumers and businesses, increase opportunities for businesses to compete for national/international market share; and to reform unnecessary regulation.

In the Final Report, the ERA has made 46 recommendations for reform across the areas examined.

In preparing the Final Report, the ERA conducted three rounds of public consultation. These followed the release of the ERA's Issues Paper, Discussion Paper and Draft Report. During this consultation, the ERA received 169 submissions from stakeholders. The ERA also met with individuals, industry groups, community organisations, and Government Departments during the undertaking of this Inquiry. The ERA would like to thank all those who have been involved in the Inquiry.

The Final Report, along with a series of related fact sheets, is available on the ERA's [website](#).

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