

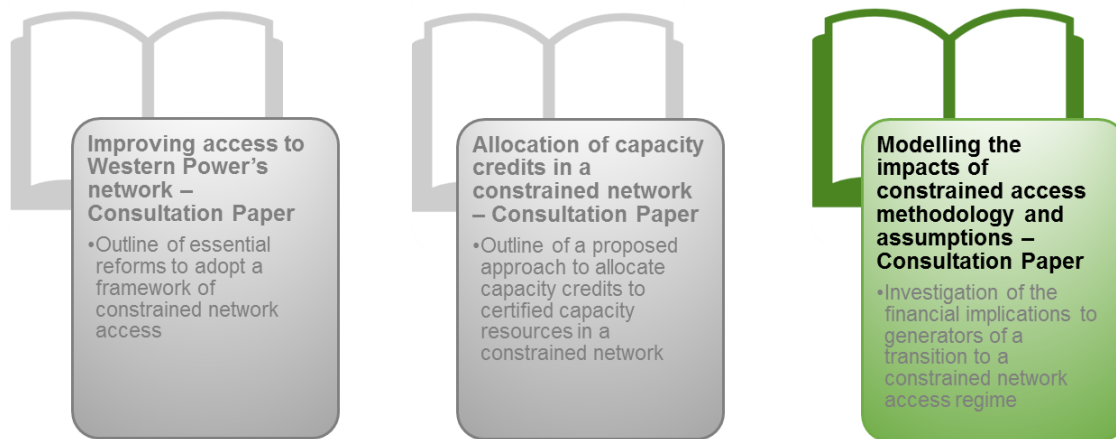


Modelling the Impacts of Constrained Access: Methodology and Assumptions Consultation Paper

The Public Utilities Office is seeking feedback on the proposed methodology, data and assumptions that will be used to estimate the impact of constrained access on generators.

The consultation paper, “Modelling the Impacts of Constrained Access: Methodology and Assumptions” (the Paper), forms part of a complementary set of consultation papers published by the Public Utilities Office to inform the adoption of a framework for constrained access.

Figure 1 – Implementing a Constrained Network Access regime – Consultation Papers



Invitation for submission

Respondents are invited to comment on the proposed methodology, data and assumptions that will be used to estimate the impact of constrained access on generators outlined in the Paper.

Submissions are due by 5PM (AWST) on **23 March 2018** and can be emailed to PUOSubmissions@treasury.wa.gov.au.

Submissions should have the following email subject line format:

“Response to Consultation Paper: Modelling the impacts of constrained access: Methodology and assumptions – [Name of submitting company or individual]”

The Public Utilities Office will consider applications to extend the due date for submissions. If a new due date is set, it will apply to all respondents. The Public Utilities Office will advise industry through the Department of Treasury's website and through email.

Publication of submissions

Unless respondents request otherwise, submissions will be publicly available on the Department of Treasury's website.



Respondents should indicate clearly on the front of the submission if they require the Public Utilities Office to treat all or part of the submission as confidential. Contact information, other than the Respondent's name and organisation (where applicable) will not be published.

Note that requests may be made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)* for confidential submissions to be made available. Requests are determined in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

Specific matters for comment

The primary purpose of the Paper is to consult generally on the proposed methodology, data and assumptions that will be used to estimate the impact of constrained access on generators.

The Public Utilities Office also seeks industry's views on the following specific matters:

1. Is the proposed methodology to model the impact on generators sound?
2. Are there other, or alternate, input assumptions and / or sources of data that should be considered? (Table 6 in the Paper)
3. Three scenarios are proposed to be modelled (section 4.1 in the Paper).
 - a. Is the rationale for selecting the scenarios sound?
 - b. Are there other scenarios that should be modelled?
4. What, if any, sensitivities should be modelled?
5. Are the key simulation parameters appropriate? (Table 3 in the Paper)
6. The modelling conservatively assumes no uncommitted transmission augmentation across the Study Period. Should an alternative be considered?
7. The list of new entrant generators in service by 2022 (Table 9 in the Paper) has been selected from the best available public information:
 - a. Are there generators on this list that are unlikely to be in service by 2022?
 - b. What additional generators should be considered? Why?

Submissions are not limited to the above matters.

Next steps

An industry forum will be held on 13 March 2018, where industry will have an opportunity to seek clarification and provide feedback on the reform proposals, prior to submitting formal written submissions. The outcomes from the consultation process will inform advice to Government on implementation issues, the need for transitional arrangements for industry, and legislative requirements.