



Western Australia

# *Economic Regulation Authority*

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Notice to Stakeholders

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY SUBMISSION ON FLOOR AND CEILING COSTS FOR THE PERTH TO MIDLAND AND PERTH TO ROBB JETTY RAILWAY LINES**

### Background

In November 2003, the Public Transport Authority (PTA) was advised that the Regulator was seeking to determine the floor and ceiling costs, on a route section basis, for the Perth to Midland and Perth to Robb Jetty railway lines in accordance with the requirements of Clause 9, Schedule 4 of the Railways (Access) Code 2000 ("the Code").

The purpose of determining the floor and ceiling costs is to set the lower and upper band for negotiation of third party access prices between the railway owner and railway operators for the use of railway infrastructure.

An independent audit of the PTA Costing Model was carried out in December 2003, and subsequent changes were made to the model in January to March 2004.

A formal submission from the PTA on its proposed floor and ceiling costs for the two railway lines has been received by the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA). The ERA is now reviewing the proposed costs used in the model to determine that they are efficient to meet the requirements of a modern equivalent asset.

As part of the determination, the ERA is required by the Code to undertake public consultation over a period of 30 days.

### Public Consultation

The ERA seeks comments from all stakeholders on the proposed PTA submission. Submissions should be received by close of business Wednesday, 30 June 2004, and should be addressed to:

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The Regulator's preference is for submissions to also be e-mailed to:

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Please note that your submission will be made available on the ERA Rail Division website unless your submission indicates which part or parts are to be kept confidential.

If you have any queries, please contact Mike Jansen on 9213 1952.

A copy of the independent audit report of the PTA Costing Model and the PTA submission, including attachments, can be downloaded from the ERA Rail website [www.era.wa.gov.au](http://www.era.wa.gov.au).

Mr Lyndon Rowe  
**Chairman**