

Transmission Revenue Reset 2027-33

Recruitment information for Transmission Stakeholder
Advisory Panel Chair and Panel Members

August 2024



Seeking members for AusNet's Transmission Stakeholder Advisory Panel

Shape the delivery of electricity to Victorian households and businesses

AusNet owns and operates the electricity transmission network in Victoria. The role of the transmission network is to transport electricity from large coal, gas and renewable generators across Victoria and interstate, to terminal stations that supply large customers and the distribution networks. Those networks then deliver the electricity to households and businesses. Our transmission network spans 6,620 kilometers, serving 6.6 million Victorians, and helps to connect power to NSW, South Australia and Tasmania.

We are seeking a Chair and new members for our Transmission Stakeholder Advisory Panel (TSAP) to represent AusNet customers in the Transmission Revenue Reset (TRR) 2027-2032. The TRR is the process that leads to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) determining revenues for our electricity transmission network for the 5-year regulatory period, in this case starting 1 April 2027. Our 5-year plan, referred to as a Revenue Proposal, must be lodged with the AER by 31 October 2025. The AER will assess our plan and set our revenues, which affect the price customers pay for electricity, the types and quality of services and level of investment and upgrades we put into the transmission network.

Our approach to customer and stakeholder engagement for the 2027-32 TRR involves an overarching Transmission Stakeholder Advisory Panel. The TSAP's role is to:

- a) provide credible, evidence-based insights and advice that enable AusNet to better understand its customer and stakeholders' diverse needs, circumstances, perspectives, interests, and preferences, in the context of the TRR 2027-2032
- b) engage constructively with other members and AusNet to provide feedback on economic and technical regulatory inputs to the Revenue Proposals, such as expenditure forecasts.

The Transmission Stakeholder Advisory Panel (TSAP), previously known as the Transmission Customer Advisory Panel (TCAP) was established as part of the stakeholder engagement undertaken while AusNet was preparing for the TRR 2022-2027. Since the TRR 2022-2027 engagement process concluded in early 2022, the panel has continued to meet regularly with AusNet. These meetings help to keep AusNet informed on energy users evolving needs, views and preferences and provide update on progress delivering the TRR 2022-2027 works program and evolutions of the industry.

To engage on the TRR 2027-2032, TSAP members will meet as a stand-alone panel (with and potentially without AusNet) and will be expected to participate in select broader engagement activities, including "deep dives" on select topics with broader stakeholder groups.

While working alongside relevant AusNet staff, the TSAP will remain independent of, not embedded within, AusNet's business structure.

Interested people are invited to apply for the following position/s:

- a TSAP Chair
- TSAP members.

What are we looking for?

Chair: Ensure the effective operation of the Transmission Stakeholder Advisory Panel, including:

- chair Transmission Stakeholder Advisory Panel meetings, balancing consensus amongst members while respecting a diversity of views to support AusNet progressing the development of its TRR 2027-32 plans
- work with AusNet to set meeting agendas and maintain records, including meeting summaries
- provide independent advice and feedback to AusNet staff on relevant issues and topics as required
- actively participate in Transmission Stakeholder Advisory Panel work as appropriate
- participate in briefings and meetings with key AusNet stakeholders (such as the Customer Consultative Committee), AusNet executives and the AER, as needed

- coordinate the development and production of up to 3 independent report/s that meet the AER's requirements
- advise AusNet on administrative matters, including panel membership, dispute resolution and stakeholder management.

TSAP members:

AusNet's Customer Consultative Committee and current TSAP have identified the following gap in existing membership:

- regional representation, such as from the farming or local council sectors

AusNet also welcomes applications from suitably qualified people from various backgrounds. The number of new members added will depend on applications received.

We are looking for new TSAP members who can:

- authoritatively represent the views of key customers and/or stakeholder groups
- understand and identify the most important elements of complex energy issues and their implications for customer outcomes
- engage and collaborate effectively and pragmatically on complex issues, with other members, AusNet staff and other stakeholders
- draw on their skills and experience to take part in constructive and robust debate about the long-term interests of electricity consumers.

TSAP Chair and members will review technical information, help identify the issues that matter most to customers and advocate for their interests. TSAP members may work for an organisation or represent a particular customer subgroup. Applicants for the role of the TSAP Chair must be impartial, and in a position to balance competing interests among the group. Consultants and independents may apply. The Chair must have extensive experience as a credible advocate for the consumer interest, with a deep understanding of consumer issues and a proven track record of influence, impact and effective leadership.

The TSAP will meet via a combination of in-person and online meetings throughout 2024 and 2025 on weekdays. The frequency and duration of meetings will vary depending on different topics. Meetings are expected to commence in August 2024. An indication of the time commitment is provided below, noting this is for the life of the project and that the required time investment may vary throughout the process.

While existing technical knowledge of the energy sector and issues and topics outlined below is useful, it is not essential. Members will be provided with training to enable them to meaningfully engage on AusNet's Revenue Proposal.

We welcome applications from professional and individual representatives. Remuneration if/as required will be discussed with successful candidates.

How to Apply

Please send your CV or LinkedIn profile and a brief cover letter or cover email with the role/s you would like to apply for to engagement@ausnetservices.com.au by **5pm AEST Monday 19 August 2024**, with the subject line **Application: AusNet TRR 2027-2032 Transmission Advisory Panel**. Brief interviews with shortlisted nominees will be held shortly thereafter.

Transmission Stakeholder Advisory Panel Chair

Key responsibilities:

- Chair Transmission Stakeholder Advisory Panel, balancing consensus amongst members while respecting a diversity of views to support AusNet progressing the development of its TRR 2027-32 plans.
- Ensure the effective operation of the Transmission Stakeholder Advisory Panel.
- Work with AusNet to set meeting agendas and maintain records, including meeting summaries.
- Provide independent advice and feedback to AusNet staff on relevant issues and topics as required.
- Actively participate in Transmission Stakeholder Advisory Panel work as appropriate.

• Participate in briefings and meetings, both online and in-person, with key AusNet stakeholders (such as the Customer Consultative Committee), AusNet executives and the AER, as needed. • Coordinate the development and production of up to 3 independent report/s that meet the AER's requirements. • Advise AusNet on administrative matters, including panel membership, dispute resolution and stakeholder management. • Ensure trust and accountability in the TRR 2027-32 engagement program is maintained by designing and managing to appropriate governance mechanisms, if/as needed.	
Likely time commitment: 1-2 days per month [September 2024 – October 2025]	Additional information: Applicants for Chair must be: • independent i.e. not representing a specific organisation or customer or stakeholder group or perspective • able to help balance the diverse views of those who represent specific interest areas. Experience or skills in one or more of the following areas is desirable: • leadership experience in consumer advocacy • expertise in energy sector and/or infrastructure regulation • board, reference group, or panel experience.

Transmission Stakeholder Advisory Panel Member

Indicative Topics in Remit: • Value for money offered by the Revenue Proposal in terms of consumer and community outcomes (e.g., price, reliability, safety, environmental). • Economic and technical regulatory inputs such as expenditure forecasts and depreciation. • Provide expert advice/guidance on issues as relevant. • Ensure trust and accountability in the TRR 2027-32 engagement program is maintained by participating constructively and adhering to governance arrangements.	
Likely time commitment: 0.5-1 days per month [September 2024 – October 2025]	Additional information: Knowledge of the energy sector and/or infrastructure regulation is desirable. Board, reference group, or panel experience is desirable.

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