



NOTICE

Invitation for Public Submissions

ELECTRICITY LICENCE REVIEW 2010 – DISCUSSION PAPER

The Economic Regulation Authority is seeking public comment on the [Electricity Licence Review 2010 Discussion Paper](#).

Commencing 1 January 2005, the Authority was given the role of licensing Western Australian electricity supply services in accordance with the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (WA).

Electricity licence categories include:

- Generation
- Transmission
- Distribution
- Retail
- Integrated Regional

The Authority has made one change to the electricity licence templates since that time with an amendment to the definition of 'customer' in 2009 to match the definition with that contained in the Act.

Consistent with best practice principles, the Authority undertakes regular reviews of licences and has decided to commence a review of all electricity licences.

The Discussion Paper provides background regarding the:

- licensing regime;
- exemptions;
- licensing regimes in other jurisdictions; and
- scope and objectives of this review.

Part 3 of the Discussion Paper provides 32 recommendations for amendments across licence templates.

Part 4 describes the various deviations from the templates that are proposed to be retained for specific licensees. Deviations from the template may be necessary where the Authority or governing legislation has placed licensee specific requirements upon a licensee.

The majority of recommendations are proposed to improve clarity of the clause or consistency between licences or with other laws or regulations.

Some amendments have been proposed to remove redundant provisions, for example, requirements associated with customer service charters are proposed for deletion following the removal of customer service charter requirements from the *Code of Conduct for the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers*.

The Discussion Paper includes a copy of each of the proposed template licences.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions in print and electronic form on the Electricity Licence Review 2010 – Discussion Paper by **4:00 pm (WST) on Friday, 17 September 2010**.

Submissions should be marked to the attention of Ms Lanie Chopping, Assistant Director, Customer Protection.

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