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## NOTICE

### **Inquiry into the *Chicken Meat Industry Act 1977***

The Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) will conduct an inquiry into the effectiveness of the *Chicken Meat Industry Act 1977*. The inquiry is at the request of the State Treasurer, the Hon Troy Buswell MLA.

Authority Chairman Lyndon Rowe said that in accordance with the inquiry's Terms of Reference, the Authority will consider how the *Chicken Meat Industry Act 1977* (Act) is currently operating and the issues affecting the chicken meat industry in Western Australia.

The Authority must also consider and develop findings on whether there is a need for legislation to improve stability in the chicken meat industry, or if the Act should be repealed. If there is a need for legislation, consideration must be given to whether the Act in its current form is effective in improving stability or if it should be amended or replaced.

In developing its findings, the Authority must examine the national chicken meat industry and the relative negotiating power of chicken meat growers and chicken meat processors in relation to the terms of contract between them. If any imbalance in negotiating power is found to exist, the Authority must consider whether any intervention is required to redress such an imbalance.

The Authority will shortly publish an issues paper to help interested parties understand the matters under review and to facilitate submissions. The issues paper and information on how to make a submission will be published on the Authority's web site.

After considering the responses to the issues paper, the Authority will publish a draft report for further public consultation.

The final report for the inquiry is due to be delivered to the State Government by 1 November 2010, after which the Government will have 28 days to table the report in Parliament.

A copy of the Terms of Reference is available on the Authority's [web site](#).

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