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NOTICE

Invitation for Public Submissions

The Pilbara Infrastructure's proposed train path policy and train management guidelines

The Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) is seeking public submissions on amendments to proposals from The Pilbara Infrastructure (**TPI**) for train management guidelines (**TMG**) and train path policy (**TPP**).

On 14 July 2008, the Authority issued a notice inviting public submissions on TPI proposals for TMG and TPP instruments to apply to its recently constructed railway in the Pilbara. This submission period closed on 26 August 2008.

On 27 February 2009, TPI submitted <u>amended TPP</u> and <u>amended TMG</u> proposals to the Authority. The amendments to its previously submitted TPP and TMG proposals, consisted of changes to the text of sections 1.2.2 and 4.2 of their TPP proposal and section 1.3 of their TMG proposal.

These amendments were to the effect that TPI would only apply its TPP and TMG to access agreements negotiated under the Railways (Access) Code 2000 (**Code**) and indicated that TPP dispute resolution procedures would apply to agreements sought under the Code.

Public Submissions

Submissions are invited from interested parties who wish to comment on the amendments to TPI's TPP and TMG proposals, as outlined in its amended proposals. The amendments to these proposals are shown in <u>a track change version of the amended TPP</u> and a <u>track change version of the amended TMG</u> on the Authority's web site.

All submissions should be in both electronic and hard copy form and must be received by 4:00pm WST, Thursday 19 March 2009.

Written submissions should be mailed to:

Mr Jeremy Threlfall Assistant Director Rail Economic Regulation Authority PO Box 8469 Perth BC WA 6849

Electronic submissions should be made to: railnetworks@era.wa.gov.au

In general, submissions made to the Authority will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the Authority's web site. Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission for which confidentiality is claimed and specify in reasonable detail the basis for the claim. Any claim of confidentiality will be considered in accordance with the provisions of Section 50 of the Railways (Access) Code 2000.

The publication of a submission on the Authority's web site shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has knowledge either actual or constructive of the contents of a particular submission and, in particular, whether the submission in whole or part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority.

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