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## NOTICE

### INQUIRY INTO WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING CHARGES

#### RELEASE OF ISSUES PAPER AND CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Economic Regulation Authority has published an issues paper on its inquiry into water resource management and planning charges to help interested parties understand the matters being reviewed and to facilitate public comment and debate.

The Authority has invited submissions on the inquiry, with particular reference to questions posed throughout the issues paper, to be submitted by 12 June 2009. The issues paper and information on how to make a submission can be obtained from the Authority's [web site](http://www.era.wa.gov.au).

The inquiry, requested by the Treasurer Troy Buswell on 2 April, is to provide the State Government with a range of options and recommendations to recover water resource planning and management costs incurred by the Department of Water in the sustainable management of the State's water resources. The Authority must also consider the most appropriate regulatory arrangement for setting service standards for the resource manager.

After considering submissions, the Authority expects to release a draft report in September 2009 for further public consultation. The final report for the inquiry is due to be delivered to the Government by the end of 2009.

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