



Notice

Economic Regulation Authority Consumer Consultative Committee

MEETING OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2015

The Economic Regulation Authority Consumer Consultative Committee (**ERACCC**) provides comment to the Economic Regulation Authority (**ERA**) on issues affecting Western Australian consumers and, in turn, acts as an information distribution channel for the ERA. Its members represent the interests of a wide range of consumers.

The ERACCC held its third meeting of the year on 14 September 2015. The following presentations were made to members:

- **ERA Work Program 2015-2016** – Mr Greg Watkinson, Chief Executive Officer provided an overview of the ERA's Work Program for 2015-2016.
- **Horizon Power Metering Project** – Mr Geoff White, Manager Customer Service provided an overview of Horizon Power's Advanced Metering Infrastructure program, under which all of Horizon Power's meters will be replaced with advanced meters that can be read and programmed remotely.
- **Financial Counsellors' Association WA Budget Update** – Mr Charles Brown, Executive Officer provided an overview of the funding issues currently being faced by the financial counselling sector.
- **ATCO Access Arrangement** – Mr Tyson Self from the ERA's Gas Access Division provided an overview of the amended Final Decision revising ATCO Gas Australia Pty Ltd's Access Arrangement for the Mid-West and South-West Gas Distribution Systems, which will result in a significant reduction in usage charges for the majority of customers.

The ERACCC noted that a common theme of the day's presentations and discussions was the importance of data collection. The ERACCC encourages government to consider the importance of good quality data, especially where the data is obtained from customers themselves, and to use that data for policy development.

More information about the [ERACCC](#) is available on the [ERA website](#).

The ERACCC will next meet on Wednesday, 9 December 2015.

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