

# Board Communique: November 2022

**The Energy Consumers Australia Board met in person and via video conference on 8 November 2022**

## Board site visits

Board members were pleased to gather for Energy Consumers Australia's Annual General Meeting in Adelaide, a city that has been at the forefront of the nation's energy transition due to the unique circumstances of its location and energy mix.

The Board's presence in South Australia also afforded it an excellent opportunity to meet with valued stakeholders and to visit two projects that are leading the way when it comes to offering innovative responses to current and future consumer needs and challenges.

At AGL's Torrens Island Power Station, Board members witnessed a prime example of how innovation can help a facility that has historically been dominated by fossil fuels find a new role in a clean energy future. Torrens Island, which has long hosted a gas-fired power station, will soon be home to a large grid-forming battery that is currently under construction and AGL is also investigating the possibility of retro-fitting the facility with thermal energy storage technology amid plans to transform the site into a 'green energy hub'.

This visit allowed the board to see the story of the nation's energy transition in a single site, with future-focused energy resources being constructed alongside fossil-fuelled ones they may one day replace.

A similar focus on innovating the future was on show at South Australian Power Networks' Innovation Centre, a facility that allows system operators to understand, trial and test new technologies and approaches that have the capacity to help deliver a least-cost future energy system that meets the needs of all South Australians.

Board members were grateful to both organisations for opening their doors and allowing a highly-informative view into some of the exciting work being carried out in South Australia's energy sector.

## Annual General Meeting

The Board welcomed Executive Director, Department of Energy and Mining, Vince Duffy) to Energy Consumers Australia's 2022 Annual General Meeting. Vince attended as the representative for Energy Consumers Australia's Member, South Australian Energy Minister Tom Koutsantonis, ,

The meeting received ECA's Annual Report and the Board was pleased to note this document shows an organisation that has been proactive about representing consumer interests and meticulous about measuring its impact during a 12-month period when energy prices have soared, consumer confidence has fallen and the role of Energy Consumers Australia has been more important than ever.

The meeting also received and considered the 2022 Grants Supplement to the Annual Report, as well as the Directors' Report and Audited Financial Statements.