



Notice

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Third Review of the *Railways (Access) Code 2000*

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Economic Regulation Authority today published an [issues paper](#) covering the third 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 [website](#).

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 Authority provided its report on the second review of the Code to the Treasurer in February 2012. Since that time, two access proposals have been made. This issues paper highlights some issues that have arisen in the process of the Authority providing cost determinations in respect of those proposals. In addition, the Economics and Industry Standing Committee of the Parliament of WA has reported on the Management of Western Australia's Freight Rail Lease, and the National Competition Council has reported on the effectiveness of the WA rail access regime. Both of those reports touch on elements of the Code and refer to this review by the Authority.

The Authority invites submissions from interested parties on this 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 Monday, 23 March 2015**.

Submissions should be marked to the attention of Assistant Director, Rail.

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CONFIDENTIALITY

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as being in the public domain and placed on the Authority's website. 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. 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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