

## **Board Communique: February 2018**

### **The Energy Consumers Australia (ECA) Board met in Sydney on 7 February 2018.**

The key purpose of this meeting was for the Board to consider, in depth, four strategic and policy matters of consequence for households and small businesses.

The Board held a detailed discussion on electricity network tariff reform with ECA's Director of Research. The issue of network tariffs is at an important stage in New South Wales where the electricity distribution networks are updating their pricing arrangements.

The Board continued its consideration of ECA's advocacy principles and strategic planning framework, in light of consumer priorities and the evolving policy and market landscape.

The Board also met with Dr John Feddersen, CEO of Aurora Energy Research in the United Kingdom (UK). Dr Feddersen and shared perspectives on the challenges and opportunities of the energy transition, especially for consumers).

The Board held further discussions with the Director of Advocacy and Communications, and ECA's Senior Economist, about the strategic priorities document the Australian Energy Market Commission has developed for consideration by the Energy Council. This followed the Board's previous discussion on this topic at its December 2017 meeting.

The Board also received a report from the CEO about the key learnings and actions to emerge from her recent meetings in Europe with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation Development (OECD), the International Energy Agency (IEA), Imperial College and other organisations working on updating policy and regulatory frameworks to deliver better outcomes for energy consumers.

### **Next Meeting**

15 March 2018, Melbourne