

**ActewAGL Distribution Energy Consumer Reference Council
Communique**

Meeting 11 – 13 April 2016

The ActewAGL Distribution Energy Consumer Reference Council (ECRC) met on 13 April 2016. Representatives from Canberra Business Chamber, Engineers Australia, Australian National University, SEE-Change, Council on the Aging ACT and Tuggeranong Community Council participated in the meeting.

The following discussion occurred:

- Matters arising from the previous meeting included a discussion around local micro-grid and solar installation projects proposed for Canberra and the continued role of ActewAGL Distribution in understanding the needs of these projects and the potential impacts on the distribution network.
- In response to discussions at previous ECRC meetings, the following presentations were given to the meeting:
 - ActewAGL Distribution Asset Management System – discussion included information on the forecasting work to inform future planning assumptions and opportunities for larger customers to engage directly with ActewAGL Distribution on opportunities associated with emerging technology.
 - ActewAGL Distribution Electric Vehicle Project.
- ActewAGL Distribution representatives provided the meeting with updates on the following continuing work:
 - Changes to the gas distribution market and customer billing system coming into effect in May 2016.
 - The progression of the draft electricity Tariff Structure Statement, including plans for further consumer engagement. The ECRC provided advice and feedback on the proposed Co-design Workshop.
 - Proposed changes to vegetation clearance distances in Rural Areas and the Bushfire Abatement Zone, in particular providing information on consumer feedback received during the consultation period.
 - Winter Energy Savings Workshops being conducted by ActewAGL during May.
 - ActewAGL's Network Safety Campaign launched in September 2015 and running until July 2016.

Copies of PowerPoint presentations and papers presented to the meeting are available at www.actewagl.com.au/consumerengagement .

The next meeting of the ECRC is scheduled for June 2016. For further information contact Peter Cunningham, ActewAGL on 02 6293 5108.