

DIRECTLINK - SEG CO-DESIGN



Presentation to the Directlink
Stakeholders
Directlink Revenue Reset 2025-30
13/10/2022



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In the spirit of reconciliation APA acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community.

We pay our respects to their elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples attending today

PURPOSE OF THIS WORKSHOP

Directlink's intention is to have open discussion to create a governance structure for its stakeholder engagement on its 2025-30 revenue reset.

AGENDA

Items

- Introduction
- Governance Structures/Decision making
- Scope
- Timelines

OUTLINES

Some outlines of potential governance structures for stakeholder consideration and modification

INTRODUCTION

APA is presenting options for Governance/Decision making arrangements for the Stakeholder Engagement Group. These options aren't intended to be definitive or a list for stakeholder selection but rather are intended to be a springboard for stakeholders consideration of the issues that APA is raising.

WORKING GROUP

Description

Informal group of interested participants who attend, and provide feedback on subjects workshops, information sessions and read written papers

Scope/topics for content of consultation

Topics set by APA subject to feedback from the working group. Similar to Murraylink, RBP or VTS

Timeframes

Set by APA subject to feedback from working group

Comments

Risk that content and format are determined by APA or a vocal minority of stakeholders limiting the scope of feedback.

This would require this workshop to define scope and timeframes.

Requires no prior ongoing commitment from individual stakeholders to participate in the stakeholder engagement going forward

FORMAL PANEL

Description

A group of consumer representatives would be selected to form a formal panel (similar to a board). The representatives would give a commitment for the duration of the revenue determination. APA would provide the secretariat for the Formal Panel. Workshops and papers would be open to any interested party.

Scope/topics for content of consultation

The selection of topics for discussion and analysis would be selected by the Formal Panel. Either by majority vote or consensus.

The method for consultation on different topics would also be selected by the Formal Panel

Timeframes

The timing of consultations would be determined by the Formal Panel.

Comments

Requires a commitment of time by the members of the Formal Panel. Would require stakeholders to nominate themselves to participate on the panel. Would require at least 3 stakeholders to form a panel.

HYBRID

Description

Stakeholder representatives at workshops would be the decision maker.

Scope/topics for content of consultation

A part of each consultation would be devoted to the selection of topics and format for the next consultation. This may be against a scope set as part of this consultation.

Timeframes

The timing of consultations would be determined by APA based on the resource requirements of the topics and formats selected by the stakeholder engagement group.

Comments

There may be issues of consistency of decision making as the composition of decision making will be determined by who is involved in individual consultations.

TOPICS FOR CONSULTATION

Governance structures discussion

SCOPE

Scope of potential topics for consultation

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Whiteboard session

(topics for engagement)

(prioritisation of topics)

TIMELINES

Timelines outlined in regulatory framework

INTRODUCTION

Timeframes will reflect the resources needed for the subjects for consultation selected and the formal timeframes as required by the National Electricity Rules (next slide)

Prioritisation of topics will be discussed following identifying topics for discussion

REGULATORY TIMEFRAMES

Stage	Deadline
Request for Framework and approach paper	October 2022
AER consults on need for Framework and Approach paper	November 2022
Expenditure forecasting methodology	June 2023
Framework and Approach Paper published	July 2023
Revenue Reset Submitted	Jan 2024
AER issues paper published	March 2024
Submissions close	May 2024
Draft Determination published	September 2024
AER's predetermination conference	October 2024
Revised Regulatory Proposal	December 2024
Submissions close	January 2025
Final Decision published	April 2025

FEEDBACK

APA welcomes any feedback. Stakeholders should not limit themselves to the issues raised in this presentation.

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