



# **Notice**

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## **Ord Hydro**

2025 asset management system review

The Economic Regulation Authority has published the 2025 asset management system review report and the post-review implementation plan for <u>Ord Hydro</u>'s electricity integrated regional licence EIRL4.

Ord Hydro is licensed to operate a 30 megawatt hydroelectric power station at the base of the Ord River dam in the Kimberley. The power station supplies electricity to Horizon Power under a Power Purchase Agreement. Horizon Power on-sells this electricity to the towns of Kununurra, Wyndham and the Lake Argyle Tourist Village using Ord Hydro's transmission lines. Until February 2025, the power station also supplied the Argyle Diamond Mine and it currently supplies electricity to the Kimberley Cotton Gin.

#### The ERA's decision

The ERA considers that Ord Hydro has an effective asset management system and has decided to increase the review period from 36 months to 48 months. The next review will cover the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2029, with the report due to be provided by 31 October 2029.

### **Review findings**

The auditor found that Ord Hydro has an effective asset management system, but it had four deficiencies.

Three of the four deficiencies were because Ord Hydro had not tested some of its contingency plans during the review period or trained staff on the Emergency Response Plan. The remaining deficiency requires Ord Hydro to update its asset management plan to reflect an increased inspection schedule for the power station's turbines.

The auditor made four recommendations to address the asset management deficiencies. The post-review implementation plan states that Ord Hydro will address the recommendations by 30 November 2026.

#### **Further information**

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