

## **NOTICE**

### **Inquiry into Developer Contributions to the Water Corporation**

#### **ISSUES PAPER – CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

The Economic Regulation Authority today published an issues paper on its inquiry into the Water Corporation's developer charges and is seeking public comment on the matters raised.

The issues paper, which is available on the Authority's [web site](#), is to help interested parties understand the matters being reviewed by the inquiry and to facilitate public comment and debate.

The inquiry's Terms of Reference require the Authority to examine and make recommendations on the most appropriate charging mechanisms for all of the Water Corporation's developer charges and the level of headworks charges that should apply from July 2008, or as soon as possible thereafter. In doing so, the Authority is required to consider the general principles underpinning developer charges and the approaches used across government businesses in Western Australia, as well as the approaches used by other State and Federal regulators.

Particular areas of focus will include:

- whether standard headworks contributions are an efficient and equitable funding mechanism or whether alternative pricing structures are appropriate;
- whether headworks charges by should vary by location;
- the method of charging for frontal and out of sequence developments;
- the method of setting developer charges for high volume customers in country areas; and
- whether headworks charges should apply to temporary connections.

Information on how to make a submission is contained in the issues paper. Submissions on matters raised, with particular reference to the questions posed throughout the document, should be submitted no later than Friday 14 December 2007.

After considering the responses, the Authority will publish a draft report in March 2008 for further public consultation. The final report for the inquiry is due to be delivered to the State Government by 30 June 2008, after which the Government will have 28 days to table it in Parliament.

## **Confidentiality**

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the Authority's web site.

Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission for which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis upon which the claim is made.

The receipt and publication on any submission on the Authority's web site shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has knowledge, either actual or constructive, of the contents of a particular submission and, in particular, whether the submission in whole or in part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority in these circumstances.

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