



Notice

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Electricity Licence Review 2018

DECISION

The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) has published the Electricity Licence Review 2018 [Decision](#) and amended licence templates:

- [Generation licence template – Marked-up copy](#)
- [Transmission licence template – Marked-up copy](#)
- [Distribution licence template – Marked-up copy](#)
- [Retail licence template – Marked-up copy](#)
- [Integrated regional licence template – Marked-up copy](#)

The ERA will amend all electricity licences by substitution. Each licence will be replaced by a new version incorporating the amendments in the licence templates approved by the ERA. The new licences will take effect on 1 July 2018.

BACKGROUND

The ERA administers the licensing of Western Australian electricity supply services in accordance with the *Electricity Industry Act 2004*. The ERA periodically reviews electricity licences to ensure it maintains a best practice licensing regime. The ERA previously conducted reviews of electricity licences in 2005, 2010 and 2015.

The ERA issues electricity generation, transmission, distribution, retail and integrated regional licences.¹ There are currently 64 electricity licences.

The objectives of this Review were to ensure that electricity licences:

- are consistent with applicable legislation;²
- minimise licensees' regulatory burden and compliance costs;
- have clear and consistent terms and conditions across the licence types; and
- are consistent with water and gas licences where possible.

¹ EIRLs authorise a combination of generation, transmission, distribution and retail services provided outside the South West Interconnected System.

² Applicable legislation includes the Act and its codes and regulations.

The Review's [Discussion Paper](#) was released on 2 February 2018, seeking public comment on proposed amendments to electricity licences. The ERA received four submissions in response to the Discussion Paper. The submissions are available on the ERA [website](#).

On 21 March 2018, the ERA wrote to all electricity licensees giving them 15 business days to comment on the final amended licence templates. No submissions were received in response to the final amended licence templates.

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