



Notice

7 September 2021

Determination of Pilbara networks rate of return

Issues paper

The Economic Regulation Authority has published an [issues paper](#) for its determination of the Pilbara networks rate of return.

On 25 June 2021 the *Pilbara Networks Access Code* (PNAC) was gazetted. This regulation implements a light-handed access regime for the Pilbara region. The PNAC covers two Pilbara electricity networks: Alinta Energy's Port Hedland network and Horizon Power's coastal network.

The PNAC specifies that the ERA must determine the rate of return to be applied to the capital base for the first pricing period of up to five years.

In the issues paper the ERA sets out a preliminary approach to determining the rate of return and seeks submissions on how the risks of the Pilbara networks may affect their rate of return.

The ERA will consider these submissions and publish a subsequent draft decision on the Pilbara networks' rate of return.

Invitation for submissions

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on the issues paper.

Submissions close 4:00 pm (WST) Wednesday, 6 October 2021.

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

Further information

General enquiries

Jason Dignard
Ph: 08 6557 7917
jason.dignard@erawa.com.au

Media enquiries

Natalie Warnock
Ph: 08 6557 7933 | Mob: 0428 859 826
media@erawa.com.au