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ERA Consumer Consultative Committee

Communique of meeting 8 November 2018

The Economic Regulation Authority's Consumer Consultative Committee (ERACCC) provides a forum for the ERA to discuss issues affecting Western Australian consumers.

The third ERACCC meeting of the year was held on 8 November 2018. The following presentations were made to members:

• ATCO Gas Australia – Update on stakeholder engagement and access arrangement proposal

Stevan Green, President Gas, and Hugh Smith, Manager Regulatory Strategy from ATCO Gas Australia provided an update to members on the proposal for their fifth access arrangement period. This proposal was submitted to the ERA for approval on 31 August 2018. <u>The ERA has released this proposal for public consultation</u>, and responses are due by 14 November.

• ATCO access arrangement – Overview of upcoming work program

Tyson Self, ERA Assistant Director Gas, provided a brief overview of the process for assessing ATCO's access arrangement proposal, including the factors the ERA must consider under the National Gas Law.

• ERACCC form and function – Update following member survey

ERA Chief Executive Officer Jenness Gardner provided members with an overview of the results of the member survey that was conducted in August 2018. The survey concluded that members were largely satisfied with ERACCC as it was, but there were possible improvements to be made in how and what information was distributed to members.

Members discussed the findings and the committee in more detail, and provided further suggestions for improvement.

• Business Licensing Inquiry – Update following release of draft report

The ERA provided an overview of its <u>draft report into business and operational licensing</u> in <u>Western Australia</u>, which was released on 22 October 2018. The ERA will also outline the draft recommendations, the consultation process and highlight the particular questions on which we are seeking feedback. More information about ERACCC is available on the <u>ERA website</u>. The ERACCC will next meet in March 2019.

Further information

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