



Pilbara Advisory Committee (PAC) - Minutes

Date:	4 December 2025
Time:	1:30 pm – 2:42 pm
Location:	Online, via TEAMS

Attendees	Representing in PAC	Comment
Sally McMahon	Chair	
James Campbell-Everden	Independent System Operator (ISO)	
Clayton James	Excluded Network Service Provider (NSP)	Proxy - Rebecca White
Gabby Pracilio	Contestable Customer	
Rosh Ireland	Small-Use Consumer	
Bethwyn Cowcher	Discretionary Rule Participant	
Kristian Myhre	Discretionary Rule Participant	
Michael Ford	Discretionary Rule Participant	
Anthony Ravi	Registered NSP	
Momcilo Andric	Registered NSP	
Sandy Morgan	Registered NSP	
Melinda Anderson	ERA Appointed Observer	
Noel Ryan	Minister Appointed Observer	
Other attendees	From	Comment
Dora Guzeleva	EPWA	PAC Secretariat
Tom Coates	EPWA	PAC Secretariat
Thomas Tedeschi	EPWA	PAC Secretariat
Tim Robinson	RBP	Presenter for Item 5
Apologies	From	Comment
Sandra McInnes	Contestable Customer	



1. WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

The Chair noted that she continues as a Commissioner at the AEMC and that any views expressed by the PAC are not necessarily those of the independent Chair.

The Chair noted the Competition Law Statement, reminded members of their obligations, and encouraged them to bring any issues to her attention should they arise.

The Chair reminded members that the meeting would be recorded to develop the Minutes.

2. MEETING APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE

The Chair noted the attendance as listed above.

3. MINUTES OF MEETINGS 2025_08_28

The 28 August 2025 meeting minutes were approved out-of-session and published on the Coordinator's website on 9 October 2025.

4. ACTION ITEMS

The Chair noted that the one action item in the register was closed.

5. EVOLUTION OF THE PILBARA NETWORK RULES: DISCUSSION ON DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SUBMISSIONS AND RESPONSES

The Chair introduced this item, referring to the covering paper in the combined meeting papers. She outlined the topics to be discussed:

- Implementation activities (slides 6 to 13).
- Implementation responsibilities (slides 14 to 16).
- Implementation timing (slides 17 to 23).
- Implementation triggers (slides 24 to 27).
- Next steps.

Mr Robinson presented the slides for this item and invited stakeholder comments.

a) Implementation activities

- Ms Morgan noted that Horizon Power had made a formal submission, which for brevity she would not repeat, as this was already with EPWA. She urged careful consideration of the impact of ESS cost allocation, noting that timing of new connections may affect the impact and may warrant transitional arrangements. She noted that this was a general comment relevant to many review outcomes.

Ms Guzeleva agreed that these issues should be considered and noted that EPWA would assess the need for any transitional arrangements as implementation progressed.

- Mr James asked that implementation timeframes provide sufficient time, after rule development, for the ISO to develop relevant procedures and systems, and for participants to consider their operations and risk appetite.



Mr Robinson responded that the Pilbara ISOCO's submission outlined implementation activities and indicative time requirements, which EPWA would factor into the final Implementation Plan.

- Mr James asked when Horizon Power's costs to transition the control-desk function to the ISO would be known.

Mr Robinson advised that the Implementation Plan includes an action for the ISO to lead development of a transition plan, with costs to be determined through that process.

Ms Guzeleva added that Horizon Power's post-transition cost savings would also need future consideration.

- Ms Morgan requested that EPWA confirms whether clause 126 of the Pilbara Networks Rules provides sufficient scope to enable recovery of all relevant ERA costs for its proposed compliance and enforcement functions.

b) Implementation responsibilities

There was no discussion on implementation responsibilities.

c) Implementation timing

- Ms Morgan noted that the process for NSPs retiring their existing technical rules requires significant review, including assessing impacts on commercial arrangements. She asked that sufficient time be allowed for stakeholders to assess potential technical and commercial impacts.

d) Implementation triggers

- Mr James queried if increases in the level of network congestion would affect ESS requirements. He noted that if the level of congestion was relevant for reforms, this may warrant a separate trigger.

Ms Guzeleva suggested that increasing network constraints may indicate market inefficiency and could be relevant in considering more dynamic balancing arrangements. She advised that EPWA would consider Mr James' comments.

e) Next steps

Ms Guzeleva introduced the discussion on next steps for the EPNR Project.

- Ms Morgan noted that implementation details would need further consideration in later stages and emphasised the need for flexibility in timeframes to allow stakeholders adequate time to consider the detail.

Ms Guzeleva agreed, noting that the Implementation Plan is a starting point and will be subject to review and potential change.

The Chair invited general feedback and any additional comments.

- Mr Campbell-Everden stated that the ISO would have an important role in assisting EPWA with implementing the review outcomes. He noted that the ISO was considering governance arrangements for its implementation activities and asked if EPWA had considered project governance for the implementation stage, including stakeholder involvement in decision-making.

Ms Guzeleva reiterated the importance of the ongoing role of the PAC and its working groups.



The Chair thanked participants for their contributions. She summarised the discussion, noting that, while a clear plan exists, timeframes should remain flexible. She highlighted the importance of good governance and adequate time for review.

6. PAC MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026

The Chair invited comments on the proposed PAC meeting schedule for 2026.

- Ms Morgan requested that all meetings be scheduled earlier in the day, if possible, and that the 26 February meeting be moved to a different day.

The Chair asked members to approve an alternative schedule in which the first meeting of the year would be held on 25 February at 1:00pm and the 9 April meeting would take place at 1:00pm. She noted that other meetings may be scheduled earlier in the day in the future, if the opportunity arises.

Members approved the Chair's alternative proposal.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chair thanked members for their contributions.

The next PAC meeting will be held online at 1:00pm on Wednesday 25 Feb 2026.

The meeting closed at 2:42pm.