

Evoenergy Energy Consumer Reference Council Communique Meeting 27 – 13 February 2019

The Evoenergy Energy Consumer Reference Council (ECRC) met on 13 February 2019 at ActewAGL House, Civic.

Representatives from Australian National University, Gungahlin Community Council, Tuggeranong Community Council, Council on the Ageing (COTA), Property Council of Australia (ACT), Canberra Urban and Regional Futures (CURF) and Master Builders Association (ACT), participated in the meeting.

The following presentations and discussion occurred at the meeting:

2019-24 Electricity Regulatory Submission; Evoenergy provided an update on the revised 2019-24 electricity proposal submitted on 29 November 2018. Third party submissions, including one from the ECRC, have been published on the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) website. The AER final decision is expected at the end of April 2019.

Evoenergy 2019 bushfire prone area and pole top inspection program; Evoenergy presented an overview of an aerial drone inspection pilot that offers advantages over previous methods of inspection such as helicopter flights. Evoenergy answered ECRC member questions on program elements including safety, benefits and risks, and community communication.

Evoenergy gas networks; Evoenergy presented a review of the gas network and update on details such as network reliability and trends in gas network connections and use. Members were able to ask about the gas networks future vision and decarbonisation of the gas network in the context of the ACT zero emissions policy.

Evoenergy consumer engagement update; ECRC members heard about plans for Evoenergy's upcoming Annual Planning Report launch. Evoenergy would like to promote the report contents among the community, and highlight opportunities for greater collaboration in Evoenergy work. Members were invited to provide input to the development of the Gas Access Arrangement Revision (GN21) Consumer Engagement and Communications Plan, and (draft) Evoenergy Consumer Engagement Strategy. ECRC members contributed ideas on topics of interest and methods of engagement, as well as the importance of purposeful, two-way engagement with relevant groups.

Pre-Power One Co-op; An external community co-operative requested an opportunity to present to ECRC members on their proposal for distribution networks to source capital from consumer cooperatives.

Copies of presentations are available at www.evoenergy.com.au/consumerengagement
The next meeting of the ECRC is scheduled for April 2019. For further information contact Evoenergy Consumer Engagement Manager [Giuliana Baggoley](mailto:Giuliana.Baggoley@evoenergy.com.au) on 0459 873 434