



Notice

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ERA commences consultation for inquiry into reform of state government business licensing

The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) has commenced consultation for an inquiry into reform of business and occupational licensing.

An overview of the inquiry and a copy of the terms of reference are available on the ERA's [website](#).

WHAT LICENCES ARE COVERED?

The inquiry covers licences that are needed to operate a business or work in an occupation.

The definition of a 'licence' is broad. It captures licences, registrations, notifications, authorisations, accreditations, permits, approvals and certifications.

The focus of the inquiry is on state government licences. Licences that are administered by local governments and national bodies are only in scope if the obligation to administer the licence comes from state government legislation or state government subsidiary legislation.

WHAT IS THE INQUIRY PROCESS AND HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

The inquiry process is set out below.



Stakeholders will be able to provide their views by providing written submissions to the ERA, at hearings and workshops, and in meetings with the ERA.

The ERA is required to provide the Treasurer with its final report, including recommendations, no later than 22 February 2019. The Treasurer must table the final report in each House of Parliament within 28 days after receiving it.

THE INITIAL CONSULTATION PERIOD

The initial consultation period closes at **4:00pm (WST) Tuesday, 3 April 2018**. Stakeholders can provide their views in the following ways.

Submit to the consultation papers

Stakeholders can provide submissions to the ERA on matters covered in the following consultation papers:

- Consultation paper 1: Identifying priority areas for reform
- Consultation paper 2: Analytical framework and guideline

The first consultation paper on identifying priority areas for reform is intended for a broad audience that includes businesses and consumers, as well as policy makers and licence administrators. The purpose of the paper is to identify priority areas for reform of business licensing and assist the ERA decide which high priority business licences to assess against the analytical framework.

The second consultation paper on the analytical framework and guideline is primarily intended for state government agencies and regulators. The paper provides guidance about how the ERA will develop the analytical framework and guideline that state government agencies can use to assess whether business licences are needed, well designed, and efficiently administered.

Submissions can be lodged at: <https://www.erawa.com.au/consultation>

Provide your views on the ERA's website

Business licence holders and consumers can also provide their views by responding to the questions on the ERA's [website](#).

Comment on the preliminary list of business licences

The ERA has published a preliminary list of all state government business licences.

State government agencies have been asked to help check this list by completing a questionnaire. Business licence holders and consumers can provide views on the preliminary list of licences in submissions to the consultation paper or when responding to the questions on the ERA website.

Details of hearings and workshops will be provided once the initial consultation period has closed. Interested parties can request a meeting with the ERA at any time.

Stakeholders can obtain more information on the inquiry and sign up to receive updates by going to the ERA's [website](#).

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