

Minutes



SA Power Networks Future Energy Advisory Group

Meeting Details

Organiser Hiroe Terao

Date Thursday 6 August 2026

Time 10.00am to 11.30am (ACST)

Location MS Teams

Members

Bryn Williams (Chair), Energy Horizons
Andrew McConnell, AEMO
Emily Gadaleta, Tesla
Ian Furness, Office of the Technical Regulator
Jesse Daughtry, ARENA
John Welch, Smart Energy Council
Mark Yates, Yes Energy
Ryan Wavish, AGL (proxy)

Apologies:

Caitlin Trethewy, AGL
David Markham, Clean Energy Council
Dor Son Tan, Energy Networks Australia
Ed Chan, CEMA Advisory
Sally Gartlemann, Department for Energy and Mining

SA Power Networks

James Brown, Senior Manager Enterprise Innovation
Liam Mallamo, Industry Development Lead
Hiroe Terao, Stakeholder Engagement Business Partner

Guests/Presenters
N/A

1. Welcome & Introductions

- The Chair welcomed members to the inaugural meeting of the Future Energy Advisory Group (FEAG).
- Confidentiality obligations under the Terms of Reference were reaffirmed, members were invited to declare actual or perceived conflicts of interest. No conflict of declaration was declared.
- Terms of Reference were adopted.
- Members introduced themselves and outlined the expertise and perspectives they bring to the forum.

2. FEAG Overview

- SAPN provided an overview of the evolution of its consultative groups and the establishment of FEAG as a strategic advisory forum to provide strategic, forward-looking advice on consumer energy resources, demand flexibility and evolving distribution system operator functions to support customer-focused and lowest-cost energy transition.
- The consultative group model, relationship with the Community Advisory Forum (CAF) and other advisory groups, SAPN's future energy vision and strategic priorities were presented.
- Discussion confirmed that FEAG is intended to inform SAPN's thinking rather than act as a decision-making body.
- Members discussed the relationship between FEAG and the Innovation Advisory Group (IAG), noting that innovation proposals may be considered through IAG if identified to be funded through Innovation Fund.

In practice, there may be some interaction between the two groups depending on the topic. For example, a potential innovation project may be brought to FEAG to get technical, industry or policy perspectives.

3. Member expectations & priorities

- Members outlined the perspectives they will contribute including market operations, regulation, policy, customer experience/practical delivery, technology, funding and standards.
- Common themes/interests included DSO evolution, CER orchestration, visibility, network utilisation, tariff and pricing reform, streamlining customer connections, interoperability, flexibility markets and practical implementation.
- Members emphasised the value of cross-industry collaboration, sharing lessons from other jurisdictions and maintaining a strategic, solutions-focused discussion.

4. Upcoming consultation opportunities

- SAPN outlined upcoming regulatory and policy consultation opportunities and its intention to seek FEAG input on significant matters through email and targeted discussions where appropriate.
- Members supported the proposed approach and highlighted the value of informal, early discussion of emerging regulatory reforms and innovative market approaches.

5. How we'd like to work together

- Members supported the proposed engagement model of quarterly online meetings supplemented by a face-to-face session and additional topic-specific discussions as required.
- It was agreed that Chatham House Rule be applied to meetings to encourage open and candid discussion, with confidentiality managed appropriately.
- Minutes will remain high-level and will not attribute comments to individual members to maintain transparency while preserving the confidentiality of discussions.

6. Other business

- Chair suggested including a standing roundtable update as agenda item to share developments across the sector.
- Discussion also identified opportunities to explore international developments in CER orchestration and interoperability.
- A clearer explanation of the relationship and distinct roles of FEAG and IAG was requested.

Action: SAPN to consider including a standard industry roundtable update as a standing agenda item.

Action: SAPN to provide further clarification on the relationship between FEAG and IAG as a separate follow-up.

7. Wrap up & next steps

- Hiroe and the Chair thanked members for their participation and noted the breadth of expertise represented within the group.

Action: SAPN to confirm the forward meeting schedule and circulate meeting minutes and actions, and invite members to register to Talking Power where members only content will be made available.

The meeting closed at 11:30am.

Actions:

Meeting Date	Action No.	Action Item	Owner	Status
Aug 2026	1	Consider including a standing industry roundtable update as a recurring agenda item.	Secretariat (Hiroe Terao)	
Aug 2026	2	Provide members with further clarification on the relationship between FEAG and SAPN's other advisory groups, including the Innovation Advisory Group.	SA Power Networks	
Aug 2026	3	Confirm the forward meeting schedule and circulate meeting minutes and actions, and invite members to register to Talking Power where members only content will be made available.	Secretariat (Hiroe Terao)	