



Essential Services Commission Act 2001
NOTICE OF INQUIRY
ACCIDENT TOWING AND STORAGE ECONOMIC REGULATION REVIEW

The Essential Services Commission has been issued terms of reference by the Minister for Finance (following consultation with the Minister for Roads) under section 41 of the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* to review the economic regulation of accident towing services in Victoria.

Purpose of the inquiry

The inquiry is to review the economic regulation of regular and heavy vehicle accident towing in Victoria, and as appropriate, consider the costs and benefits of alternative forms of regulation. Specific matters the inquiry will consider include the allocation system for regular vehicle towing jobs in the Melbourne controlled area, and the boundaries of this area and the Geelong self management area. The terms of reference for the inquiry is available from the Commission's website: www.esc.vic.gov.au/Accident-Towing

Contributing to the review

The Commission will release an issues paper by October this year. Through this paper, stakeholders will be invited to make submissions to the inquiry. The Commission will subsequently release a draft report, inviting submissions on its draft recommendations.

The Commission will also hold at least one public hearing during the inquiry. Details of the hearing(s) will be made available on the Commission's website and notified to stakeholders.

The Commission and its staff will consult with industry participants throughout the inquiry.

If you would like to be on the Commission's mailing list for this inquiry (and be informed of release of Commission papers and details of public hearings), please email us at towtruckreview@esc.vic.gov.au

Timing of the inquiry

The Commission is required to provide its final report to the Minister for Finance and Minister for Roads no later than 12 months after commencement of the review in August 2014.

Further information is available from Nick Hague, Project Manager, on 03 9032 1344.

Dated 19 August 2014.