



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Mr Lyndon Rowe
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Dear Mr Rowe

Review of the Regulatory Compliance Arrangements for the Public Transport Authority

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of WA (CCI) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Economic Regulation Authority's review of the Regulatory Compliance Arrangements for the Public Transport Authority (PTA).

The Chamber supports initiatives designed to reduce the administrative burden associated with regulatory compliance. Overregulation of public sector agencies may result in a poor allocation of finite resources and so represent an inefficient use of public funds. The Authority's proposed changes to reduce the railway access compliance requirements are consistent with CCI's long held policy position regarding the minimisation of regulation.

CCI agrees that any changes made to the PTA's compliance requirements should not restrict a third party's ability to effectively assess rail access opportunities. We consider that any reduction in information provision should not negatively impact on private sector business opportunities.

In the interest of maintaining a fair and transparent market we believe it is imperative that relevant information should be provided by the PTA when third party access is sought. CCI notes that each of the proposed changes to the regulatory compliance arrangements includes a condition that the Authority may determine that relevant information must be provided where a third party is seeking access. CCI supports these proposed changes.

CCI supports the promotion of efficient, effective, fair and transparent competition to achieve a net public benefit to the State and therefore we do not object to the proposed changes to the railway access compliance requirements.

CCI's Senior Adviser, Industry Policy, Andrew Canion would be pleased to provide further detail on this submission. Mr Canion may be contacted on (08) 9365 7688 or email andrew.canion@cciwa.com.

Yours sincerely

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