

NOTICE

Review of the *Grain Marketing Act 2002*

The Economic Regulation Authority has been asked by the State Government to inquire into the operation and effectiveness of grain marketing in Western Australia, as prescribed by the *Grain Marketing Act 2002*.

The Authority is to consider and report on issues that could affect grain marketing in the State, including the effectiveness of the Grain Licensing Authority. The inquiry will also analyse the net public benefit of the current framework, which includes restrictions on the export of 'prescribed grains' (barley, canola and lupins).

The State Treasurer Eric Ripper gave the Authority written notice of the inquiry on 29 November, under Section 38(1)(a) of the *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003*.

A statutory review of the *Grain Marketing Act 2002* was scheduled for 2007.

The Authority 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 Authority [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 18 January 2008.

After considering responses, the Authority will publish a draft report in March 2008 for further public consultation. The final report for the inquiry will be delivered to the State Government by 27 June 2008, after which the Government has 28 days to table the report in Parliament.

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