



ELECTRICITY CODE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (ECCC)

Opportunity for Interested Parties to Comment

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO SMALL USE CUSTOMERS 2008 RELATED TO PRE-PAYMENT METERS

The Economic Regulation Authority has proposed to exercise its power under section 79 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* and make a series of amendments to the *Code Of Conduct For The Supply Of Electricity To Small Use Customers 2008*, with the objective of permitting the operation of pre-payment meters throughout Western Australia whilst improving the level of customer protection in relation to this type of meter.

The Authority has requested advice regarding:

- The proposed amendments to Part 9 and Part 13 of the Code;
- Whether “grandfathering” of any proposed amendments should be allowed as a transition to the proposed new arrangements. “Grandfathering” would be allowed where existing meters do not provide functions required by proposed amendments; and
- Any further amendments that should be made to the Code in relation to pre-payment meters.

Further detail regarding the proposed amendments is available in the ECCC Discussion Paper 1 – Proposed Pre-Payment Meter Amendments to the *Code Of Conduct For The Supply Of Electricity To Small Use Customers 2008* available on the Authority’s [web site](#).

The Authority is required, under s87 of the Act, to refer proposed Code amendments to the ECCC for its advice and have regard to any advice provided by the ECCC.

The Act requires that the ECCC, in accordance with s89, give any interested person an opportunity to offer comments on the proposed amendments.

The ECCC seeks written comment regarding these proposed amendments to:

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ECCC Chairman
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By no later than 5pm on Friday 31 July 2009.

For further information about contact Ms Lanie Chopping on 9213 1900.

Mr Paul Kelly
ECCC Chairman

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