

## NOTICE

### REVIEW OF WESTNET RAIL'S FLOOR AND CEILING COSTS FOR CERTAIN RAIL LINES

The Economic Regulation Authority has begun a review of WestNet Rail's (WNR) proposed revised floor and ceiling costs for the rail lines listed below and is inviting public submissions on the company's proposals.

#### BACKGROUND

WNR submitted its proposed revised costs to the Authority on 16 October 2008 for determination under the *Railways (Access) Code 2000 (Code)*. These costs, subject to the Authority's determination, are expected to apply for three years from 1 July 2009. The rail lines included in WNR's submission are those assessed by the Authority in 2007, with the addition of a line from Kwinana to Soundcem. The lines are:

- Kwinana to Bunbury Inner Harbour,
- Brunswick to Premier,
- Forrestfield to Kalgoorlie,
- Kalgoorlie to Leonora,
- Kalgoorlie to Esperance,
- terminal ends,
- Kwinana to Soundcem, and
- three rail lines in the grain network.

WNR's submission is available on the Authority's [web site](#).

#### COSTING MODEL

WNR has updated its regulatory costing model, a public version of which has been included in its submission (and which is also available on the Authority's web site). The Authority engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers to review the WNR model to ensure that the model template was properly formulated.

## **PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**

All submissions to the Authority should be in electronic and hard copy form and be received by **4.00pm (Western Standard Time) on Friday 5 December 2008.**

Written submissions should be mailed to:

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Electronic submissions should be made to: [railnetworks@era.wa.gov.au](mailto:railnetworks@era.wa.gov.au)

In general, submissions made to the Authority will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the Authority's web site, [www.era.wa.gov.au](http://www.era.wa.gov.au).

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