



## Notice

7 April 2021

## **Busselton Water**

## Licence renewal application

The Busselton Water Corporation has applied to the Economic Regulation Authority to renew its water services licence <u>WL3</u>, which expires on 30 September 2021.

Busselton Water holds a water services licence to supply potable water services in the Busselton-Capel and Blackwood groundwater areas, including a two-kilometre offshore zone.<sup>1</sup>

Busselton Water has a 330-kilometre distribution network that supplies 12,860 residential properties and 1,020 business properties in Busselton, Port Geographe, Siesta Park, Vasse and Wonnerup.<sup>2</sup>

The ERA may renew a licence if it is satisfied that:

- The applicant has, and is likely to retain, for each class of water service to be authorised by the licence, the financial and technical ability to provide the service in the operating area or areas to be specified for the service.
- It would not be contrary to the public interest to do so.

Section 46 of the *Water Services Act 2012* 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 Busselton Water's request to renew WL3.

Submissions close 4:00 pm (WST) Wednesday 28 April 2021.

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

The operating area <u>map</u> is available on the ERA website.

The connections data is from the Bureau of Meteorology, Urban National Performance Report, (Part B – The complete dataset 2019-2020) [accessed 31 March 2021].

**Further information** 

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