



INFORMATION

Economic Regulation Authority Consumer Consultative Committee

MEETING OF 5 SEPTEMBER 2012

The Economic Regulation Authority Consumer Consultative Committee (**ERACCC**) was established in 2005 and comprises a diverse range of members representing the interests of a wide range of consumers. The ERACCC exists to provide input to the ERA and to act as an information distribution channel for the ERA for the benefit of Western Australian consumers.

The ERACCC held its third meeting of the year on 5 September 2012.

At this meeting, the ERACCC received a mix of interactive ERA presentations which helped members understand the components of the final electricity retail tariff. The first of these presentations was on the recent Inquiry into the Efficiency of Synergy's Costs and Electricity Tariffs. This was followed by a detailed update on the ERA's Final Decision on Western Power's proposed access arrangement revisions for the Western Power Network, released on the day of the meeting.

The ERACCC also received a helpful presentation from community sector representatives on the components that contribute to financial hardship, including housing and individual circumstances. The ERACCC noted that food stress and nutritional poverty are emerging issues in this regard.

More information about ERACCC is available on the ERA website.

The ERACCC will next meet on 5 December 2012.

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