



Notice

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Water Corporation

Licence renewal application

The Water Corporation has applied to the Economic Regulation Authority to renew its water services licence <u>WL32</u>, which expires on 27 June 2021.

The Water Corporation is a State-owned corporation that provides potable and non-potable water supply, sewerage and drainage services to more than 1.2 million residential and business customers in Western Australia, including the Perth metropolitan area. It also provides bulk water to farms for irrigation.

The ERA invites public comment on the Water Corporation's request to renew WL32.

To renew a licence, the ERA must be satisfied that the licensee:

has, and is likely to retain,

or

will acquire within a reasonable time after the renewal, and is then likely to retain,

the financial and technical resources to undertake the activities authorised by the licence.

Section 13(2)(b) of the *Water Services Act 2012* states that the ERA may renew a licence if it is satisfied that it would not be contrary to the public interest to do so. Section 46 of the Water Act sets out the matters the ERA must take into account (to the extent to which the ERA considers that they are relevant) when making a decision to renew a licence.

The ERA must also have regard to the public interest matters set out in section 26 of the *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003*, which include the long-term interests of consumers.

Invitation for submissions

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on the Water Corporation's request to renew WL32.

Submissions close 4:00 pm (WST), 12 March 2021.

Submissions should be lodged online using the form on our website www.erawa.com.au/consultation.

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