

Board Communique: June 2017

AGENDA ITEM 13

PAPER TYPE	For Decision
PURPOSE OF PAPER	To provide the Board with the draft June 2017 Board Communique for review and approval.
RECOMMENDATION	That the Board review and resolve to accept the Communique subject to any amendments.
DRAFT RESOLUTION	The Board resolves to approve the June 2017 Board Communique.
RESPONSIBILITY	Chris Alexander, Director Advocacy & Communications

The Energy Consumers Australia (ECA) Board met in Brisbane on 22 June 2017. The Board met with stakeholders to consider their input on recent energy market developments and received updates on ECA's strategic priorities.

Stakeholder Forum

The Board meeting was preceded by a Stakeholder Forum on 21 June 2017. The forum was attended by a wide variety of stakeholder groups, including residential and business consumer advocates, energy market institutions, industry and researchers. Attendees at the forum discussed issues facing energy consumers in Queensland in the short, medium and long term, including how ECA can work with advocates to achieve better outcomes in that state and across the country.

In addition, attendees at the Stakeholder Forum received presentations on:

- The Queensland Council of Social Service's Switched on Communities program
- Energy Queensland's vision for the future of energy delivery to Queensland consumers
- Behavioural approaches to electricity pricing nationally from CitySmart (funded by ECA).

Board Meeting

The Board discussed the recently-published Independent Review into the Future Security of the National Electricity Market (the Finkel Review), which presents a blueprint for the future of electricity supply. It was agreed that the report and its recommendations have significant implications for consumers and the future of energy markets in Australia. Working with all stakeholders to ensure positive outcomes for consumers as those recommendations are considered by Governments will be a key focus for ECA in 2017/18.

The Board discussed the outcomes of their recent strategy day in preparation for the development of ECA's next business plan and received an update on progress to appoint the next Reference Committee. As this was the last Board meeting of the financial year, the Board considered reports from staff about progress on ECA's strategic priorities both since the last meeting and over the last 12 months.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held in Sydney on 20 July 2017.