



Notice

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Western Power's regulatory test application for Baldivis Zone Substation

Issues paper

The Economic Regulation Authority invites comment on Western Power's proposed augmentation to address capacity constraints at the Waikiki zone substation and growing demand in the Baldivis area. To address these issues, Western Power proposes to construct a new zone substation in Baldivis.¹

Western Power has submitted this proposal to the ERA under Chapter 9 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* for a determination on whether it satisfies the regulatory test.

The regulatory test determines whether the proposed augmentation to the electricity network is the best way of overcoming constraints in the wider electricity system. Western Power must demonstrate that it has properly considered alternative means of overcoming the constraints, such as alternative network or generation investments, or the management of electricity demand.

Western Power must not commit to a major augmentation before the ERA determines that the regulatory test is satisfied.

We have prepared an issues paper to assist interested parties prepare submissions. The issues paper and Western Power's proposal are available on the [ERA's website](#).

Invitation for submissions

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on the issues paper.

Submissions close 4:00pm (WST) Tuesday, 7 April 2026.

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

Further information

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¹ A zone substation is a key part of an electricity network. Its main role is to take high-voltage electricity from the transmission network and convert it to lower voltages that can be sent out through the distribution network to customers.