



# Notice

11 November 2014

## **Inquiry into the Efficiency and Performance of Western Australian Prisons**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON ISSUES PAPER**

The ERA is conducting an inquiry into the efficiency and performance of Western Australian prisons (Inquiry). The ERA has published an [Issues Paper](#) to assist interested parties in understanding the scope and objectives of the Inquiry, and to provide guidance on preparing submissions to the Inquiry.

The Inquiry's [Terms of Reference](#), received from the Treasurer on 9 October 2014, requires the ERA to provide advice on the design of appropriate performance standards, incentives, and performance monitoring processes for the prison system, based on economic, market, and regulatory principles.

A key deliverable of this Inquiry is to develop and calculate a set of benchmarks to allow comparisons of the performance of individual prisons in Western Australia.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions in response to the Issues Paper. After considering the responses to the Issues Paper, the ERA will publish a draft report, which will provide an opportunity for further public comment.

The final report of the Inquiry is due to be delivered to the State Government by 8 October 2015, after which the Government will have 28 days to table the report in Parliament.

### **Invitation to Make Public Submissions**

Submissions on matters raised in the Issues Paper are invited before **4:00 pm (WST) Thursday, 19 December 2014**.

Submissions can be made online via the [ERA website](#), via email at [publicsubmissions@erawa.com.au](mailto:publicsubmissions@erawa.com.au), or in hardcopy via mail. Submissions sent via mail should be marked to the attention of the Assistant Director, References.

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## CONFIDENTIALITY

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as being in the public domain and placed on the ERA's website. Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission for which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis for the claim.

The publication of a submission on the ERA's website shall not be taken as indicating that the ERA has knowledge, either actual or constructive, of the contents of a particular submission and, in particular, whether the submission, in whole or part, contains information of a confidential nature, and no duty of confidence will arise for the ERA.

## Key Points

- **The ERA is undertaking an inquiry into options to improve the efficiency and performance of Western Australian prisons.**
- **The closing date for public submissions is 19 December 2014.**
- **The ERA expects to publish a Draft Report in mid-2015. Interested parties will have an opportunity to make a submission in response to the Draft Report.**
- **The Final Report is due to be delivered to the Treasurer on 8 October 2015.**

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