

Meeting record

Date: 18 May 2022

Time: 1.30 to 1.45 pm

Purpose: Twelfth meeting of the **Investor Reference Group** for the 2022 rate of return instrument

Present: ATCO Australia – Hugh Smith
QTC – David Johnston
Spark Infrastructure – Gerard Dover, Neil Donaldson
State Grid International – Sandeep Kumar
AER – Pradeep Fernando, Yuliya Moore, Conor McSween

Apologies: ATCO Australia – John Ivulich
Ausbil - Paul Johnston
Australian Super – Daniel Walters, Paul Dawson
Global Infrastructure Partners – Veeral Kanji
IFM – Josh Crane
Magellan – David Costello
Morgan Stanley – Rob Koh
OMERS – John Maiolo
SP Group – John Chng
AER – Warwick Anderson

Meeting notes

- AER staff went through the list of actions from the last IRG meeting, all are complete.
- AER staff provided an update of the draft rate of return Instrument process:
 - Submissions were received from 16 different stakeholders on the *Information paper* and outcomes from the Concurrent evidence sessions, they are published on the AER website.
 - We are currently drafting the draft Instrument and explanatory statement. It is likely to be published on 17 June.
 - The draft Instrument will be reviewed by a panel of independent experts (the Independent Panel) for 6 weeks following publication. We are close to finalising the members of the panel and these names will be published on the AER website soon.
 - Stakeholder submissions on the draft Instrument will close around 2 weeks after the Independent Panel have provided the report of their review.
 - The final Instrument will be published in December.

- AER staff provided an update on RAB multiples:
 - Stakeholder submissions on our *Overall rate of return draft working paper* suggested using RAB multiples as a cross check for rate of return. In response, the AER engaged CEPA to analyse RAB multiples.
 - CEPA provided their final report this month, which is published on the AER website. We will accept submissions on this report along with submissions on the draft rate of return Instrument.

Meeting action items

- AER staff to:
 - Publish meeting record on AER website.
 - Organise next meeting and distribute invites (tentatively scheduled for late June).
- IRG members to:
 - Read the CEPA report on RAB multiples if interested.