



# CONSULTATION

## New Facilities Investment Test Application for Transmission Works to Supply the Binningup Desalination Plant

### DRAFT DETERMINATION

The Economic Regulation Authority has released its [draft determination](#) on Western Power's application for a new facilities investment test for proposed transmission works to supply electricity to the Binningup Desalination Plant. The application was submitted under section 6.71 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*.

The Authority's draft determination is to not approve Western Power's application for the reason that Western Power's total forecast new facilities investment of \$52.63 million (of which Western Power claimed that \$31.3 million met the new facilities investment test) exceeded the amount that would be invested by a service provider efficiently minimising costs. The Authority has estimated this amount to be \$50.53 million.

### Invitation to make a submission

The Authority invites interested parties to make submissions on the draft determination which is available, with other related documents, on the ERA [website](#).

Submissions in print and electronic form on the draft determination must be received by **4:00 pm (WST) on Friday, 21 January 2011**.

Submissions should be marked to the attention of Manager Projects Access.

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The publication of a submission on the Authority's website 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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