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# Abbreviations

The following table provides a list of abbreviations and acronyms used throughout this document. Defined terms are identified in this document by capitals.

Term	Definition
ECP	Expert Consumer Panel
GAB	Gas Advisory Board
GSI	Gas Services Information
MAC	Market Advisory Committee
PAC	Pilbara Advisory Committee
PN	Pilbara Network
WA ACE	Western Australian Advocacy for Consumers of Energy
WEM	Wholesale Electricity Market

# 1. Backgrounds of Reference Term

The energy sector in Western Australia exists to provide electricity and gas to consumers. It is central to energy production and delivery that the long-term interests of energy consumers are served. Ensuring that the long-term interests of consumers are upheld requires consumer input across all elements of the energy supply chain, at times in highly technical contexts.

The Western Australian Advocacy for Consumers of Energy (WA ACE) Program, aims to:

- improve energy sector and consumer advocacy interaction through training and building relationships;
- bring together energy consumer advocates and support them in sharing their views to strengthen consultation outcomes, namely through the WA ACE Forum; and
- fund research or advocacy activities addressing priority energy consumer issues, through WA ACE Grants.

The Expert Consumer Panel (ECP) has been established to assist interested Western Australian consumers (including consumer representatives) to contribute to public consultations and rule-making processes.

These Terms of Reference

As required by the WEM Rules<sup>2</sup>, PN Rules<sup>3</sup> and the GSI Rules<sup>4</sup>, consumer representatives are to contribute to rule making processes to empower a balanced view of the MAC, PAC and GAB.









## 4. Administration

Energy Policy WA provides secretariat and educational support to the ECP, which comprises the following duties to:

Confirm and advise members of meeting dates, including a future meeting plan.

Prepare and distribute meeting agendas and supporting papers at least one week prior to the meeting.

Record key meeting outcomes and distribute to members.

Manage the membership of the ECP, including appointment and remuneration of members.

Manage any relevant updates to the ECP Terms of Reference.

Maintain details of the ECP, including names of current members, on the Energy Policy WA website.

Update the ECP on WA ACE Grant outcomes.

Facilitate ECP attendance and contributions from ECP members at the WA ACE Forum.

Support interactions between members, consumers and industry participants.

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Provide sufficient information about the operation of the energy sector, with supporting sources, to promote the co-learning environment of the ECP.

Provide guidance as to the types of consultations that are underway that would warrant consumer input.

Provide supporting context to members of the MAC, PAC or GAB as needed.

## 5. Alterations to the Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference may be altered at the discretion of Energy Policy WA.



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