

Board Communique: January 2018

AGENDA ITEM 3.4

PAPER TYPE	For Decision
PURPOSE OF PAPER	To provide the Board with the draft January 2018 Board Communique for review and approval.
RECOMMENDATION	That the Board review and resolve to accept the Communique subject to any amendments.
DRAFT RESOLUTION	The Board resolves to approve the January 2018 Board Communique.
RESPONSIBILITY	Chris Alexander, Director Advocacy & Communications

The Energy Consumers Australia (ECA) Board met in Sydney on 18 January 2018.

The meeting focussed on deep dive discussions with the ECA Research and Strategic Engagement directorates.

With the Director of Research, the Board discussed progress on ECA's **Power Shift** project which is funded under a grant from the Commonwealth Government. Power Shift is helping industry and government to deliver programs and products that help consumers use energy efficiently.

The Director of Research also updated the Board on preparations and the program for ECA's **Foresighting Forum 2018**, to be held in Sydney on 28 February and 1 March.

The Board discussed two topics with ECA's Director of Strategic Engagement. The first was ECA's work on sector governance and regulatory innovation, including the development of an industry code of conduct covering consumer protections in relation to new 'behind the meter' products and services. This work was **requested by the COAG Energy Council**.

Finally, the Board received an update from the Director of Strategic Engagement and consultancy ThinkPlace on ECA's work with the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) to develop and hold a Consumer Insights Lab. The project is funded by ARENA as part of its **A-Lab** initiative.

Next Meeting

7 February, Sydney