

# Evoenergy Energy Consumer Reference Council



Meeting #55 | Thursday 15 February 2024

## Attendees

- Evoenergy presenters and observers
- ECRC members
- Guest presenter: Evie Networks

*See meeting minutes for full attendee list.*

## Agenda

- Electric vehicles: Public and private charging landscape
- Gas Network 2026 Draft Plan
- Neighbourhood-scale batteries
- Electricity annual pricing proposal

## Outcomes and agreed next steps

- Share meeting minutes

## Discussion highlights

### Electric vehicles: Public and private charging landscape:

- Members explored the growth in electric vehicle adoption, noting that 20% of new car purchases in the ACT are now EVs. The group discussed the significant infrastructure gap, with 20 public charging outlets currently available but projections indicating a need for up to 3,000 by 2030.
- There was consensus on the importance of strategic planning to manage peak demand and encourage off-peak usage through incentives. Members emphasized the need for continued government support to address regional challenges.

### Gas Network 2026 Draft Plan:

- The engagement strategy progress was shared, with customer research on track for completion.
- Members discussed the importance of aligning network plans with customer priorities and highlighted the value of collaboration with the ERAP.
- The group agreed on the importance of scenario planning to navigate uncertainty in the future gas network.

### Neighbourhood-scale batteries:

- Members reviewed the role of community batteries in mitigating network constraints and supporting electrification goals. Updates were provided on proposed projects in Casey, Dickson, and Fadden, contingent on government grants.
- There was a discussion on regulatory barriers and the long-term benefits of batteries in managing demand and improving network resilience.

### Electricity annual pricing proposal:

- The group examined the impact of the Large-scale Feed-in Tariff Scheme on network pricing. Members noted the positive reflection of a 2.2% price decrease on customer bills in 2023/24 but highlighted the need to clarify the broader factors influencing overall pricing.

### Safety share: summer storm event:

- Evoenergy shared details of the December 2023 storm response, which initially left 14,000 customers without power.
- Members acknowledged the efficient restoration efforts and discussed the importance of proactive communication during emergencies.



NEXT MEETING | Thursday 11 April 2024 9.30am – 11.30am