

Minutes

Meeting of the Economic Regulation Authority Consumer Consultative Committee

Meeting 4 / 2012

Date & Time: Wednesday, 5 December 2012, 1:00pm (hot lunch from 12:00pm)
Ken Michael Room,
Location: 4th Floor, Albert Facey House,
469-489 Wellington Street

Attendees:	Mr Lyndon Rowe	Chairman, ERA
	Mr Paul Kelly	Executive Director LMCP, ERA
	Ms Cathryn Greville	Assistant Director Customer Protection, ERA
	Ms Sarah Lyons	Senior Project Officer, Customer Protection
	Mr Paul Schollum	WA Local Government Association (WALGA)
	Mr Charles Brown	Financial Counsellors' Association of WA
	Mr Andrew Winter	Chamber of Minerals & Energy
	Mr Chris Field	Energy Ombudsman
	Mr Marcus Claridge	Director Energy Ombudsman
	Mr Tony Seabrook	Pastoralists & Graziers Association
	Mr Gary Newcombe	Department of Commerce
	Ms Irina Cattalini	WACOSS
	Mr Chris Wyhoon	WA Farmers Federation
	Ms Lisa Kazalac	Chamber of Commerce & Industry of WA (Small Enterprise Network)
Apologies:	Mr William de Haer	Property Council WA
	Mr Drew Pearman	Chamber of Commerce & Industry of WA (Small Enterprise Network) (proxy - Ms Lisa Kazalac)
	Mr Leslie O'Neill	Rio Tinto
Presenters:	Mr Aden Barker	Public Utilities Office
	Mr Andrew Winter	Chamber of Minerals & Energy
	Mr Bill Scanlan	Assistant Director References, ERA
	Ms Shrina Shah	Analyst, Economics, ERA
	Ms Anna Johnson	Graduate, Economics, ERA
	Mr Jeremy Threlfall	Assistant Director Rail, ERA (Question on Notice)

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Mr Lyndon Rowe welcomed members and noted apologies as listed above.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING 3/2012 HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2012

The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record of the last meeting.

3 STATUS REPORT

Mr Lyndon Rowe spoke to the status report, highlighting the key matters in that report and upcoming submissions and reports. Mr Rowe answered members questions.

4 GUEST PRESENTATION – Strategic Energy Initiative, *Energy 2031: Pathways for the State's Energy Future* – Mr Aden Barker, Public Utilities Office.

Mr Aden Barker provided a presentation on the Strategic Energy Initiative, *Energy 2031: Pathways for the State's Energy Future*. A copy of the PPT will be circulated with these minutes.

5 ERACCC Work Plan for 2013 – 2014

Ms Greville introduced the proposed Work Plan for 2013-14, which includes draft agendas for all 2013 meetings and the first meeting for 2014. Ms Greville advised that the forward agendas were devised to incorporate a number of ERACCC member suggestions, such as the PUO presentation on the Strategic Energy Initiative. A number of other proposed presentations, speakers or topics are yet to be confirmed, as indicated in highlighted text on the Work Plan.

The ERACCC approved the Work Plan. Mr Rowe stressed that the Work Plan is flexible and members should continue to advise whether there are any other topics they would like to see included on the agenda.

Ms Cattalini suggested that the ERACCC revisit the National Energy Customer Framework (NECF) at some stage next year.

6 MEMBERS PRESENTATION – 2012 State Growth Outlook Study – Mr Andrew Winter, Chamber of Minerals and Energy of WA.

Mr Andrew Winter provided a presentation on the 2012 State Growth Outlook Study. A copy of the PPT will be circulated with these minutes.

7 ERA PRESENTATION – Inquiry into Western Australia's Home Indemnity Insurance Arrangements – Mr Bill Scanlan, Ms Shrina Shah and Ms Anna Johnson from the ERA.

Mr Bill Scanlan, assisted by Ms Shrina Shah and Ms Anna Johnson, provided a presentation on the inquiry into the Western Australia's Home Indemnity Insurance Arrangements. A copy of the PPT will be circulated with these minutes.

8 ENERGY OMBUDSMAN REPORT

The report was taken as read. Ms Cattalini requested that in the future when a systemic issue has been resolved, and is therefore no longer included in the report, that the Ombudsman include some information regarding how the issue was resolved. Mr Chris Field advised that future reports would include a table of systemic issues that have been resolved.

9 MEMBERS' ISSUES & QUESTIONS

Mr Chris Wyhoon, WA Farmers Federation raised a question on notice regarding the Closure of Tier 3 rail network.

Mr Jeremy Threlfall attended the meeting to respond to the question. Mr Threlfall explained the ERA's role in relation to the rail industry, and ERACCC members discussed the issue further.

10 NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO PRESENT AT NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the agenda for the next ERACCC meeting already has a number of proposed presentations. Members were still encouraged to contact the Authority if they wished to provide a presentation.

11 CHAIRMAN'S TAKE AWAY & AGREED MESSAGE FOR THE COMMUNIQUE

Mr Rowe noted the benefit of member presentations to the committee, as well as the presentation from Mr Barker of the PUO.

Mr Rowe advised that Ms Cathryn Greville will shortly be taking 12 months maternity leave and that Dr David Leith will be acting in her position. Mr Rowe thanked Ms Greville for her professionalism and the enthusiasm and effort she has put into the ERACCC over the past 12 months.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 March 2013 (lunch from 12:30pm).

Meeting closed at 4:15pm