

## Consultation on AES general regulations

### Consultation paper submission form

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Question number	Section reference in Consultation Paper	Questions for consultation	Your comments
1.	<b>Section 2.1.3. Consulting on granting, renewing, amending, or transferring registration applications - regulatory proposal</b>	Do you support the proposed approach on the consultation requirements of registration applications as described? If not, please explain why.	Yes, we support the drafting of general regulations that require the ERA to consult with interested stakeholders on receipt of a registration application.
2.	<b>Section 2.2.3. Consulting on the AES Code - regulatory proposal</b>	Do you support the proposed approach to the regulation of public consultation processes as described? If not, please explain why.	Yes, we support the drafting of general regulations that provide for public consultation on the AES Code and for submissions to be regarded when making recommendations to the Minister for Energy on any changes to the AES Code.
3.		Are there any additional matters related to regulating consultation approaches for AES applications and the AES Code that should be considered by Energy Policy WA?	We support EPWA's view that there should be flexibility regarding the way consultation is conducted.  Noting that EPWA considers the establishment of a permanent committee to advise on AES Code reviews could be limited in its effectiveness, we have found industry committees and working groups to be very effective and particularly note the robust discussions stimulated at that these forums.
4.	<b>Section 3.3. Confidential information - regulatory proposal</b>	Do you support the proposed approach to the regulation of confidential information as described? If not, please explain why.	Yes, we agree with the proposal to provide for general regulations that restrict the ERA disclosing confidential information where it has been identified as such by the stakeholder and where the disclosure would cause detriment to the stakeholder or to others.  This approach enables stakeholders to provide information as part of consultation processes without fear of commercially sensitive information

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			being divulged to competitors, customers and other key stakeholders.
5.		Are there any additional matters related to regulating the use and disclosure of confidential information that should be considered by Energy Policy WA?	N/A