

STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

22 December 2017

Interim Consultation Paper (ICP)—invitation for submissions

ICP

The Queensland Competition Authority (the QCA) has today published its ICP for the task of setting regulated retail electricity prices (notified prices) for regional Queensland for 2018–19. The ICP is available on the QCA's website at www.qca.org.au

The ICP has been produced in accordance with a Delegation to determine notified prices for 2018–19, given to the QCA by the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (the Minister) under section 90AA(1) of the *Electricity Act 1994*.

Invitation for submissions

In accordance with the Minister's Delegation, the QCA hereby invites submissions about the ICP.

The QCA encourages stakeholders to make written submissions to the QCA about issues relevant to the determination of notified prices for 2018–19.

The deadline for submissions is 16 January 2018.

Submissions should be directed to:

Queensland Competition Authority

GPO Box 2257

Brisbane Q 4001

www.qca.org.au/submissions

Confidentiality

The Minister's Delegation requires the QCA to consider all submissions received within the consultation period (i.e. 22 December 2017 to 16 January 2018) and make them available to the public, subject to normal confidentiality considerations.

If a person making a submission does not want that submission made public, that person should claim confidentiality in respect of the submission (or the relevant part of the submission) at the time the submission is given to the QCA. Any decision as to confidentiality will be made by the QCA in accordance with the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (the QCA Act).

Claims for confidentiality should be clearly noted on the front page of the submission. The relevant sections of the submission should also be marked as confidential, so that the remainder of the submission can be made publicly available. However, despite being marked confidential, the QCA's duties in relation to information which is claimed to be confidential are only those in the QCA Act. It also would be appreciated if two versions of the submission (i.e. a complete version and another excising confidential information) could be provided.

A confidentiality claim template is available on the QCA's website. The QCA encourages stakeholders to use this template when making confidentiality claims. The confidentiality claim template provides guidance on the type of information that would assist the QCA's assessment for claims for confidentiality.