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NOTICE

Annual Inquiry into the Water Corporation's Tariffs

The Treasurer of Western Australia gave written notice to the Economic Regulation Authority, dated the 21 February 2007, to undertake an annual inquiry into the Water Corporation's tariffs. The inquiry has been referred to the Authority under section 32(1) of the *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003*, which provides for the Treasurer to refer to the Authority for an inquiry any matter relating to a regulated industry.

The official notice of the reference is available on the Authority's web site.

The annual reviews under this reference are more limited than the major reviews of tariffs, which are envisaged perhaps once every three years. Accordingly, the Authority is not calling for public submissions for this inquiry.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the Authority is to consider and report on:

- the appropriate tariff levels for the Water Corporation's services, based on the Water Corporation's fees and charges submission to Government; and
- the impact of the recommended tariff levels on the Water Corporation's customers and on the State Government's finances.

The Authority is required to make a draft report available to the Treasurer before close of business on 15 March 2007.

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