

CONSUMER ADVISORY PANEL

MEETING # 24

Date:	Friday, 26 May 2022, 2:00pm to 3:30pm
Venue:	ElectraNet (Frome St Office) and Microsoft Teams
Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revenue Proposal Update• Consumer engagement coordination with SA Power Networks• Annual Planning Process Update• CAP Terms of Reference Update
Attendees:	Refer Attachment

MEETING NOTES

1. Introduction

Simon Appleby (Acting Group Executive, Asset Management) opened the meeting:

- Leanne Muffet was introduced and welcomed as Independent Facilitator of the CAP
- Chris Hanna and Mark Sutton were noted as apologies. It was also noted that Maureen Boyle had resigned from SACOSS and had therefore left the Panel.
- The minutes of CAP Meeting 23 held on 18 February 2022 were noted and approved

2. Revenue Proposal Update

Jeremy Tustin (Acting Manager Regulation & Investment Planning) provided an update on the Revenue Proposal. The following items were discussed:

- The AER Consumer Challenge Panel #25 (CCP25) chaired by Rob Nicholls lodged its response to the Revenue Proposal in a public submission on 11 May 2022.
- ElectraNet wrote to the AER in relation to the application of the Capital Expenditure Sharing Scheme (as foreshadowed in the Revenue Proposal) on 9 May 2022, in a letter published by the AER. This followed engagement on this matter with CAP representatives.
- ElectraNet also wrote to the AER on 25 May 2022 providing an update in relation to its insurance forecasts in a **confidential letter**.

Action 1: ElectraNet to keep the CAP informed as needed on any further developments in relation to the Revenue Proposal.

3. Other Matters

Consumer Engagement with SAPN

Vikram Kenjle (Panel Member) introduced this item. He provided a brief summary of his recent participation in SA Power Networks' Regulatory Proposal Workshop and in particular, SA Power Networks' forecast of growth in demand for its services.

He noted the importance of coordination between the two network service providers in this area. This was underpinned by discussion of recent trends including growth in customer numbers, emerging limitations on the network and the need for new distribution substations.

It was suggested that such engagement would provide an opportunity to articulate shared challenges and / or 'pinch points' between electricity distribution and transmission.

Ultimately, it was agreed the CAP wants to ensure ongoing exploration of best value for end consumers.

Rainer Korte (Interim Chief Executive) spoke of similar discussion at a national level including recent industry dialogue around a joint "energy vision" for the future.

The CAP agreed it would be strategic to receive ongoing updates on the relationship with SA Power Networks.

It was also suggested that an annual meeting with SA Power Networks would be advantageous.

Action 2: ElectraNet to monitor the progress of SA Power Networks' consultations and keep the CAP informed as required.

Action 3: CAP Continue to plan for an annual joint meeting of representatives of the respective Customer Panels of ElectraNet and SA Power Networks.

Annual Planning Process

ElectraNet's annual timetable for asset management strategic planning was explored.

Rainer Korte provided context, noting that ideally ElectraNet would aim to engage with CAP members biannually to engage on the inputs and outcomes of this annual planning cycle. This is expected to occur in March / April and September / October.

Given the recent work on the Revenue Proposal, further engagement on this was deferred to the second half of 2022.

Action 4: ElectraNet to engage with the CAP at the key points of its annual planning cycle.

4. CAP Restructure Update

Leanne Muffet provided context on the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) being developed for the reconstituted Panel, noting that these had also been discussed with the ElectraNet Executive.

Key issues that the Executive were keen to explore with Members included:

- Whether or not the CAP should have an independent Chair;
- That the CAP should work towards incorporating some success measures in its TOR
- That engagement with the AER needs to be reflected in the TOR
- That transitioning to future energy markets is an important consideration of the CAP

Vikram indicated he was comfortable with the intent and direction of the draft TOR.

Mark provided detailed feedback on the draft TOR. Key items raised related to the ethos, membership, governance and accountability of the CAP.

These items were explored in more detail by the group with the following range of actions being agreed at the meeting to take the TOR forward:

Action 5: Leanne to cross reference Mark's suggestions with the draft document and update where appropriate

Action 6: Members to provide any further feedback on the breadth of membership they believe would be beneficial for the CAP

Action 7: Leanne to review the draft TOR for governance and accountability and update accordingly

Action 8: Leanne to work with ElectraNet on a structured recruitment process for the reappointment of the Panel

Action 9: Leanne to work with ElectraNet to prepare a draft list of perspective new CAP organisations and / or individuals and proceed to seek and appoint new members to the Panel

5. Wrap up & Next Steps

- Next Meeting – to be confirmed, pending appointment of new Members to the Panel

ATTENDEES	
Name	Affiliation / Title
Panel Members	
Mark Henley	Uniting Care
Jordan Smith	Business SA
Vikram Kenjle	The University of Adelaide
Lanne Muffet	Independent Facilitator
Observers (part of the meeting)	
Lynley Jorgensen	AER
Rob Nicholls	Consumer Challenge Panel
ElectraNet Representatives	
Rainer Korte	Interim Chief Executive
Simon Appleby	Acting Group Executive, Asset Management
Jeremy Tustin	Acting Manager Regulation & Investment Planning
Apologies	
Mark Sutton	Outback Communities Authority
Chris Hanna	ElectraNet