

NOTICE

Inquiry on Competition in the Water and Wastewater Services Sector

ISSUES PAPER – CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Economic Regulation Authority is to conduct an inquiry into competition in the water and wastewater services sector in Western Australia at the request of the State Government.

Lyndon Rowe, the Authority's Chairman, said the inquiry, which will have direct input from the public, will investigate all possible options for improving the delivery of water and wastewater services in the State, including increased private sector involvement.

The ERA has published an issues paper to help interested parties understand the matters under review and to facilitate public comment and debate. The issues paper, and information on how to make a submission to the Authority, can be obtained from the ERA [web site](#). Submissions on matters raised in the issues paper, with particular reference to the questions posed throughout the document, should be submitted no later than 31 August 2007.

"We will be trying to identify the most efficient and effective ways to provide these services to Western Australian consumers," Mr Rowe said. "I encourage all those with an interest to participate by making a submission."

After considering the responses to the issues paper, the Authority will publish a draft report early in November for further public consultation. The final report for the inquiry will be delivered to the State Government by 31 March 2008, after which it will have 28 days to table the report in Parliament.

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