

# Scope of Work for the Review of the Market Advisory Committee

### 1. Introduction

The Market Advisory Committee (MAC) is a committee of industry and consumer representatives convened under clause 2.3 of the Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) Rules to provide advice in relation to Rule Change Proposals, Procedure Change Proposals and the evolution of the WEM and the WEM Rules. The MAC was established at the commencement of the WEM in 2006.

The Coordinator of Energy (Coordinator) is conducting a Review of the MAC (the Review) under clause 2.2D.1(h) of the WEM Rules in early 2024 and plans to implement any changes to the WEM Rules resulting from the review in late 2024. Clause 2.2D.1(h) confers the function on the Coordinator to consider and, in consultation with the MAC, progress the evolution and development of the WEM and WEM Rules.

A draft Scope of Works for the Review was presented to the MAC at the 8 June 2023 meeting. The draft Scope of Work was supported by the MAC, with a request to defer the Review to 2024 (so that it did not coincide with the commencement of the new WEM) and that the Review be conducted independently rather than by Energy Policy WA (EPWA). These matters have been considered by EPWA and the timing and independent input into the Review are detailed in section 3.

## 2. Background

### 2.1 History of the MAC

Following its establishment, the MAC was administered by the Independent Market Operator (IMO). At that time, the IMO was responsible for most aspects of the WEM, including market operations, rule and procedure changes, market monitoring and compliance.

The roles of the IMO were redistributed in April 2017, when responsibility for:

- market and system operations were transferred to AEMO;
- rule changes were transferred to the Rule Change Panel (RCP);
- market monitoring and compliance were transferred to the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA); and
- procedure changes were split between AEMO, the RCP and the ERA.

The RCP became responsible for administration of the MAC at that time, and the WEM Rules and the MAC Constitution were amended to be consistent with the new governance structure. The MAC was given the role to advise:

- the RCP on Rule Change Proposals; and
- AEMO, the RCP and the ERA on Procedure Change Proposals.

Further changes to the WEM governance arrangements were made in July 2021, when responsibility for administration of rule changes was transferred to the Coordinator and changes were made to the Rule Change Process. The Coordinator was also given responsibility for the evolution of the WEM and for reviewing the effectiveness of the WEM.

In addition, the role of WEM Procedures was amended as part of the Energy Transformation Strategy. The WEM Rules now require several parties to develop and operate in accordance with WEM Procedures, including AEMO, the Coordinator, the ERA and Network Operators. The role of the MAC was amended at that time such that it now:

- advises the Coordinator on the evolution of the WEM and WEM Rules;
- advises all procedure administrators on Procedure Change Proposals; and
- it is chaired by an independent person (the independent Chair), with the Coordinator providing secretariat support to the independent Chair.

### 2.2 Electricity sector governance changes

Since the commencement of the Energy Transformation Strategy, Stage 2 in July 2021, EPWA has been reviewing the legislative and governance arrangements for the energy sector with the aim of creating a regulatory environment that is agile and responsive to the challenges and opportunities of the energy transformation.

The Electricity Industry Amendment (Distributed Energy Resources) Bill 2023<sup>1</sup> (Bill) has been introduced to Parliament to amend the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (EI Act) and will provide a flexible, responsive future-focused regulatory framework which:

- introduces a new overarching State Electricity Objective;
- expands the scope of the WEM Rules so they may also address matters currently dealt with under other subordinate legislative instruments; and
- allows the regulatory framework to address new subject matter, such as Distributed Energy Resources, microgrids, embedded networks and stand-alone power systems.

The reforms will include overarching environmental and emissions objectives in the legislation governing the Western Australian electricity sector and introduce a consistent set of objectives across key legislation and supporting instruments, building greater resilience and flexibility in the energy sector.

The changes will mean that the WEM Rules will be renamed the Electricity System and Market Rules (ESMR) to reflect their expanded range. The ESMR will continue to address the operation of the WEM and contain consolidated and future-focused rules governing the electricity system in Western Australia. Their scope will be expanded to address matters contained in:

- the Electricity Networks Access Code 2004 (Access Code), made under Part 8 of the El Act;
- Western Power's Technical Rules, made under Chapter 12 of the Access Code;
- the Electricity Industry (Metering) Code 2012, made under Part 2 of the El Act; and
- the Electricity Industry (Network Quality and Reliability of Supply) Code 2005, made under Part 2 of the El Act.

These instruments will be moved across to the WEM Rules over the coming years and, as a result, the content that the MAC will be required to provide advice on will expand significantly and become more technically complex.

The role, functions and composition of the MAC will need to evolve with the development of the WEM Rules and the energy market. Therefore, a review of the structure and operation of the MAC is required, to ensure that it remains able to perform its functions effectively and that it is fit for purpose to provide advice on the expanded ESMR, including on Power System Security and Reliability related matters.

### 2.3 Current MAC arrangements

The MAC is established under clause 2.3 of the WEM Rules. Appendix A provides a summary of the key elements of this clause.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Progress of Bills (parliament.wa.gov.au)

Clause 2.3.2 of the WEM Rules requires the Coordinator to develop and publish a MAC Constitution.<sup>2</sup> Appendix B provides a summary of the key elements of the MAC Constitution.

#### 2.3.1 Purpose

The role of the MAC, as prescribed in Clause 2.3.1 of the WEM Rules, is to:

- (a) advise the Coordinator regarding Rule Change Proposals;
- (b) advise AEMO, the ERA, the Coordinator and Network Operators regarding Procedure Change Proposals;
- (c) advise the Coordinator, AEMO and the ERA on the development of Rule Change Proposals where requested by the Coordinator, AEMO or the ERA;
- (d) advise the Coordinator regarding matters concerning, and the Coordinator's plans for the evolution and development of the WEM and WEM Rules; and
- (e) provide assistance to the Coordinator in its role of monitoring the effectiveness of the WEM.

#### 2.3.2 Representation

Clause 2.3.5 of the WEM Rules prescribes that the MAC must comprise:

- (a) at least six and not more than eight members representing Market Participants, excluding Synergy;
- (b) at least one member and not more than two representing Contestable Customers;
- (c) at least one and not more than two members representing Network Operators, of whom one must represent Western Power;
- (d) at least two independent members nominated by the Minister to represent small-use consumers;
- (e) two members representing AEMO;
- (f) one member representing Synergy; and
- (g) an independent Chair, who must be a person appointed by the Minister under clauses 2.3.8A or 2.3.8D of the WEM Rules.

The Minister may appoint a representative to attend Market Advisory Committee meetings as an observer, as outlined in clause 2.3.6 of the WEM Rules.

The ERA may appoint a representative to attend Market Advisory Committee meetings as an observer, as outlined in clause 2.3.7 of the WEM Rules.

#### 2.3.3 Roles and responsibilities of members

MAC members are expected to demonstrate:

- knowledge and experience relating to energy sector issues;
- broad understanding of the technical, design and commercial aspects of the WEM;
- commitment to actively and impartially contribute to the MAC, including an ability to:
  - understand and adequately represent the interests of the membership group that they are appointed to represent;
  - o contribute constructively to MAC discussions;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2023-02/Wholesale%20Electricity%20Market%20Rules%20-%201%20March%202023.pdf.</u>

- assess proposed rule and procedure changes against the Wholesale Market Objectives;
- understand the subject matter in proposals made to the MAC; and 0
- o consider market design issues and options for the evolution of the WEM and the development of the WEM Rules;
- understanding of the WEM Rules and the other relevant legislation including the *Electricity* • Industry Act 2004, Electricity Industry (Wholesale Electricity Market) Regulations 2004, Metering Code, Access Code and Technical Rules; and
- understanding of the powers and obligations of the Coordinator, ERA and AEMO and the governance frameworks in which they operate.

#### 2.3.4 **MAC Process and operations**

EPWA provides administrative support to the independent Chair on behalf of the Coordinator. The Coordinator maintains a MAC webpage<sup>3</sup> that contains:

- a schedule of MAC meeting dates; •
- a list of MAC members: •
- the MAC Constitution; •
- meeting papers and minutes for all MAC meetings (dating back to February 2007); •
- information on annual composition reviews of the MAC; .
- links to webpages for all MAC Working Groups that contain: •
  - the Terms of Reference for the Working Groups;
  - lists of members for the Working Groups; and 0
  - meeting papers and minutes for all Working Group meetings. 0

The independent Chair may determine procedures for meetings of the MAC.

The Coordinator and the Chair can invite observers to attend MAC meetings.

If a Market Participant has a particular concern regarding an issue on the MAC agenda, the Chair expects that participant to discuss the matter with one or more of the representatives on the MAC that were appointed to represent the interest of the relevant participant class, and for those representatives to raise the issue at the MAC.

Meeting papers are distributed to MAC members and are published on the MAC webpage one week in advance of MAC meetings. Meeting papers follow a standard format and are assembled in a standard order.<sup>4</sup>

The MAC Secretariat takes detailed minutes of each MAC meeting and Working Group meetings. These minutes are more of a meeting record than minutes that specify:

- the issues discussed: .
- the MAC discussion, including the positions taken by each MAC member; •
- any action items, including who is to undertake the action and when it is due; and .
- any positions taken by the MAC, including consensus or dissenting views. •

- 2 Meeting Apologies/Attendance;
- 3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting;
- 4. Action Items;

Update on Working Groups; and 6 Update on Rule Changes.

5. Market Development Forward Work Program;

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<sup>3</sup> https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/market-advisory-committee.

The standard items are addressed at the start of meetings, are usually concluded in a matter of minutes and include:

<sup>1.</sup> Welcome and Agenda;

Substantive items follow the standard items, as appropriate from meeting-to-meeting.

These minutes are comprehensive to aid transparency and generally form the MAC's advice provided to the Coordinator. In addition to the minutes, the Chair may write to the Coordinator to provide direct advice on specific material issues, after consulting with the MAC on the content of this advice.

### 3. Review scope

### 3.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Review is to ensure that the MAC is fit for purpose, and in particular, that it operates efficiently and provides balanced, timely and useful advice to the Coordinator.

The Review is to also assess whether the MAC operates for the good of the WEM Objectives<sup>5</sup> and that the MAC members are participating in the interests of the stakeholder groups they represent rather than representing the specific interest of any organisation or person.

### 3.2 Guiding principles

The guiding principles for the Review of the MAC are that:

- (1) the MAC should provide advice that:
  - (a) is consistent with the new State Electricity Objective that is expected to become operational during 2024;
  - (b) is in the best interest of the WEM and electricity consumers;
  - (c) is delivered in a balanced and timely manner; and
- (2) MAC members must represent the view of the class of stakeholder group they represent.

### 3.3 Scope of the Review

#### 3.3.1 Purpose of the MAC

The Review will assess:

- whether the MAC is fulfilling its current stated purpose; and
- whether the purpose of the MAC is suitable.

#### 3.3.2 Representation

The Review will assess whether:

- the composition of the MAC is conducive to the effective contribution of the MAC;
- the composition of the MAC should be changed to ensure that the MAC provides a balanced view that represents the interests of the WEM and consumers;
- there should be more/fewer Market Participant representatives, or more/fewer representatives
  of any particular class, that would improve the effective contribution of the MAC;
- a party that is both a generator and retailer (a gentailer) should be allowed to fill either a generator or retailer position on the MAC or there should be an additional separate category

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Electricity Industry Amendment (Distributed Energy Resources) Bill 2023<sup>5</sup> (Bill) has been introduced to Parliament to amend the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (El Act) and will provide a flexible, responsive future-focused regulatory framework which will include a new State Electricity Objective that will replace the Wholesale Market Objectives. Further information on this process is available at <u>https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/energy-and-governance-legislation-reform</u>.

for gentailers, with the rest of the roles filled by parties that are either a generator or a retailer only;

- the composition of the MAC should be changed to aid with advice on more technical matters following the transfer of the Access Code, Technical Rules, Metering Code and NQRS Code into the WEM Rules; and
- there should be any other MAC member classes.

#### 3.3.3 Role and Responsibilities of Members

The Review will assess whether the roles and responsibilities of MAC members:

- are conducive to the effective contribution of the MAC; and
- if not, what changes to the role and responsibilities of the MAC may improve its effectiveness.

#### 3.3.4 **Process and Operation**

Clause 2 of the MAC Constitution specifies the requirements for what the MAC must consider. The Review will assess whether:

- the requirements for what the MAC must consider are appropriate; and
- there are any other matters that the MAC should be required to consider.

Regarding MAC Meetings, the Review should consider whether:

- the structure, order and timeframes of MAC meetings are conducive to the MAC providing effective advice to the Coordinator;
- all MAC members are able to contribute effectively to the MAC proceedings;
- there is sufficient information and documentation available about the MAC that is readily and easily accessible; and
- the MAC meeting schedule or length are appropriate, and whether the MAC meets often enough or too infrequently.

Regarding MAC papers, the Review should consider whether:

- the MAC papers are distributed and published in sufficient time to ensure effective MAC discussions;
- the form and content of papers for the standard agenda items are efficient, or any additional standard agenda items are required, or any existing items are not necessary;
- papers for the material agenda items generally contain an appropriate level of detail; and
- the length and content of the MAC minutes are appropriate and contain an appropriate level of detail.

The Review will consider whether:

- the MAC's quorum requirements are appropriate;
- the transparency of the MAC and its working groups is adequate;
- the MAC Constitution ensures that the MAC provides a balanced view that represents the interests of the WEM and consumers; and
- there any other issues related to the MAC governance arrangements or operations that need to be addressed.

### 3.4 Review stages

#### 3.4.1 Stage 1 - Independent review and recommendations

Stage 1 is to be completed by an independent consultant between February and July 2024. Stage 1 must assess the MAC's:

- purpose,
- representation,
- roles and responsibilities; and
- process and operation.

The consultant must deliver a final report to the Coordinator by 1 July 2024.

#### Stakeholder engagement

The consultant must carry out this review in consultation with MAC members, other Market Participants and other key stakeholders through surveys and one-to-one consultations.

Public consultation will take place through a consultation paper.

#### 3.4.2 Stage 2 – design proposals for revised MAC arrangements

Stage 2 is to be completed by EPWA between July and September 2024.

During this stage, EPWA will assess the outcomes of Stage 1, determine which recommendations to accept, and publish a report setting out the Coordinator's response to the matters raised in the consultant's report in Stage 1.

EPWA will then develop design proposals for revised MAC arrangements.

#### Stakeholder engagement

EPWA will develop design proposals in consultation with:

- the MAC; and
- other Market Participants and other key stakeholders through one-to-one meetings.

Public consultation will take place through a consultation paper.

#### 3.4.3 Stage 3 – WEM Amending Rules and MAC Constitution changes

The objective of Stage 3 is to develop the changes required to the WEM Rules and MAC Constitution to implement the outcomes of Stage 2.

Stage 3 is to be completed by EPWA between October and November 2024. It will include the development of:

- Amending WEM Rules that implement the changes developed in Stage 2; and
- Changes to the MAC Constitution.

#### Stakeholder engagement

EPWA will carry out this work in consultation with the MAC and other key stakeholders.

Public consultation will take place through the publication of an exposure draft of the WEM Amending Rules and the draft MAC Constitution.

# 4. Project Schedule

The intent is to complete the Review by mid-November 2024.

Tasks/Milestones	Timing			
Preparation (EPWA)				
Consult with the MAC on the scope of work for the MAC Review.	-Completed-	8 June 2023		
Engage a consultant to conduct independent audit (EPWA)	Draft Work Order	Jan 2024		
	Request Quote	Jan 2024		
	Award Contract	Feb 2024		
	Kick off meeting	Feb 2024		
Stage 1: Independent review of MAC (Consultant)				
Direct consultation with key stakeholders to review the effectiveness of the MAC (Consultant)	Draft questionnaire to EPWA	19 Feb 2024		
	Feedback on draft     questionnaire	21 Feb 2024		
	Email questionnaire to MAC members and other key stakeholders and request meetings as necessary	23 Feb 2024		
	One-to-one meetings with     MAC members	26 Feb – 8 Mar 2024		
Develop a draft Consultation Bapar on	<ul><li>Questionnaire closes</li><li>Consultation paper published</li></ul>	8 Mar 2024 15 Apr 2024		
Develop a draft Consultation Paper on issues identified and preliminary design proposals (Consultant)				
	<ul> <li>Submissions close (15 business days)</li> </ul>	3 May 2024		
Assess submissions, prepare responses and final report (Consultant)	Final report to Coordinator	1 Jul 2024		
Provide final report to MAC for information	<ul> <li>Prepare slides for MAC and present findings</li> </ul>	25 July 2024		
Stage 2: Design proposals (EPWA)				
Develop high level design for revised MAC arrangements	Develop design proposals     and consultation paper	July 2024		
Consult on high level design for revised MAC arrangements	Draft consultation Paper to the MAC	5 September 2024		
	<ul> <li>Publish a consultation Paper with design proposals for MAC Review</li> </ul>	September 2024		
Finalise high level design proposals	Consider submissions	October 2024		
	Publish Information Paper	October 2024		

Stage 3: WEM Amending Rules and MAC Constitution Changes (EPWA)				
Develop draft WEM Amending Rules to implement outcomes of Stage 2	•	Develop draft WEM Amending Rules	October 2024	
Develop draft amended MAC Constitution	•	Develop draft MAC Constitution	October 2024	
Public consultation on proposed changes to WEM Rules and MAC Constitution	•	Publish exposure draft of WEM Amending Rules Publish draft MAC Constitution for consultation	November 2024	
Publication and commencement of new MAC Constitution and WEM Rules	•	Package to Minister to have WEM Amending Rules gazetted New MAC Constitution implemented	November 2024	

#### Appendix A: Summary of the MAC-Related Clauses from the WEM Rules

#### The Purpose of the MAC

- Clause 2.3.1 of the WEM Rules specifies that the MAC's purpose is to:
- (a) advise the Coordinator regarding Rule Change Proposals;
- (b) advise AEMO, the ERA, the Coordinator and Network Operators regarding Procedure Change Proposals;
- (c) advise the Coordinator, AEMO and the ERA on the development of Rule Change Proposals where requested by the Coordinator, AEMO or the ERA;<sup>6</sup>
- (d) advise the Coordinator regarding matters concerning, and the Coordinator's plans for the evolution and development of the WEM and WEM Rules; and
- (e) provide assistance to the Coordinator in its monitoring role.<sup>7</sup>

#### The MAC Constitution

- Clause 2.3.2 of the WEM Rules specifies that the Coordinator must publish a MAC Constitution that deals with:
- (a) the process for convening the MAC;
- (b) the terms of reference of the MAC;
- (c) the membership terms of MAC members;
- (d) the process for appointing and replacing MAC members by the Coordinator;
- (e) the conduct of MAC meetings;
- (f) the role of the MAC Secretariat in supporting the MAC;
- (g) interactions between the MAC and the Coordinator, AEMO, the ERA and Network Operators;
- (h) the ability of the MAC to delegate any of the roles to a Working Group; and
- (i) the governance arrangements to for any MAC Working Groups.

#### The Composition of the MAC

- Clause 2.3.2 of the WEM Rules specifies the composition of the MAC as:
- (a) six to eight members representing Market Participants, excluding Synergy;
- (b) one to two members representing Contestable Customers;
- (c) one to two members representing Network Operators, of whom one must represent Western Power;
- (e) at least two independent members representing small-use consumers (nominated by the Minister);
- (g) two members representing AEMO;
- (h) one member representing Synergy; and
- (i) an independent Chair, to be appointed by the Minister.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Clauses 2.5.1A, 2.5.1B and 2.5.1C of the WEM Rules require AEMO, the ERA and the Coordinator (respectively) to consult with the MAC before commencing development of a Rule Change Proposal or providing material assistance to another party to develop a proposal. These rules specify the matters that AEMO, the ERA and the Coordinator must consult on with the MAC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See clauses 2.16.13A and 2.16.13B of the WEM Rules.

- Clause 2.3.5A of the WEM Rules requires the Coordinator to use reasonable endeavours to ensure equal representation of generators<sup>8</sup> and retailers<sup>9</sup> when appointing Market Participant representatives under clause 2.3.5(a).
- Clause 2.4.5B WEM Rules specifies that any organisation (other than AEMO) cannot be represented by more than one MAC member.
- Clauses 2.3.6 and 2.3.7 of the WEM Rules allow the Minister and the ERA to each nominate an observer to the MAC.
- Clause 2.3.7A of the WEM Rules allows the Coordinator and independent Chair to invite a person attend MAC meetings as an observer.
- Clause 2.3.9 of the WEM Rules required the Coordinator to annually review the composition of the MAC, in consultation with the independent Chair, and may remove and appoint members following the review.

#### The independent Chair

- Clause 2.3.8A of the WEM Rules requires the Minister to appoint an independent Chair who, in the Minister's opinion:
- (a) is free from any business or other relationship that could materially interfere with the independent exercise of the independent Chair's judgment; and
- (b) has the skills and experience necessary to carry out the responsibilities and functions of the independent Chair of the MAC.
- Clause 2.3.8B of the WEM Rules limits each independent Chair to a three-year term with the possibility of one three-year extension.

#### **Convening MAC Meetings**

- Clause 2.3.15 of the WEM Rules specifies that the independent Chair must convene the MAC on any occasion when:
- (a) the WEM Rules require a meeting to discuss a Rule Change Proposal;
- (aA) the WEM Rules require a meeting to discuss a Procedure Change Proposal;
- (c) two or more MAC members have informed the Chair in writing that they wish to discuss a matter before the MAC regarding the evolution or the development of the WEM or the WEM Rules; and
- (d) the Coordinator has informed the Chair that they wish to discuss a matter before the MAC regarding the evolution or the development of the WEM or the WEM Rules.

#### Working Groups

• Clause 2.3.17 of the WEM Rules allows the MAC to establish and disband Working Groups comprising representatives of Rule Participants and other interested parties to assist the MAC in advising the Coordinator, ERA, AEMO and Network Operators.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Market Participants that own, control or operate Energy Producing System(s).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Market Participants that sell electricity to customers.

### Appendix B: Summary of the MAC Constitution

#### Terms of Reference

- Clause 2.1 of the MAC Constitution specifies the purpose for the MAC, consistent with clause 2.3.1 of the WEM Rules.
- Clause 2.2 of the MAC Constitution requires the MAC to have regard to the Wholesale Market Objectives and any recommendation of the MAC must be consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives.
- Clause 2.3 of the MAC Constitution requires MAC members and their proxies to act in the best interests of the WEM.

#### **Membership Terms**

- Clauses 3.5 and 3.6 of the MAC Constitution specify two classes of MAC members:
- Compulsory class members: members who represent a single entity (AEMO, Synergy and Western Power) and small-use customer representatives; and
- Discretionary class members: those who represent a class of participants and are not compulsory class members (i.e. Market Participants, Network Operator and Contestable Customers).
  - Clause 3.7 to 3.9 of the MAC Constitution deals with proxies:
    - compulsory class members and observers from the Minister and ERA can send proxies to meetings; and
    - discretionary class members can request to send a proxy to meetings, and permission is at the discretion of the independent Chair.

#### **Appointing and Replacing Members**

- Clause 4.3 indicates that AEMO, Synergy and Western Power must nominate their compulsory class members to the Coordinator.
- Clause 4.4 indicates that the Coordinator will advertise for discretionary class members on the Coordinator's website, via RulesWatch and by direct contact with appropriate industry groups.
- Clauses 4.5 and 4.6 indicate that the usual term for each member is two years, but that the Coordinator can appoint members for a shorter term to maintain the balance on the MAC, and that MAC members cannot be a member for more than six consecutive years (excluding any years before January 2022).
- Clause 4.15 provides that the MAC can continue to operate if a MAC position becomes vacant at any point, but the Coordinator must use best endeavours to fill the vacancy.

#### **Convening the MAC**

- Clause 5.1 requires the independent Chair to convene the MAC:
  - (a) in relation to a Rule Change Proposal, where the independent Chair or Coordinator considers that MAC advice is required;
  - (b) in relation to a Procedure Change Proposal, where the independent Chair, Coordinator, AEMO, the ERA or a Network Operator considers that MAC advice is required;
  - (c) in relation to a Rule Change Proposal, where two or more MAC members have advised the Chair that MAC advice is required;
  - (d) on any occasion where two or more MAC members advise the Chair that they wish to bring an issue to the MAC for discussion;
  - (e) on any occasion where the Coordinator advises the Chair that they wish to bring a matter to the MAC for discussion; and
  - (f) where practicable, consistent with the provisional schedule of MAC meetings.

#### **Conduct of Meetings**

- Clause 6.4 indicates that the quorum requirement for the MAC is:
- (a) 50% of total current members;
- (b) one member representing small-use customers;
- (c) two discretionary class members that are generators; and
- (d) two discretionary class members that are retailers.
  - AEMO, Synergy and Western Power must nominate their compulsory class members to the Coordinator.

#### **Conduct of Meetings**

- Section 7 specifies the role of the MAC Secretariat.
- Section 8 specifies how the MAC, the Coordinator and the independent Chair are to interact.
- Section 9 specifies the governance arrangements between the MAC and Working Groups.