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## Review of the Railways (Access) Code 2000 Draft Report

## INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Economic Regulation Authority (**ERA**) is seeking public comment on the <u>draft report</u> on the review of the *Railways (Access) Code 2000* (**Code**).

A review of the Code is being undertaken pursuant to the provisions of section 12 of the *Railways* (*Access*) *Act* 1998 (**Act**). In February 2015, the ERA invited submissions from interested parties on matters relating to this review and published an issues paper to assist interested parties in making their submissions on the review.

Eleven submissions were received in response to the issues paper. In March 2015, the ERA requested further submissions on the issues of prescriptiveness of the regime and the asset valuation method. Ten further submissions were received in response. The ERA has considered the issues raised in submissions in preparing its draft report, and all submissions have been published on the ERA's website.

The draft report makes six recommendations. These recommendations relate to the prescriptiveness of the regime, section 10 of the Code, timeframes in the Code, and information requirements of railway owners and proponents.

The ERA has also issued a media statement on its website.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions in print and electronic form on the draft report by **4.00 pm (WST) on Friday 23 October 2015.** 

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