

Board Communique: April 2018

Board Meeting

The Energy Consumers Australia Board met in Sydney on 12 April 2018. The meeting was a designated Issues Meeting, focussing on key policy, regulatory and market developments impacting outcomes for household and small business energy consumers.

The Board discussed the ongoing affordability challenges many households and small businesses are facing, and the need for all parts of the energy supply chain to work to an explicit affordability constraint.

David Heard, Finncorn Consulting, provided a view on the design and development of the National Energy Guarantee and the implications for competition and liquidity in the wholesale electricity market. The Board also discussed broader wholesale market trends, with a focus on developments in energy forecasting techniques, with Oliver Nunn, Director Endgame Economics.

The Board re-affirmed the need for stakeholders to engage cooperatively with the design of the policy to integrate energy and emissions policy, settle the wholesale energy market, and bring down prices.

The Board also:

- discussed the outcomes from Energy Consumers Australia's Foresighting Forum 2018 and how to translate the insights from the two days of discussions into more affordable, individualised and optimised energy services for households and small businesses;
- approved an Australian Research Council Linkage Projects Proposal put forward by RMIT; and
- approved an updated communications strategy to support Energy Consumers Australia's advocacy agenda.

Next Meeting

10 May 2018, Canberra. The meeting will be followed by a Board Reference Committee Meeting. A Stakeholder Forum will be held on 9 May 2018.