



Notice

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Ringfencing rules for covered Pilbara networks

Publication of submissions

The Economic Regulation Authority has published [submissions](#) received on proposed ringfencing rules submitted by Alinta Energy and Horizon Power under the *Pilbara Networks Access Code*.

The Code commenced on 1 July 2021 and sets out a light-handed access regime to facilitate third-party access to covered networks in the Pilbara region. Currently there are two covered networks - the Alinta Energy Port Hedland network and the Horizon Power coastal network.

The Code requires network service providers that also generate or retail electricity to submit ringfencing rules to the ERA for approval. The ringfencing rules ensure that vertical integration does not lead to a reduction in competition in generation and retail markets.

The rules must ensure that:

- Commercially sensitive information received by the network business is not used outside of the network business or for a purpose other than for which the information was acquired or developed.
- Charges paid by users of the network include only network costs.
- The network business does not discriminate against competitors or in favour of its own, or associates', generation or retail businesses.

The ERA will consider the matters raised in stakeholder submissions before making a decision on the proposed ringfencing rules.

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