

NOTICE

Inquiry on Competition in the Water and Wastewater Services Sector

EXTENSION FOR COMPLETION OF FINAL REPORT

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

The Authority published a draft report on 3 December 2007 setting out its draft recommendations and findings. The key recommendation contained in the draft report related to the establishment of an Independent Procurement Entity (IPE) with responsibility for bulk water procurement.

The submissions were generally supportive of increased independence and transparency in bulk water procurement. However, many of the submissions sought additional information and requested that further consultation be undertaken before the Final Report.

As such, the Authority sought and received from the Treasurer an extension for completion of the Final Report from 31 March 2008 to 30 June 2008. The extension will allow the Authority to undertake a further round of consultation focussed solely on matters related to the introduction of an IPE with responsibility for bulk water procurement in the Integrated Water Supply Scheme in the South West.

The Authority intends to release within the next two weeks a Further Consultation Report.

The Authority will deliver a Final Report to the State Government by 30 June 2008, after which the Government will have 28 days to table the report in Parliament.

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