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NOTICE

Review of the Railways (Access) Code 2000

The Economic Regulation Authority today published an <u>issues paper</u> covering the second review of the *Railways (Access) Code 2000* (**Code**).

The issues paper will assist interested parties make submissions on issues relevant to the review and is available on the Authority's <u>web site</u>.

Section 12 of the *Railways (Access) Act 1998* (Act) requires the Authority to conduct a review of the Code after the third anniversary of its commencement and after the expiry of each 5 yearly interval after that anniversary.

The Code commenced in September 2001 and the first review was undertaken in 2004. Amendments resulting from the first review were gazetted by the Treasurer in June 2009.

The Authority invites submissions from interested parties on this second review of the Code. The Act requires the Authority to prepare a report for the Treasurer at the completion of its review.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions in printed and electronic form on any issues relating to the Code review, by **4:00pm (WST) on Friday, 29 January 2010**.

Submissions should be sent to:

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Electronic submissions should be sent to: <u>publicsubmissions@era.wa.gov.au</u>

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 Code.

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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