



Notice

23 March 2021

Proposal for Access - Arc Infrastructure

Request for ERA decision pursuant to section 10 of the Railways (Access) Code 2000 – Decision

The Economic Regulation Authority has approved Arc Infrastructure entering into negotiations on AWR's proposal to access part of Arc's freight rail network.

Arc operates a 5,500 kilometre freight rail network across the South West of Western Australia.

Australian Western Railroad Pty Ltd (AWR) has lodged proposals to access part of Arc Infrastructure's freight rail network in the south west of the State. Under the Railways (Access) Code 2000, the ERA's approval is required for negotiations to be entered into by the railway owner if the railway owner considers that the provision of access to railway infrastructure may preclude other entities from access to that infrastructure.

On 20 January 2021, Arc advised the ERA of its opinion that providing access to AWR to the following route sections may preclude other entities from access:

- Avon Yard to West Merredin (part of Route 1)
- West Merredin to Koolyanobbing East (part of Route 1)
- Koolyanobbing East to Kalgoorlie (part of Route 1)
- Cockburn South to Kwinana (part of Route 45).

On 29 January 2021 the ERA published a notice describing AWR's relevant access proposal, referring to Arc's opinion, and inviting written submissions relating to the AWR proposal. The ERA received one submission from Arc Infrastructure. To make its decision to approve Arc entering into negotiations, the ERA has considered Arc's submission, other relevant matters and matters it considers to be in the public interest.

The ERA has approved negotiations on AWR's proposal being entered into by Arc. The [ERA's decision](#) and [Arc's submission](#) are published on the ERA website. Confidential parts of the ERA decision and of Arc's submission have been redacted.

Further information

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