

NOTICE

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS ON:

RECOMMENDATION REPORT - REVIEW OF WATER SERVICES LICENCES AND THE WATER COMPLIANCE REPORTING MANUAL

The Economic Regulation Authority, as the regulator responsible for administering the utility licensing schemes, is seeking public comments on two papers:

- Recommendation Report - Review of Water Services Licences, and
- Water Compliance Reporting Manual.

The Recommendation Report proposes a new licence structure and to review the terms and conditions of water licences. The Authority's objectives in conducting this review are to:

- reflect the current regulatory environment and promote consistent licence regulation across the utility sector;
- improve consistency between operating licences;
- enhance consumer protection and improve compliance;
- reduce the regulatory burden on business, particularly by removing spent, redundant or inappropriate licence provisions and so reduce compliance costs; and
- utilise best practice principles of utility licensing.

The Water Compliance Reporting Manual aims to identify all the compliance and reporting requirements for water supply, sewerage, drainage and irrigation licensees. The manual is structured to reflect the requirements of the proposed new water services operating licence template, which is included in the Recommendation Report and to complement the National Water Performance Framework.

Interested parties are invited to comment on the reasonableness of the proposals in the Recommendation Report and the proposed Water Compliance Reporting Manual.

Copies of the [Recommendation Report](#) and [Water Compliance Reporting Manual](#) are available on the Authority's web site.

Submissions should be in both printed and electronic form and should be received by **4.00pm WST on Friday 16 May 2008**, addressed to:

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