

Meeting Minutes

Date:	23 September 2025
Meeting Location:	Online
Attending:	CAP WG – Andrew Richards, Cathi Buttfield, Georgina Morris, Greg McCarron, Vikram Kenjle, Leanne Muffet ENet – Bec Malhotra, Jeremy Tustin, Ed Heaton, Chris Ridings
Apologies:	Nil

Item	Agenda	Responsible
1	Acknowledgement of Country and welcome	Leanne Muffet
2	Minutes and actions	Leanne Muffet
3	Transmission Pricing	Ed Heaton
4	Break	All
5	Recap on RRRG phase one	Jeremy Tustin
6	Retrospective and look forward*	Leanne Muffet
7	Andrew Richards present on other reset engagements	Andrew Richards
8	Pulse check, meeting actions & AOB	Leanne Muffet
	Next meeting – 10 am Tuesday 18 November 2025	

Action items

Agenda	Action	Who is to Resolve	
All	Circulate slides & minutes	Leanne Muffet	30 September 2025
Transmission pricing	Add the continuation of the broader discussion regarding generation paying for transmission augmentation to the engagement schedule.	Bec Malhotra	30 September 2025
Presentation on other reset engagements	Compare presentation points against existing TOR / Engagement Plan, identify gaps & incorporate into final Engagement Plan	Leanne Muffet, Bec Malhotra	15 October 2025
AOB	Circulate submission to F&A paper to RRRG for comment.	Jeremy Tustin	15 October 2025

Summary of discussion

Introduction

ElectraNet noted minutes from the first three meetings are now available online.

Transmission pricing

ElectraNet provided an overview of the transmission pricing framework, noting that the Rules framework is quite prescriptive and only allow for charging load, not generation, with no ability to discriminate between customer groups.

- RRRG questioned the interaction with residential rooftop PV particularly at times of high output when flows are reversed. ElectraNet staff clarified that we have our obligation to accept net generation from the distribution system exists in the Transmission Connection Agreement between ElectraNet and SA Power Networks as such there is no associated trigger for augmentation of the transmission network. Even if there were, generally speaking excess solar power is available when electricity prices are very low, so its value is also generally very low. This limits the value in preventing it from being 'spilled'.
- RRRG raised the issue that augmentation is being increasingly driven by generation connections rather than load, and questioned the equity and fairness of charging only to load. ElectraNet staff noted the long and complex history of this debate, which ElectraNet has participated in over the years and would continue to do so in future. However, for present purposes ElectraNet is bound to the Rules framework.
- ElectraNet noted the four transmission pricing components, while these are passed on to SA Power Network and are ultimately postage stamped through distribution and then retail tariffs.
- ElectraNet noted that customers pay the lower of the capacity price or energy price, and that this information is published as the Transmission pricing schedule.
 - RRRG questioned how SA FERM costs would be passed on. ElectraNet confirmed this would be as an adjustment to the common service price component.
 - RRRG questioned the interaction between transmission augmentation and declining residential load due to CER uptake. ElectraNet clarified that there is limited ability to change transmission charging under the Rules, however SAPN have the ability to smooth prices across customers.
- ElectraNet provided a summary of transmission pricing clauses in the NER and Maximum Allowed Revenue (MAR) allocation.
 - RRRG questioned the transparency of FERM costs. ElectraNet clarified that these prices are simply passed through transmission pricing, and it is up to the State Government to publish these costs.
 - RRRG noted that while there are areas of work outside of what ElectraNet controls, it may be inside the sphere they can influence. In this regard, they recommended further consideration of how ElectraNet may influence the discussion on the fair and equitable allocation of costs.

Retrospective and look forward

The RRRG had a brief discussion of recent pulse check results, noting further consideration should be given to reducing repetition in meetings.

Andrew Richards presentation on other reset engagements

Andrew Richards provided a presentation on his experience on similar consumer panels engaging on other network resets.

Ways of working considerations

- The IAP2 spectrum stretches from 'inform' to 'empower' – however not all outcomes need to fall within the 'empower' category to be meaningful.
- It is important to be clear what is in and out of scope for consideration.
 - E.g. AER building blocks are out of scope, as they are mechanical in nature, but still important for the RRRG to understand (inform).
- The RRRG tends to have influence over approximately 15% of the revenue proposal – these areas tend to fall under involve/collaborate categories.
- RRRG should have engagement with ElectraNet, AER, and Consumer Challenge Panel, noting that CCP coming in late to the process can be disruptive – as experienced as part of ElectraNet's last reset process.
 - ElectraNet updated that the AER have indicated CCP may be involved from early 2026.

What has worked well

- An independent chair who runs sessions, can act as out of session liaison, and takes primary responsibility for writing a report on behalf of the RRRG.
- Conduct on-boarding of newer members.
- Consider implementing a buddy system to assist rapid learning amongst RRRG members.
- Bringing in independent advisors – e.g. if there is a big uplift in cyber expenditure, an expert in that field to unpack and assist in questioning.

Expectations

- The RRRG should not have a role in endorsing or approving business cases.
- The RRRG should not make value judgements on prudence and efficiency.
- The main role is to validate the engagement process, and confirm it has been thorough, fair, and open to feedback.
- Additionally, the RRRG can identify areas of the proposal where there is uncertainty, and request the AER 'shine a light' on the particular area.

Further discussion

- The RRRG raised that a comparison of these points should be made against the existing Terms of Reference.

- The RRRG noted that the engagement on Murraylink's reset links 'spheres of influence' to IAP2 engagement categories, and expressed support for this approach.
- The RRRG noted that while they shouldn't be validating a number, they can indicate their discomfort with a number (e.g. not explained sufficiently) for further assessment by the AER.
- The RRRG expressed satisfaction with the level of engagement by ElectraNet, and noted the importance of publishing information so that groups they represent may get involved directly in the reset process.

Early update on capex

ElectraNet provided an early estimate of its forecast capital expenditure requirement, noting that these were very early figures, with many projects still to go through scoping and estimating and also to be scheduled, including into regulatory control periods beyond the next. Further, the balance between ex ante proposals and contingent projects will need to be considered in more detail.

ElectraNet noted that early estimations would lead to a significant increase in capex from the previous regulatory period, but that further scoping and estimating, as well as consideration around the need for projects may see this number decrease.

- The RRRG noted the need to understand more about the age of assets and how resilience needs are assessed.
- The RRRG noted the need to understand how much capex is linked to the net zero transition (such as electric vehicle uptake).
- The RRRG noted the need to understand the total RAB pathway, including ISP projects.
- The RRRG noted the need to assess deliverability of projects.
- The RRRG noted the need to understand bill impact.

AOB

ElectraNet updated that the submission to the Framework & Approach paper was due 31 October and asked the RRRG whether they would like to be involved in the submission to the AER. ElectraNet committed to sending a draft to the RRRG, allowing a week for feedback, and enough time to incorporate feedback prior to submission.