



Western Australia

# *Economic Regulation Authority*

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## NOTICE

### INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

#### DISCUSSION PAPER ON RINGFENCING RULES TO APPLY TO WESTERN POWER CORPORATION'S NETWORKS BUSINESS

##### **Invitation to make a submission**

The Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) invites public comment on the ringfencing rules which may be developed to apply to Western Power Corporation's (Western Power) networks business.

To facilitate public comment, the Authority has prepared a discussion paper on ringfencing rules which is available and can be downloaded from the Authority's website at: [www.era.wa.gov.au/electricity/consultationPapers.cfm](http://www.era.wa.gov.au/electricity/consultationPapers.cfm).

##### **Access Code**

The *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (Access Code) provides in Chapter 13 for ringfencing arrangements to ensure that network service providers deal with related businesses and other associates on an arms-length, commercial basis. Chapter 13 gives the Authority powers to monitor and enforce these arrangements, including by establishing ringfencing rules.

Before approving ringfencing rules, the Authority must undertake public consultation in accordance with Appendix 7 of the Access Code. Following consideration of all submissions received by the closing date, the Authority will consider whether to issue draft ringfencing rules and invite further public comment.

##### **Public submissions**

Submissions on the Discussion Paper are invited from all interested parties. Submissions must be received by **4:00pm WST, Thursday 7 April 2005**.

Submissions should be in both printed and electronic form and should be directed to:

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Printed copies of the documentation are available directly from the Authority for \$10.00 per set. Requests for the document can be made to Mr Alistair Butcher at the address above.

### **Confidentiality**

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the Authority's website. The receipt and publication of any submission lodged for the purposes of the Access Code shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has formed an opinion as to whether or not any particular submission contains any information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise from the Authority in these circumstances.

Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission in respect of which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis upon which the claim is made. Any claim of confidentiality will be considered in accordance with the provisions of section 14.14 of the Access Code.

**LYNDON ROWE**  
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