

Board Communique: March 2019

The Energy Consumers Australia Board met in Melbourne on 13 & 14 November 2019

Board Meeting, 13 & 14 March 2019

This was the first meeting of the Board following the conclusion of COAG Energy Council's Board Appointment Process. Louise Sylvan was reappointed as a Chair and was pleased to welcome the reappointment of Virginia Hickey and the appointment of Gavin Dufty, Helen Garnett and Chris Spangaro. The Board discussed a range of strategic, policy, governance and operational matters.

Director Bios are available [here](#).

Board Stakeholder Introductory Event

The Board took the opportunity to meet informally with a range of stakeholders including consumer advocates, researchers, industry participants, and regulators.

Reference Committee 14 March 2019

The Reference Committee met for the first time in 2019. The meeting focused on jurisdictional priorities for the next 12 to 18 months. The Board found the discussion very helpful and it was evident from the wide range of topics covered and work being undertaken that there is a significant call on advocates time. Issues raised include:

- Embedded networks and consumer access to choice, concessions, protections
- The transformation of the energy system including standalone power systems
- Proposed Integrated Systems Plan
- Proposed South Australian and Tasmanian Interconnector Projects.
- Transmission costs and who should pay
- The uptake and management of renewables
- Energy Efficiency and Demand Management in a farm setting
- Rule change proposals to the AEMC
- Constraints to Competition
- NSW Revenue and TSS determinations
- Energy Network Economic Regulatory Framework Review
- National Concessions Framework
- Access to retailer hardship programs
- Models of consumer engagement and advocacy.