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NOTICE

Inquiry into the Tariffs of the Water Corporation, AQWEST and Busselton Water Board

Treasurer Eric Ripper has requested the Economic Regulation Authority to conduct an inquiry into the tariffs of the Water Corporation, AQWEST and Busselton Water Board.

Mr Lyndon Rowe, the Authority's Chairman, said that in accordance with the <u>Terms of Reference</u> for the inquiry, the Authority will examine and make recommendations on the most appropriate charging structures and tariff levels for the utilities' services.

The Authority will consider the cost effectiveness of service supply and the resources necessary to meet required service standards.

The Authority will shortly publish an issues paper to help interested parties understand the matters under review and to facilitate public comment and debate. The issues paper, and information on how to make a submission, will be published on the Authority's <u>web site</u>.

"I encourage all those with an interest to participate in the inquiry by making a submission", Mr Rowe said.

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 15 June 2009, after which the Government will have 28 days to table the report in Parliament.

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