

ELECTRICITY REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

STATUS REPORT

Date: 27 July 2012

The Electricity Reform Oversight Committee met on 26 July 2012.

The following matters were discussed:

- the overall governance structure for the electricity reform project;
- the work streams and proposed timeframes and resources required; and
- stakeholder engagement.

The Electricity Reform Oversight Committee:

- endorsed the overall governance framework for the electricity reform project;
- endorsed its Terms of Reference and approved the Terms of Reference for the Business Issues Reference Group;
- approved the Purpose and Responsibilities for the two project groups established to implement the electricity reforms – the Policy and Project Group and the Business Transition Group;
- approved the following project implementation objectives:
 - to implement the electricity industry restructure, market and competition elements of the reforms and regulatory arrangements, as agreed by the Government;
 - to resolve any emerging policy issues in the timeframe required by the project; and
 - to communicate and engage with stakeholders, including key regulatory bodies and electricity consumers, on the key elements of the reform package;
- endorsed the following nine project work streams:
 - Scope and Sale/Transfer of AETV Assets;
 - Price Regulation;
 - Full Retail Competition;
 - Retail Divestment;
 - Retail Asset and Resource Integration;
 - Network Integration;
 - Electricity Reform Legislation;
 - Communications and Stakeholder Engagement; and
 - Close out of Residual Business Structures and Assets;

- considered processes to ensure that people issues associated with the reforms receive priority consideration;
- agreed on arrangements to best manage transitional impacts and opportunities associated with the reforms;
- noted that the project groups will maintain detailed risk and issues registers for the project; and
- noted that stakeholder engagement is an important aspect of the reform project and that it is important to have a proactive, comprehensive and well-coordinated communications and stakeholder management process; and
- agreed that a Status Report be issued after each meeting of the Committee.

Martin Wallace
Chair