



Western Australia

Economic Regulation Authority

NOTICE

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ARE INVITED ON DRAFT ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND DRAFT ELECTRICITY RETAIL LICENCES

From 1 January 2005 the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) assumed responsibility for licensing electricity supply services in Western Australia, in accordance with the *Electricity Industry Act 2004 (Act)*.

A person or organisation intending to supply or sell electricity in Western Australia must be licensed by the Authority, unless an exemption under the Act has been provided. An electricity supply includes the means to generate electricity, transport electricity through a transmission or distribution system and sell electricity to customers.

The Authority seeks public comment on its draft Generation Licence and draft Retail Licence (to which the Authority would have regard when assessing applications for electricity generation licences and electricity retail licences).

The draft Electricity Licences may be viewed or downloaded from the Authority website: www.era.wa.gov.au/electricity.

Public submissions

Submissions on the draft Generation Licence and draft Retail Licence are invited from all interested parties. Submissions should be addressed to:

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Submissions may be provided in hard-copy or electronic form and must be received by the Authority by the close of business on Friday, 20 May 2005 (**now extended until COB 27th May 2005**).

Should you require further information, please contact Adam Phillips on 9213 1900.

Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the Authority's website. The receipt and publication of any submission lodged for the purposes of the draft Generation Licence and draft Retail Licence shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has formed an opinion as to whether or not any particular submission contains any information of a confidential nature.

Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission in respect of which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis upon which the claim is made. The treatment of information provided in submissions, including confidential information, will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003* (WA).

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CHAIRMAN

27 April 2005

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