

**Economic Regulation Authority** 

Western Australia

## NOTICE

## AMENDED PROCESS FOR INQUIRY ON URBAN WATER AND WASTEWATER PRICING

The Authority has amended the process for the Inquiry on Water and Wastewater Pricing, which was previously published in the Issues Paper and the Methodology Paper released by the Authority on 22 July and 15 October 2004 respectively.

The Authority had previously indicated that following the calling of submissions from service providers due on 26 November 2004 it would invite public comment on these submissions prior to releasing the Authority's Draft Report by 18 March 2005.

The Authority has given consideration to allowing more time for service providers to prepare these submissions to the Authority by allowing for a draft version to be submitted by 26 November 2004 and the final version by 24 December 2004.

This amendment to the timeframe means there will be insufficient time to seek public comment on these submissions from service providers prior to the issuing of the Draft Report by the Authority due 18 March 2005.

The amended timetable has the advantage of allowing service providers additional time to complete their submissions, and also enables the public to review the Authority's view of the issues raised in these submissions.

The submissions from service providers will therefore be made public at the time of the release of the Authority's Draft Report on Urban Water and Wastewater Pricing and public comment will be sought on both the Authority's Draft Report and the Service Providers' submissions.

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