

NOTICE

INQUIRY INTO TARIFFS OF THE WATER CORPORATION, AQWEST AND BUSSELTON WATER

RELEASE OF ISSUES PAPER

Treasurer Eric Ripper has requested the Economic Regulation Authority to undertake an inquiry into the tariffs of the Water Corporation, Aqwest (Bunbury Water Board) and the Busselton Water Board.

The Terms of Reference require the Authority to investigate and report on the appropriate charging structures and recommended tariff levels for the Water Corporation, Aqwest and the Busselton Water Boards' water supply services and for the Water Corporation's wastewater, drainage and other regulated services.

The Authority has published 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](#), can be obtained from the Authority's web site.

Lyndon Rowe, the Authority's Chairman, said he encouraged interested parties to make a submission on the Issues Paper.

"This inquiry provides an opportunity for an extensive review of the operations of the water industry in Western Australia and the outcomes will have a significant impact on future tariffs," he said. "Therefore, I encourage all interested parties to consider the matters raised in the Issues Paper and make a submission."

Submissions, with particular reference to the questions posed throughout the Issues Paper, should be submitted no later than 12 September 2008.

After considering the responses, the Authority expects to release a Draft Report by the end of 2008 before the Final Report is delivered to the State Government by 15 June 2009, after which it has 28 days to table the report in Parliament.

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