

CONSUMER ADVISORY PANEL (CAP)

MEETING # 14

NOTES

Date:	Friday 22 March 2019
Time	1pm - 3pm
Venue:	Corporate Suite – Adelaide Oval
Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Round-the-table check-in• Major projects update• Asset management maturity roadmap objectives

1. Welcome and introductions – Travis Crozier, Internal Communications Manager

- We will be using in-house facilitation – this job will be a roving role shared amongst the ElectraNet people team.
- CAP meetings will be held at the Adelaide Oval corporate suite.

2. Round the table check-in – members invited to deliver an energy sector related update

Tim Kelly - Conservation Council

- The Conservation Council have provided a submission on the Monash Solar Farm which saw plans to clear up to 65 hectares of fully intact, old regrowth rolled back and resulted in a reduced 40 hectare clearance.
- Concerns about the plans to clear 1100 hectares of native vegetation for the Cultana Solar Farm – there are better solutions on more marginal land.
- Met with ElectraNet's Land Services Manager, Scott Haynes, about the route for the interconnector and satisfied ElectraNet will do what it can to minimise impacts.

Peter Labropoulos - South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME)

- Recognition of ElectraNet's Corporate Development team for their significant work to alert our membership that a suite of infrastructure will be required to unlock prospective mining areas in South Australia's north-west.

Andrew McKenna (Business SA)

- SA Power Networks has a draft revenue reset proposal - Business SA is liaising with members about it.
- Energy prices are still twice historical levels in the contract market.

Jo De Silva - South Australian Council of Social Services (SACOSS)

- SA Power Networks revenue reset process – attended combined meeting with other consumer groups.
- Australian Energy Market Commission undergoing the annual Electricity Network Economic Framework Review – consumers bear most of the risk and rebalancing is needed.
- SACOSS conference coming up 29 April – *Consumers at the Heart of Business*.

3. South Australian Energy Transformation

a) Update on Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission (RIT-T) process – Group Executive Asset Management, Rainer Korte

The Project Assessment Conclusions Report (PACR) was published on 13 February 2019. Dispute notice lodged by SACOSS on 15 February citing system security concerns – being assessed by Australian Energy Regulator (AER) – we expect the AER will consider the dispute raised in parallel with its review of the RIT-T.

b) Early works program – approvals update – JBS & G State Approvals Lead, Andrew Hickman

Process to narrow the line route going very well – sentiment from landholders very positive and no major issues – route methodology explained including opportunities to align with existing infrastructure.

c) Communications – Communications Manager, Megan Lloyd

Outlined the creation of project brand Project EnergyConnect, including launch of website, animation, and press coverage of release of PACR.

d) Project legacies/shared value – Stakeholder Relations Advisor, Angela Faulkner

ElectraNet looking for opportunities to create additional economic and social value for communities with particular focus on environmental benefits (Business SA commented and is happy to promote to members).

4. Other major projects - Group Executive Asset Management, Rainer Korte

a) Eyre Peninsula Upgrade

AER decision anticipated imminently and once received contingent project funding can be applied for.

b) Main Grid System Strength

In October 2017, the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) declared a gap in system strength in South Australia, which required ElectraNet to use its reasonable endeavours to address this gap on an ongoing basis. ElectraNet has been investigating options to address this gap and found the installation of four high-inertia synchronous condensers with flywheels to be the most efficient and least cost solution.

In February 2019, the AER provided regulatory approval for the approximately \$140 to \$180 million proposed synchronous condenser solution and in March 2019, the solution received technical approval from AEMO.

The new synchronous condensers are expected to be installed at Robertstown and Davenport and fully operational by the end of 2020.

5. Maturity Roadmap, Group Executive Asset Management Rainer Korte

Outlined progress in developing asset management maturity and readiness for ISO 55001 certification as part of a business Maturity Roadmap. The Roadmap will deliver improved value and assurance to customers.

ElectraNet has reviewed the top level Asset Management Objectives that guide its asset management system to better align with what's important to customers, including reliable, affordable and secure electricity. A draft set of objectives was presented and feedback discussed.

6. Other business

The Energy Charter – question from Panel – why hasn't ElectraNet signed up?

A working group has been formed to establish how members will ensure consumers are at the heart of decision making and how they will report against those goals.

ElectraNet is committed to this outcome and is monitoring the progress of the development of the Charter with interest. The opportunity remains for ElectraNet to become a member at any time.

ACTIONS

1. Circulate Project Legacies Fact Sheet
2. Circulate Transmission Annual Planning Report when completed
3. Include a regulatory update in next meeting

**Consumer Advisory Panel Members
March 2019**

Member	Organisation
Peter Dobney	Director, Energy Users Association of Australia
David Headberry	Public Officer, Energy Consumers Coalition of SA (ECCSA)
Mark Henley	Manager Advocacy and Communication, Uniting Communities
Tim Kelly	Nominee, Conservation Council of South Australia
Hon Robert Kerin	Executive Chairman, Primary Producers SA
Rebecca Knol/ Peter Labropoulos	Chief Executive, South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) Policy Advisor, South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy
Andrew McKenna	Senior Policy Advisor, Business SA
Jo De Silva	Senior Policy Officer, SACOSS
Graham Pratt	Consumers Association of South Australia
Sue Averay	COTA SA
ElectraNet Representatives	
Steve Masters	Chief Executive
Rainer Korte	Group Executive Asset Management
Megan Lloyd	Communications Manager
Angela Faulkner	Stakeholder Relations Advisor