

# Board Communique: August 2023

## The Energy Consumers Australia Board met in-person and via video conference on 17 August 2023.

### Governance Meeting

The Board reviewed and approved the outcomes and 2022-23 operating budget for Energy Consumers Australia.

A full text draft of the Annual Report 2022-23 was presented to the Board Members, who were satisfied it was progressing smoothly. A final draft will be presented to the Board for endorsement at the September meeting.

### Grants Outcomes Meeting

As it has in previous years, the Board invited three grant recipients to present on their projects and how their work is supporting change that benefits consumers.

#### **Australian National University - *Bringing to light regulatory disparities for electricity access and services across Australia***

This project is creating the first national scale map of settlement-level electricity regulations across Australia. The map will address the lack of visibility around different types of regulatory protection for residential electricity services across Australian settlements (urban, regional, and remote).

#### **Sydney Community Forum - *Voices for Power CALD Community Empowerment Training***

Culturally, linguistically and religiously diverse communities face significant structural barriers to participation and access to renewable energy initiatives and programs. The project aims to inform, educate, organise and empower migrant communities in Sydney so they have the knowledge, skills, and confidence to actively participate in the energy transition and take action on barriers and challenges to community uptake and access to renewables.

#### **Climateworks – *Renovation Pathways***

Most of Australia's 11 million homes were built before minimum efficiency standards existed. Energy efficient renovations are not yet happening in Australia at the scale needed. This project aims to provide the critical analysis and missing data needed to support decisions by government, banks, industry and consumers to take appropriate and immediate action to upgrade homes.

Applications for the next grants round close on 1 September 2023.

For more information about the Energy Consumers Australia Grants Program, how to apply and eligibility criteria visit the Energy Consumers Australia [website](#).

The website also has [Grants Priority Issues factsheets](#), which help potential grant applicants to understand the issues of interest to the organisation.