

# Economic Regulation Authority

 WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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# Independent Regulation and Advice Issues for the Mid West

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# Overview

- The Economic Regulation Authority
- Issues for the Mid West

# The Economic Regulation Authority

## Functions

- Administers Access to Infrastructure
- Licenses Service Providers
- Monitors & Regulates Markets
- Inquiries (Referred by Government)

## Features

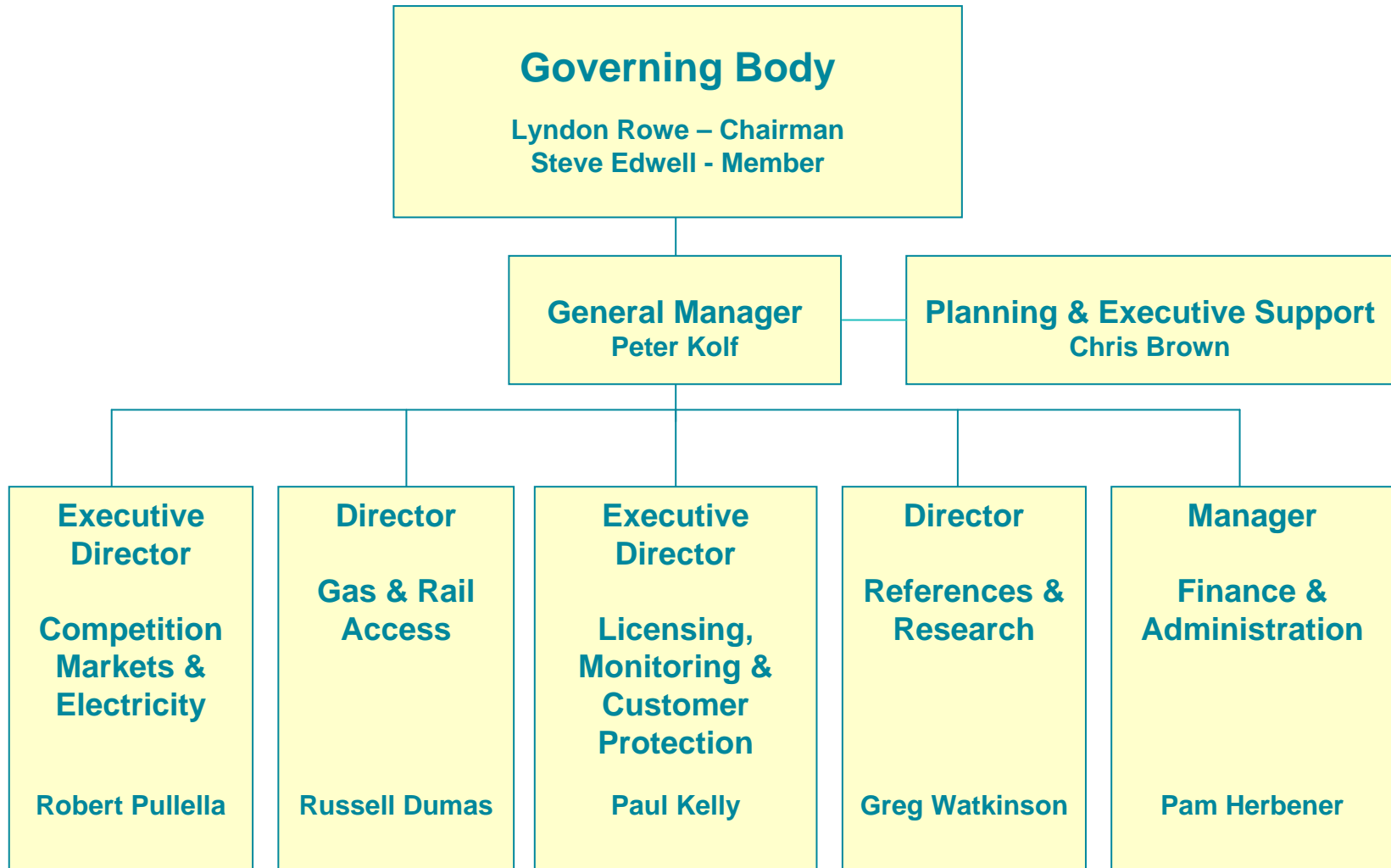
- Independent of Government, Industry & Consumers

# The Governing Body

Full Time Chairman: [Lyndon Rowe](#)

Part Time Member: [Steve Edwell](#)

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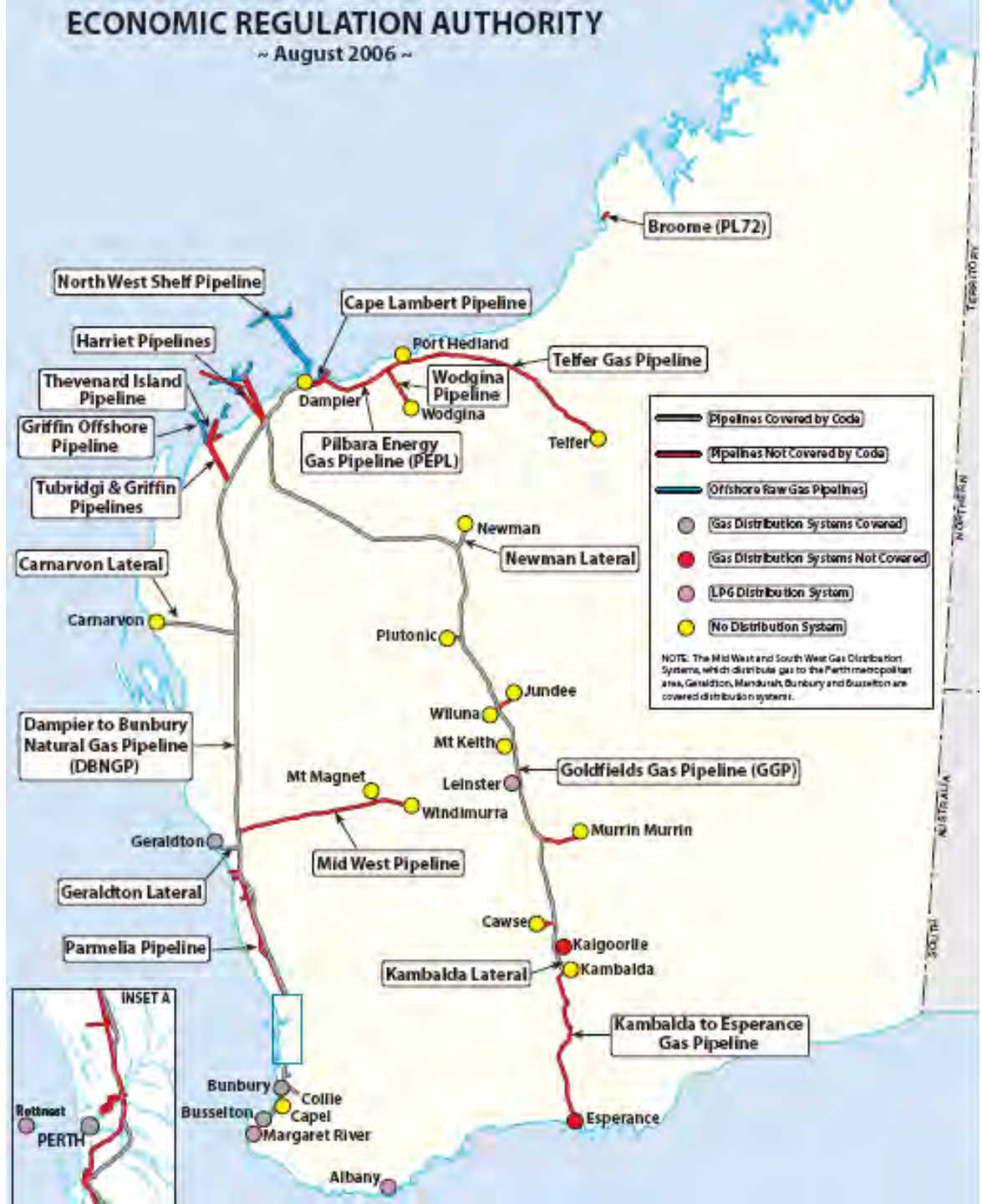


# ECONOMIC REGULATION AUTHORITY

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## Gas Pipeline Infrastructure:

- DBNGP
- GGP
- AGN Dist System
- Kambalda Lateral
- 7 Licences







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## Rail

### Infrastructure:

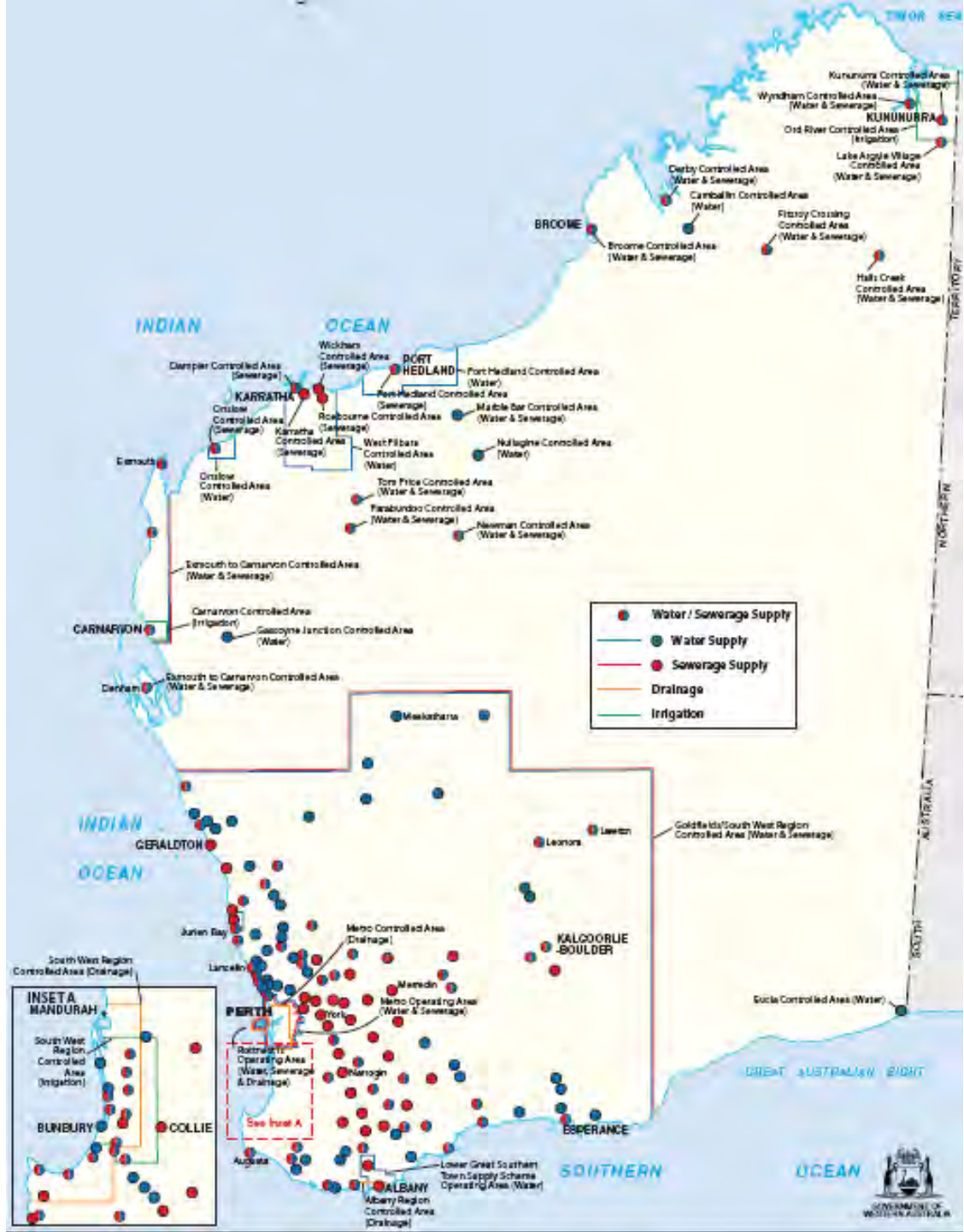
- Westnet Rail
- PTA



# Water

## Services:

- 30 Licences



## Inquiries - Mostly in the Water Industry

1. School Bus Operators' Charter Bus Operations Jul 2007
2. Annual Urban Water & Wastewater Pricing May 2007
3. Harvey Bulk Water Pricing May 2007
4. Country Water & Wastewater Pricing July 2006
5. Esperance – Kalgoorlie Bulk Water Supply Nov 2005
6. Urban Water & Wastewater Pricing Nov 2005

## Current Inquiries

- Competition in the Water & Wastewater Services Sector

## Future Inquiries

- Developer/Headworks Charges: Water & Electricity

# Issues for the Mid West – Rail Infrastructure – ERA role

- Actual developments
- Floor and ceiling prices
- Capacity constraints
- New rail developments
- Largely commercial

# Issues for the Mid West – Electricity Infrastructure

- Access to SWIN Network
- Western Power Capital Expenditure Program
  - 330 kV line to Geraldton
  - Mine and Port electricity supply
- Regulatory Test
- New Facility Investment Test
- Public Consultation

# Issues for the Mid West – Gas Infrastructure

- DBNGP Expansion
- Gas Supply
- Coal Bed Methane

# Conclusions

- Independence
- Understanding the role of the ERA
- Transparency
- Public Consultation



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