



Western Australia

Economic Regulation Authority

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF URBAN WATER AND WASTEWATER PRICES

Reminder: Submissions are due 29 April 2005

The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) is conducting an inquiry into urban water and wastewater (sewerage) prices in Western Australia and released a Draft Report on 18 March 2005 (available at www.era.wa.gov.au or by calling 9213 1900).

The ERA would like to hear from you on any matter raised in the Draft Report, including whether:

- water charges should be restructured to better reflect the scarcity value of water (an increase in the usage charge with a corresponding reduction in the fixed charge would also provide a greater incentive to save water);
- there is scope for using water more effectively in the South West, for example by ensuring that water is being allocated to its highest value use; and
- water users should contribute to the costs of managing ground water and surface water resources.

Submissions (due 29 April 2005) should be in written and electronic form (where possible) and addressed to:

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The ERA will be holding public forums in Perth, Bunbury and Busselton to discuss the Draft Report and any submissions that are received. The public forums will be held on 19 May 2005 (Perth) and 23 May 2005 (for the two meetings in Bunbury and Busselton). The venues and times of the public forums are to be announced. It would be appreciated if those wishing to attend would advise the ERA by email or fax.

The Final Report, including recommendations, will be submitted to the Minister by 12 August 2005, who will have 28 days to table the report in Parliament. The Government will take the recommendations into account in determining water and wastewater prices to apply from July 2006.

**Lyndon Rowe
Chairman**