

**Energy Consumers Australia Board Meeting Communique
14 April 2016**

New Director

The Board welcomed new Director [Virginia Hickey](#) to her first ECA Board meeting.

The Chair reaffirmed the Board's thanks to Karen Chalmers-Scott for her service as a Director, and her significant contribution to the Board, particularly in its establishment phase.

ECA Reference Committee

The ECA Reference Committee met with the Board. The agenda included

- Briefing on the ECA 2016/17 Business Plan, noting it incorporated the views expressed at the December 2015 Reference Committee
- Update on ECA's disconnections project
- Outline of ECA's program of regional consultations May – June 2016.

Grants Review

The Board was provided with a briefing on the [announcement](#) of the grants review, which was made on 30 March 2016. ECA has been briefing key stakeholders on the changes to the program, and discussing with consumer organisations the implications for their work.

ECA Foresighting Forum

The Board discussed the potential work areas emerging from the 2016 [Foresighting Forum](#). ECA will pursue these with stakeholders in the next few months, aiming to progress 2-3 projects where collaboration between consumers, government, and industry has the potential to promote the long-term interests of consumers.