

Communique

WA ACE Forum

7 September 2021 meeting

The seventh meeting of the Western Australian Advocacy for Consumers of Energy (WA ACE) Forum was held on 7 September 2021.

WA ACE Program

Members were informed of the State Government decision to provide ongoing funding support to the [WA ACE Program](#) and formation of the [Expert Consumer Panel](#) (ECP), including recent ECP activities.

Members were updated on the proposed revised structure for the WA ACE Grant program to be submitted for approval by the Minister for Energy.

Stand alone power systems

Western Power provided members with an overview of role and function of stand alone power systems and Energy Policy WA outlined the [regulatory changes](#) made to support deployment of these facilities.

Household Energy Efficiency Scheme

Members received a status update on the [Household Energy Efficiency Scheme](#), noting that the scheme was still in a pilot phase and to be conducted as an opt-in arrangement with different referral models being explored.

Electric Vehicle Action Plan

Members were provided with an overview of the Western Australian [Electric Vehicle Action Plan](#) and discussed the importance of information regarding the availability of charging infrastructure, including in regional areas of the State.

Members were advised that State Government agencies were working together on a plan for increased EV customer numbers and greater availability of charging facilities, including that they should be equipped to enable grid integration when appropriate.

About the WA ACE Forum

The WA ACE Forum brings to together consumer representative bodies from across Western Australia to provide consumer insights to the energy sector, supporting informed, valuable contributions to the energy debate in Western Australia. The WA ACE Forum meets five times a year.

The WA ACE Forum is not a decision-making body, nor is it required to form consensus. Accordingly, this Communique does not reflect the views of Energy Policy WA or any particular member organisation, rather it seeks to share the key areas of discussion by the Forum.