



Notice

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Approval for Western Power to provide a constrained connection to WestGen Pty Ltd's three Byford PV solar farms

DETERMINATION

The Economic Regulation Authority has published a [determination](#) approving an application from Western Power to provide a constrained connection to WestGen Pty Ltd's Byford PV solar farm.

Western Power is exempted from complying with the requirements of Clause 2.5.2.2 of the Technical Rules¹ which will enable it to provide a constrained connection to the Byford PV solar farm. The generation output from the solar farm will be runback (reduced) as required to prevent overloading in the network.

The exemption will apply until the Southern Country Competing Access Group (CAG 81) is operational, or until it is otherwise revoked in accordance with the provisions of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*.

BACKGROUND

Western Power submitted an application to the Authority for an exemption from the Technical Rules on 21 October 2014. As part of the consultation and review process, the Authority published an issues paper and invited interested parties to make submissions on Western Power's application. The Authority received submissions from the [Independent Market Operator](#) and [Community Electricity](#).

The Authority appointed Geoff Brown & Associates to provide [advice](#) on the technical aspects of the application. Western Power submitted an [amended application](#) on 18 December 2014, taking account of concerns raised in the public submissions and technical review.

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¹ Western Power's Technical Rules set out the standard requirements for customer connections. The application was made under section 12.40 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (**Access Code**).