



# Notice

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## 2026 Gas Rate of Return Instrument Review

### Engagement process paper

The Economic Regulation Authority has published a [paper](#) outlining our approach to consultation for the 2026 review of the gas rate of return instrument, and is calling for nominations for consumer representatives, an independent panel and eligible experts.

The gas rate of return instrument is used to estimate the allowed rate of return for regulated gas transmission and distribution service providers in Western Australia. The rate of return provides service providers with the funding to pay interest on any loans and give a return on equity to investors.

The 2026 gas instrument will replace the current gas instrument, which was published in 2022. The ERA is required to review the current instrument and replace it by December 2026.

The National Gas Law prescribes several consultation requirements that the ERA must fulfil to develop the 2026 gas instrument, including to consider the advice, recommendations and submissions given by a consumer reference group, an independent panel and experts.

The ERA is seeking nominations for interested and suitably experienced people for appointment to the consumer reference group and independent panel. Nominations are sought for people with qualifications or experience in relevant fields, for example finance, economics, law, consumer advocacy, institutional investment or as a large gas customer.

### Invitation for nominations

The ERA invites interested parties to nominate suitably experienced people for appointment to the consumer reference group and independent panel, and eligible experts.

Nominations close 4:00pm (WST) Tuesday, 21 October 2025.

Nominations should be lodged online using the form on our [Current Consultation webpage](#).

## **Further information**

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