

NOTICE

Invitation for Public Submissions

Revised Segregation Arrangements for WestNet Rail

The Economic Regulation Authority is inviting public submissions on revised Segregation Arrangements that have been proposed by railway owner WestNet Rail.

The proposed revised arrangements are available on the Authority's [web site](#).

Background

The Segregation Arrangements for WNR, as approved by the Independent Rail Access Regulator in April 2003, reflected a vertically integrated company structure. Under this structure, both the below-rail business (WNR) and the above-rail business (AWR) were part of ARG.

In June 2006, ARG was sold as two separate businesses with the above-rail business, Australian Western Railroad (AWR), sold to Queensland Rail and the below-rail business, WestNet Rail (WNR), sold to Babcock and Brown Infrastructure.

WNR is now a stand alone below-rail business with no linkages, through its ownership structure, to any of the above-rail operations on its rail network. Subsequent to this change, WNR has revised the Segregation Arrangements previously approved in 2003.

Public submissions

The Authority is inviting submissions from interested parties in accordance with section 42 of the *Railways (Access) Code 2000*. After considering submissions received, the Authority will make a final decision to approve or amend the revised Segregation Arrangements being proposed.

All submissions should be in electronic and hard copy form and must be received by **4:00pm (Western Daylight Saving Time) on Thursday 20 March 2008**.

Written submissions should be mailed to:

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Electronic submissions should be made to: jennifer.hughes@era.wa.gov.au.

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the Authority's web site.

Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission for which confidentiality is claimed and specify in reasonable detail the basis for the claim. Any claim of confidentiality will be considered on accordance with the provisions of Section 50 of the *Railways (Access) Code 2000*.

The publication of a submission on the Authority's web site shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has knowledge either actual or constructive of the contents of a particular submission and, in particular, whether the submission in whole or part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority.

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