



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Dear Ms Hughes

Revised Segregation Arrangements for WestNet Rail

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia (CCI) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the revised Segregation Arrangements for WestNet Rail, arising as a result of ownership changes of this business entity.

CCI's response is based specifically upon WestNet Rail's proposed revisions to the Segregation Arrangements.

CCI notes that the proposed changes are procedural in nature and they merely reflect the changed operational realities that have arisen as a result of the company falling under a new ownership structure. We note a number of the changes are required due to WestNet Rail now being solely involved with below-rail operations, without any links to an above-rail operator as was previously the case.

The Chamber considers that the intended purpose of the Segregation Arrangements and the necessary checks and balances contained within it remain intact. Consequently CCI has no objection to the proposed revisions.

CCI's Senior Adviser, Industry Policy, Andrew Canion would be pleased to provide further detail on this submission. Mr Canion may be contacted on (08) 9365 7688 or email andrew.canion@cciwa.com.

Yours sincerely

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