



Notice

13 May 2014

Consultation

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS - DRAFT AUDIT AND REVIEW GUIDELINES: WATER LICENCES

The Economic Regulation Authority, as the regulator responsible for administering the water licensing scheme, seeks public comment on its draft *Audit and Review Guidelines: Water Licences* (**Guidelines**).

[Audit and Review Guidelines: Water Licences](#)

The Guidelines inform licensees and external auditors about the Authority's requirements for the conduct of licence operational audits (**Audits**) and asset management system reviews (**Reviews**). For water licensees, the Guidelines will replace the *Audit Guidelines: Electricity, Gas and Water Licences*, published in August 2010.

The Guidelines only apply to water licences. There is a different legislative framework applying to Audits and Reviews of electricity and gas licences; the Authority published the *Audit and Review Guidelines: Electricity and Gas Licences* (**Energy Guidelines**) on 22 April 2014.

The Guidelines are based on the Energy Guidelines, but have been amended to reflect the Authority's role in appointing the auditors to undertake Audits and Reviews of water licences pursuant to sections 24 and 25 of the *Water Services Act 2012*. Appendix 5 of the Guidelines provides the reader with an overview of the process proposed by the Authority to regulate the conduct of water licence Audits and Reviews.

The focus of this consultation is the process through which the Authority manages Audits and Reviews, involving the appointment of the auditor, development of the audit plan and finalisation of the report on an Audit or Review.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions on the draft Guidelines by **4:00 pm (WST) on Friday 6 June 2014**.

Submissions should be marked to the attention of the Assistant Director, Monitoring.

Postal address: PO Box 8469, PERTH BC WA 6849

Office address: Level 4, Albert Facey House, 469 Wellington Street, PERTH WA 6000

Email address: publicsubmissions@erawa.com.au

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as being in the public domain and placed on the Authority's website. Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission for which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis for the claim. Any claim of confidentiality will be considered in accordance with the provisions of Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003.



Notice

The publication of a submission on the Authority's website shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has knowledge either actual or constructive of the contents of a particular submission and, in particular, whether the submission in whole or part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority.

For further information contact:

General Enquiries

Paul Reid
Economic Regulation Authority
Phone: 08 6557 7900
Email: records@erawa.com.au

Media Enquiries

Richard Taylor
Riley Mathewson Public Relations
Phone: 08 9381 2144
Email: admin@rmpr.com.au