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## **LAVERTON NORTH POWER PTY LTD ELECTRICITY GENERATION LICENCE APPLICATION**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Office of the Regulator-General has received an application for an electricity generation licence from Laverton North Power Pty Ltd ACN 094 248 156 (LNP) under section 18 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*.

This additional information on the licensing process is provided to assist interested parties in writing submissions they may wish to make to the Office in respect of LNP's licence application.

The Act allows the Office to grant or refuse an application for an electricity licence for any reason that it considers appropriate, having regard to the objectives of the Office. The Act also states that the Office must not grant a licence unless it is satisfied that the applicant has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence. The Act also allows the licence to be subject to such conditions as the Office determines.

The Office's objectives under the Act are:

- to promote competition in the generation, supply and sale of electricity;
- to ensure maintenance of an efficient and economic system for the generation, transmission, distribution, supply and sale of electricity;
- to protect the interest of consumers with respect to electricity prices and the safety, reliability and quality of electricity supply; and
- to facilitate the maintenance of a financially viable electricity supply industry.

While the Act may appear to give the Office a broad discretion to grant or refuse an application for a licence, and to set licence conditions, this discretion can only be exercised for purposes relevant to the objectives above.

It should be noted that the granting of a generation licence does not confer an automatic right to any other permits or approvals. The construction of the generation plant is subject to the normal environmental, emissions, and planning approvals. In the case of the LNP proposal, the Office understands that these approvals are being considered by the Environmental Protection Authority and the Wyndham City Council.

Submissions in respect of LNP's application for a generation licence must be received by the Office by close of business on 25 January 2002. Submissions should be addressed to Ms Luci Marsh, Level 1, 35 Spring St, Melbourne 3000 (luci.marsh@reggen.vic.gov.au). To facilitate publication of all submissions on the Office's web site, an electronic copy of submissions would be appreciated if possible. Sections of submissions can be withheld from the public if warranted for commercial-in-confidence reasons.