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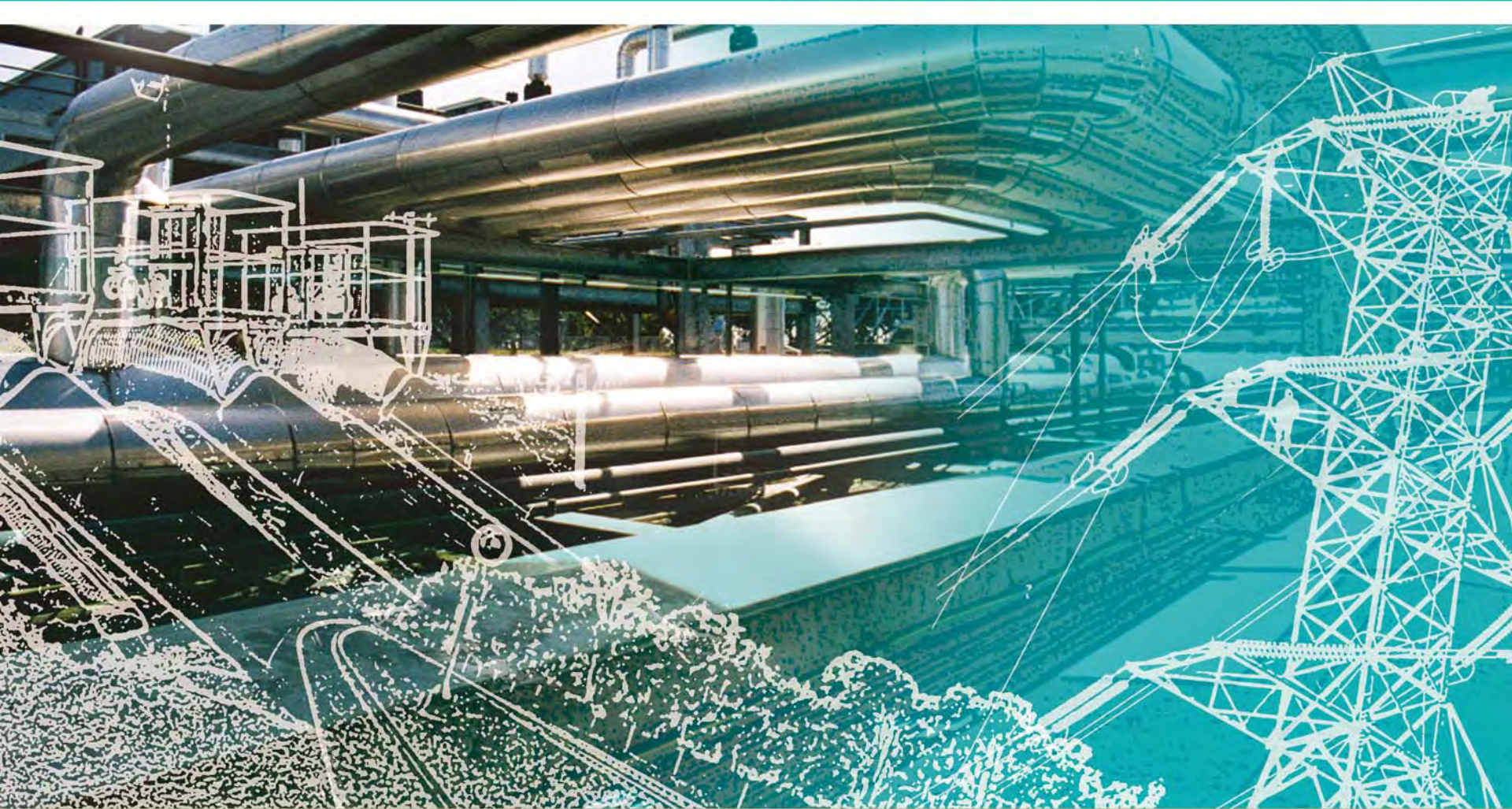
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# Economic Regulation in Western Australia

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# Its Functions in Western Australia

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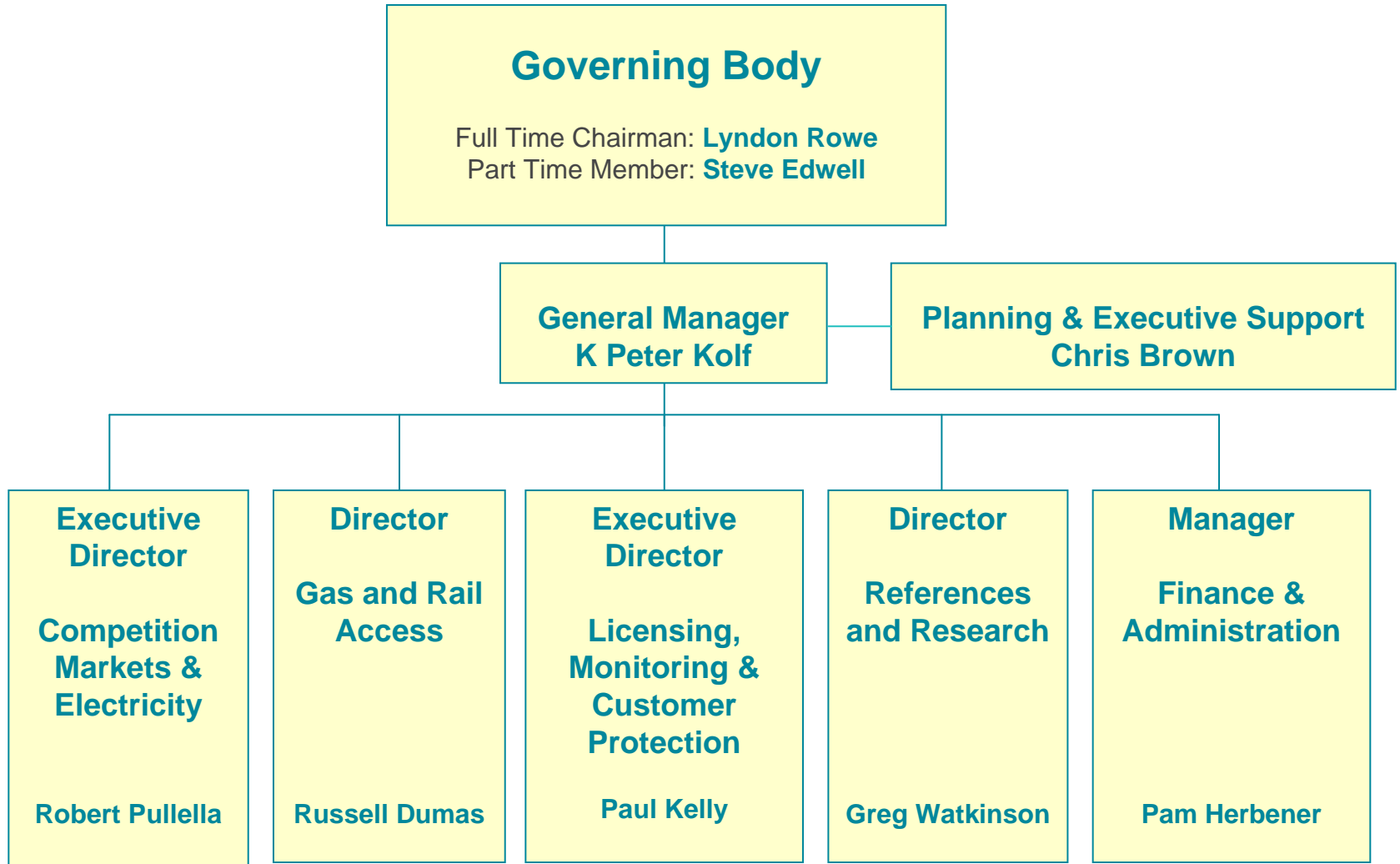
**General Manager**

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# Overview

- The Economic Regulation Authority

  – ERA functions and structure (Peter Kolf)

- Access Regulation (Russell Dumas)

- Regulation of Gas Access (Peter Rixson)

- Rail Regulation In WA (Mike Jansen)

- Conclusions (Russell)

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# Economic Regulation Authority

## Governing Body

Full Time Chairman: **Lyndon Rowe**
Part Time Member: **Steve Edwell**

### General Manager
### K Peter Kolf

### Planning & Executive Support
### Chris Brown

**Executive Director**

**Competition Markets & Electricity**

**Robert Pullella**

**Director**

**Gas and Rail Access**

**Russell Dumas**

**Executive Director**

**Licensing, Monitoring & Customer Protection**

**Paul Kelly**

**Director**

**References and Research**

**Greg Watkinson**

**Manager**

**Finance & Administration**

**Pam Herbener**

# The Economic Regulation Authority

**Functions**

- Administers Access to Infrastructure
- Licenses Service Providers
- Monitors & Regulates Markets
- Inquiries (Referred by Government)

**Features**

- Independent of Government, Industry & Consumers

**Main Areas**

- Gas, Electricity, Water and Rail

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# The Challenge

- Minimise regulatory involvement
- Allow decentralised decision making
- Maximise long term interests of consumers

The challenge is to increasingly identify and define boundaries within which companies, organisations and individuals operate, pursuing their own objectives commercially without the need for intrusive, detailed and centralised systems of planning and control.

This has the potential to see a change in regulation from information intensive and administratively costly approaches to decentralised decision-making through market based approaches.

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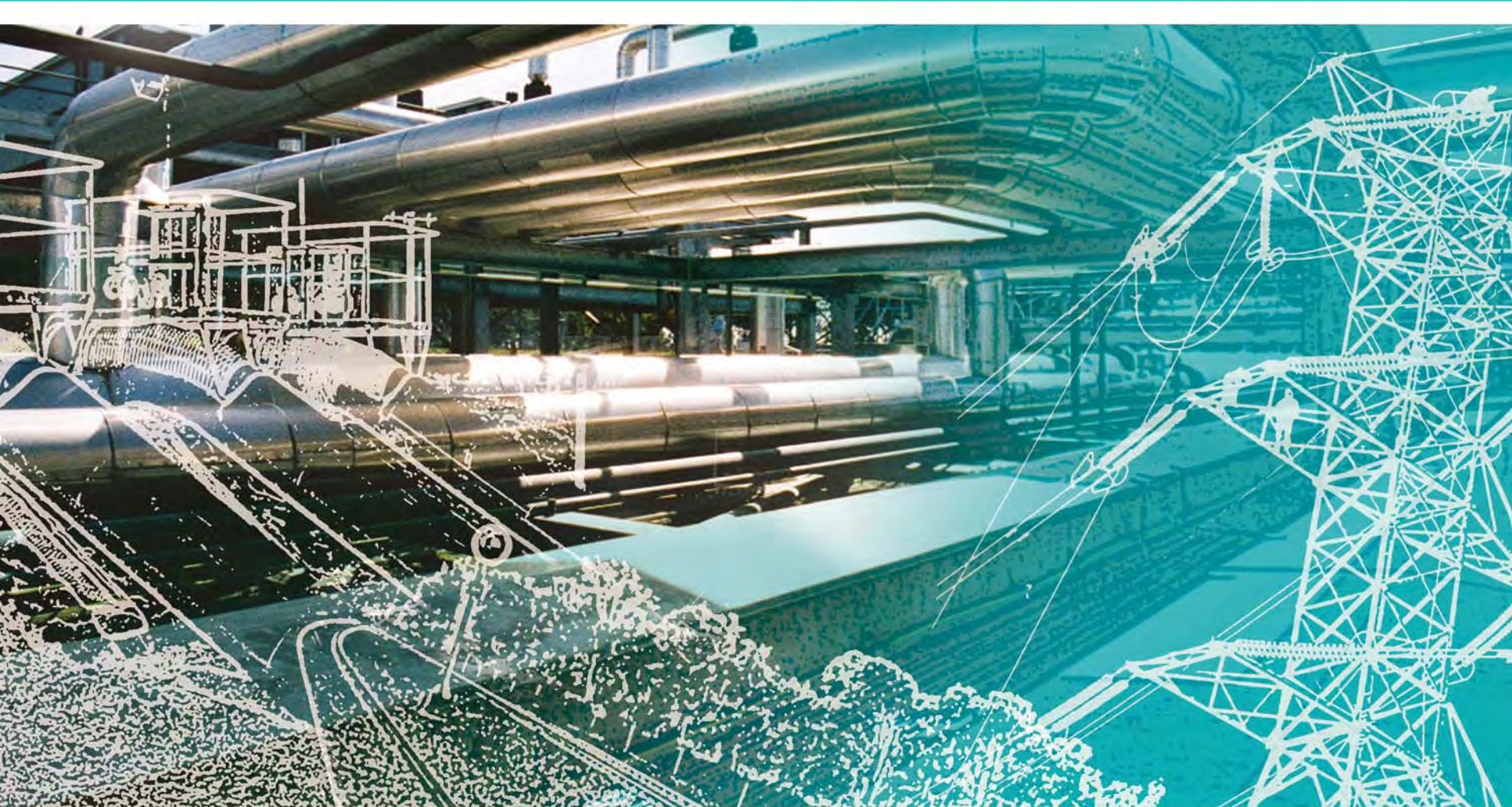Perth Western Australia 6000

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# The Means

- Prevent abuse of monopoly power
- Ensure access to infrastructure
- Promote competition
- Ensure transparency in decision making
- Promote open debate

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