



Notice

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Non-Scheme Pipeline Arbitration Guide

The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) has published a [non-scheme pipeline arbitration guide](#) to provide guidance for arbitrators, and any person who may become a party to an access dispute, about the process for resolving disputes. This includes the matters that may be referred to arbitration, timelines and information requirements.

BACKGROUND

A new information disclosure and arbitration framework for non-scheme gas pipelines became operational in Western Australia on 23 December 2017.

One component of the framework provides for the exchange of information between parties during negotiations to achieve access to pipeline services on agreed terms. In the event that negotiations fail, the framework provides an arbitration mechanism to settle disputes.

The *National Gas Rules* require the ERA to publish and maintain a non-scheme pipeline arbitration guide.

The ERA is also required to establish and maintain a pool of suitably qualified and experienced arbitrators who may be appointed to determine access disputes that are referred to arbitration. The list of suitable arbitrators can be found on the [ERA website](#).

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