

Gas Advisory Board 2017 Review of Composition

Call for Nominations

29 May 2017

1. Background

The Rule Change Panel was established in November 2016 and commenced the functions to administer the Gas Services Information (GSI) Rules on 3 April 2017. The RCP Secretariat, who provides assistance to the Rule Change Panel, is also responsible for providing secretariat services to the Gas Advisory Board (GAB). Prior to November 2016 the IMO was responsible for these functions.

Under subrule 13(3) of the GSI Rules, the Rule Change Panel must annually review the composition of the GAB and may remove and appoint members following the review.

The Rule Change Panel may also, under subrule 13(4) of the GSI Rules, remove a member of the GAB at any time in the following circumstances:

- the person becomes an undischarged bankrupt;
- the person becomes of unsound mind or his or her estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under a law relating to mental health;
- an event specified for this purpose in the GAB Constitution occurs; or
- in the Rule Change Panel's opinion the person no longer represents the interests of the person or class of persons that he or she was appointed to represent in accordance with rule 12 of the GSI Rules.

The GAB Constitution and the GAB Appointment Guidelines are available on the [Rule Change Panel's website](#).

Under rule 12 of the GSI Rules the GAB comprises:

No. of Members	Representation
1	Chair (appointed by the chairperson of the Rule Change Panel)
1	Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)
1	Small end use customers (nominated by the Minister)
1	The Coordinator of Energy

No. of Members	Representation
2	Pipeline Owner/Operators
2	Gas Producers
2	Gas Shipper
2	Gas Users
2	Observers (The Minister and the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) may appoint a representative to attend GAB meetings as an observer. Observers have full speaking rights at meetings, however, it is the GAB who advises on any decisions).

Members representing Pipeline Owner/Operators, Gas Producers, Gas Shippers and Gas Users are discretionary class members. Discretionary class members are appointed by the Rule Change Panel.

All other members are compulsory class members. Compulsory class members are appointed by the respective entity.

In accordance with the GAB Constitution each member is appointed for a set period of time.

Positions can become vacant for the following reasons:

- resignation;
- removal by the Rule Change Panel under subrule 13(4) of the GSI Rules; and
- lapse of tenure.

Under subrule 13(2) of the GSI Rules, the Rule Change Panel must consult with, and take nominations from, Gas Market Participants and gas industry groups that it considers have an interest in the information published on the GBB and in the GSOO, and, if practicable, must choose members from persons nominated.

The Rule Change Panel has now finished its annual review of the composition of the GAB and determined the positions that need to be filled. The Rule Change Panel has determined that none of the circumstances outlined under subrule 13(4) of the GSI Rules apply to any of the GAB members.

2. Call for Nominations

The following discretionary class positions are up for renewal:

Gas Producer	Pipeline Owner/Operators	Gas Shipper	Gas User
Pete DiBona (tenure lapsed)	John Jamieson (tenure lapsed)	Chris Campbell (tenure lapsed)	Andrew Sutherland (tenure lapsed)

There is no limit to re-nominations to be on the GAB and therefore those GAB members whose positions have lapsed can re-apply.

Compulsory Class members are not required to re-apply but the Rule Change Panel does, however, require re-confirmation and an updated CV from those members in order to ensure that there is a balanced representation of skills, knowledge and experience across the GAB.

3. Nominations

All nominations must be delivered to the Rule Change Panel by **5:00pm on Tuesday 27 June 2017**.

Nominations should include a completed membership nomination form (available in Microsoft Word on the [Rule Change Panel's website](#)).

The Rule Change Panel prefers to receive nominations by email but they may also be sent by post:

Email to: rcp.secretariat@rcpwa.com.au

Post to: Rule Change Panel
Attn: Executive Officer
C/o Economic Regulation Authority
PO Box 8469
PERTH BC WA 6849

To allow nominations to be properly assessed, please ensure **all** the information requested in the nomination form is included.

Please note that if you wish to nominate a person for more than one class of representation, a separate application must be submitted for each class and must address the criteria with specific reference to the class of representation being applied for.

4. Appointment Process Timeline

The appointment process for the 2017 review is:

1. **Monday 29 May 2017:** Nominations from gas industry groups and Gas Market Participants sought. The Rule Change Panel's call for nominations published on its website and an email notification sent to individuals/entities on the mailing list maintained by the Rule Change Panel.
2. **Tuesday 27 June 2017:** Nominations close.
3. **Wednesday 28 June to Friday 30 July 2017:** Rule Change Panel assessment of nominations against the expected skills, knowledge and experience of the GAB (as a body), as outlined in the GAB Appointment Guidelines.
4. **By 30 July 2017:** All nominees advised in writing of the outcomes of the appointment process.

5. Questions

If you have any questions through the process please contact Laura Koziol on (08) 6557 7946 or rcp.secretariat@rcpwa.com.au.