

NOTICE

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ARE INVITED ON DRAFT ELECTRICITY GENERATION TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION, RETAIL AND INTEGRATED REGIONAL LICENCES

The Economic Regulation Authority (the Authority) is seeking public comment on draft electricity licences that will be issued to electricity suppliers throughout Western Australia.

The Authority assumed responsibility for licensing electricity supply services in the State from 1 January 2005, in accordance with the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (Act).

A person or organisation intending to supply or sell electricity in Western Australia must be licensed by the Authority, unless an exemption has been provided under the Act. An electricity supply includes the means to generate, transmit, distribute or sell electricity to customers.

Public comment has been received on an earlier draft of the Generation and Retail Licences. Draft Distribution and Transmission Licences have been developed and comments received from an industry reference group. A review of the comments received has resulted in all the licences being revised and restructured. Following this restructure a draft integrated regional licence has been developed which contains all the elements of the other licence types.

The draft electricity licences and the response paper may be viewed or downloaded from the Authority website: www.era.wa.gov.au/electricity.

Public submissions

Submissions on the draft Generation, Transmission, Distribution, Retail and Integrated Regional Licences are invited from all interested parties. Submissions should be addressed to:

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Submissions may be provided in hard-copy or electronic form and must be received by the Authority by the close of business on Friday, 22 July 2005.

Should you require further information, please contact Adam Phillips on 9213 1900.

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 draft Generation, Transmission, Distribution, Retail and Integrated Regional Licences 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.

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. The treatment of information provided in submissions, including confidential information, will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003*.

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CHAIRMAN

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