



What are some of the issues that can impede the effective use of market forces?

- Over regulating potentially competitive sectors
- Pricing away from marginal cost
- Uncertainty over environmental allocations
- Restrictions on trade
- Notions such as preventing windfall gains
- Requiring service providers to act non-commercially
- Setting targets rather than letting the market determine efficient levels of expenditure

What recommendations are generally supported?

- No big-bang restructure of the Water Corporation
- Greater transparency and independence in source development planning
- Development of a water trading market
- Introduction of a State-based access regime
- Contestability of CSOs

What are the issues of contention?

- The institutional arrangements necessary to develop a bulk water market
- Trades by individuals out of irrigation cooperatives
- Scarcity-based pricing

Other matters being researched

- Horizon/Regional Water Corporation merger
- Service provision in the South West

Further information

- WWW.ERA.WA.GOV.AU
- All submissions
- All consultant reports
- All ERA publications