



# Notice

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## Arc Infrastructure – Depreciated optimised replacement cost and depreciation schedule

### Draft decision

The Economic Regulation Authority has published a draft decision of Arc Infrastructure's depreciated optimised replacement cost (DORC) and depreciation schedule for its regional freight network.

The ERA's draft decision is not to approve Arc's proposal.

An overview of the draft decision along with technical attachments that provide further details and the consultant's report used to inform this decision, are available on the [ERA website](#).

### Background

The *Railways (Access) Code 2000* requires DORC determinations for 221 route sections of Arc's network. A DORC approved or determined by the regulator is the initial regulatory asset base of the route section. The regulatory asset base is the foundation of the assessment of capital costs for a route section which, when added to assessments of operating and other costs, forms the total costs applying to negotiations for an access seeker to access that route.

The depreciation schedule sets out how the initial regulatory asset base is reduced over time.

Arc Infrastructure submitted its statement of the DORC and depreciation schedule to the ERA for approval in accordance with sections 47J and 47K of the *Railways (Access) Code 2000*. The ERA published a notice inviting submissions on 16 June 2025.

We have considered submissions from stakeholders as part of this draft decision, and have also published these submissions on our website.

In the draft decision, the ERA highlights where data may be missing or inadequate and seeks stakeholder input and the provision of more complete information by Arc Infrastructure. This information will be useful for the ERA's final determination.

## Invitation for submissions

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on the draft decision.

Submissions close 4:00pm (WST) Wednesday, 13 May 2026.

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

## Further information

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