

2025 Reviews Project - October Update

Background

ARNECC supports competition amongst Electronic Lodgment Network Operators (ELNOs) in the Australian eConveyancing market.

ARNECC announced in February 2025 its intention to conduct three strategic reviews to inform the future of the Interoperability Program and the e-Conveyancing regulatory framework. These are:

- an in-depth review of the technical Functional Requirements for direct-connect interoperability
- an updated Cost Benefit Analysis to test whether the direct connect interoperability model continues to be the most appropriate model as compared to other identified interoperability models; and
- a review of the current eConveyancing regulatory framework to identify improvements that can be made to enhance ARNECC's regulatory oversight.

ARNECC is pleased to provide the following update on these reviews.

The functional requirements and cost benefit analysis reviews are nearly complete after the project teams experienced delays in receiving information from some industry stakeholders. As a result of these delays ARNECC expects to receive the draft reports before the end of October 2025 and the final reports by mid-November 2025. ARNECC will consider the reports internally before conducting government stakeholder outreach activities and will provide further updates after this process has been completed.

The regulatory framework review has commenced and remains on track for completion in late 2026.

ARNECC will use the findings from the reviews as the basis to advise state, territory and commonwealth governments on the recommended next steps for the Interoperability Program, competition reform and the regulatory framework for eConveyancing more generally.

ARNECC will not be publishing or otherwise releasing the reports but will provide further updates on the reviews in November.

ARNECC would like to thank all stakeholders who have contributed to these reviews and looks forward to their continued support of these important reform programs.

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