

Board Communique: June 2021

The Energy Consumers Australia Board met via video conference on 17 June 2021.

Grants Meeting

The Board considered 12 applications made in the current round, and approved funding for the following projects

- Australian National University - *How can we involve renters in the renewable energy transition in Australia?* (\$77,070 ex GST).
- University of Queensland - *Charting farmers' experience of tariff switching and understanding of electricity tariffs to enable better decision making* (\$58,804 ex GST).
- Brotherhood of St Laurence - *Consumer representation through the 2023-2027 Victorian Gas Distribution and Transmission Access Arrangement processes* (\$206,450 ex GST).
- Australian Council of Social Service - *Equitable, Affordable, Inclusive Energy Transition Advocacy Project* (\$200,000 ex GST).

The Board approved projects that did demonstrated a clear advocacy outcome or strategy. Directors noted that the recommendations arising from the Grants Program review include making clear earlier in the application process where grants may not be eligible for funding.

Board members were briefed on the factors leading to receipt of fewer applications compared to previous years.

The Board noted that this was the first grants round conducted through ECA's new online application process, which had proceeded smoothly.