



Pilbara Advisory Committee (PAC) - Minutes

Date:	21 May 2026
Time:	1:30pm – 3:30pm
Location:	Online, via TEAMS

Attendees	Representing in PAC	Comment
Sally McMahon	Chair	
James Campbell-Everden	Independent System Operator (ISO)	
Momcilo Andric	Registered NSP	
Lizzie O'Brien	Registered NSP	Proxy for Anthony Ravi
Sandy Morgan	Registered NSP	
Ben Bradfield	Excluded Network Service Provider (NSP)	
Ken Chong	Excluded NSP	
Rosh Ireland	Small-Use Consumer	
Kristian Myhre	Discretionary Rule Participant	
Nick Bardsley	Discretionary Rule Participant	Arrived 2:15pm
Timothy Edwards	Discretionary Rule Participant	
Genevieve Moloney	Discretionary Rule Participant	Proxy for Warner Priest
Noel Ryan	Minister Appointed Observer	
Other attendees	From	Comment
Peter Van Den Dolder	ISO	Presenter for Item 4
Tim Robinson	Robinson, Bowmaker and Paul (RBP)	Presenter for Item 5
Kathryn Barrie	Department of Energy and Economic Diversification (DEED)	Presenter for Item 6
Dora Guzeleva	DEED	PAC Secretariat
Tom Coates	DEED	PAC Secretariat
Samantha Jasmin	DEED	PAC Secretariat
Luke Commins	DEED	PAC Secretariat
Apologies	From	Comment
Anthony Ravi	APA	
Warner Priest	Intercontinental Energy	



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 has been reappointed as Councillor at the National Competition Council, and that any views expressed by the PAC are not necessarily those of the independent Chair.

- Ms Morgan stated that, in addition to her role at Horizon Power, she is also a director of the ISO and had not seen the investigation materials prior to their distribution to the PAC.
- Mr Andric noted a similar position, advising that he is also a member of the ISO board and had only recently received the report.
- Ms O'Brien advised that she was attending as a proxy for Mr Ravi and disclosed her director role on the ISO board.

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_03_26

The 26 March 2026 minutes were approved out-of-session and published on the Coordinator's website on 7 May 2026. No amendments were raised.

4. UPDATE ON 22 NOVEMBER 2025 POWER SYSTEM INCIDENT INVESTIGATION

The Chair introduced the item and noted that the presentation materials had been circulated late, which may have limited members' ability to review them prior to the meeting.

Mr Campbell-Everden advised that the investigation report had been finalised and published the previous day on 20 May 2026. He explained that the purpose of the presentation was to provide a high-level overview of the report and to outline the proposed next steps. He emphasised that the ISO did not expect members to have reviewed the report in detail and noted that a consultation process had commenced.

Mr Van Den Dolder provided a high-level overview of the incident and investigation findings. He noted that the recommendations are intended to improve system resilience and may require a combination of rule changes, operational adjustments and enhanced coordination between participants.

- Ms Morgan advised that Horizon Power had not yet completed its internal review of the report and therefore was not in a position to comment on the recommendations. She noted that the report required further internal consideration before a position could be formed.
- Ms Morgan questioned what role the PAC was being asked to play, noting that the agenda appeared to suggest that the PAC may be expected to approve or endorse next steps.

She advised that Horizon Power was not in a position to do so without first completing its review of the report.

- Ms O'Brien and Mr Andric supported this position, noting that participants had not had sufficient opportunity to consider the report and that the matter should proceed through the relevant consultation and review processes before further consideration by the PAC.

The Chair sought clarification from the ISO regarding what was being requested of the PAC.

Mr Campbell-Everden clarified that the ISO was not seeking endorsement of the report or its recommendations. He advised that the purpose of the item was to provide an overview of the investigation and seek feedback on the proposed next steps.

- Ms O'Brien questioned whether it was appropriate for the PAC to confirm next steps that related to ISO processes, noting that the PAC's role did not extend to directing ISO consultation processes.

The Chair acknowledged this point and asked ISO to specify what action, if any, was required from the PAC.

Mr Campbell-Everden explained that the ISO was proposing to include an additional voluntary consultation phase prior to progressing any rule or procedure change proposals. He noted that this step is not required under the Rules and would extend the timeframe for progressing recommendations, but would provide stakeholders with an additional opportunity to provide feedback.

- Ms Guzeleva noted that consideration would need to be given to whether recommendations should be progressed through ISO-led rule change processes or through the broader PNR reform program and associated working groups.

Mr Campbell-Everden agreed and advised that the pathway for progressing recommendations was still being developed. He noted that, where practicable, recommendations could be progressed through the existing reform processes rather than through separate rule change processes.

- Ms O'Brien supported this approach, noting that existing reform processes would assist in ensuring alignment and avoiding duplication.
- Ms Morgan reiterated that, in the absence of greater clarity on process and without completing internal review of the report, members were not in a position to provide meaningful feedback.

The Chair concluded that the PAC was not in a position to provide endorsement of, or detailed feedback on, the investigation recommendations at this meeting, noting both the timing of the report's publication and the need for participants to undertake further review.

Action: DEED and ISO to clarify the process for progressing the incident investigation recommendations, including the role of the PAC and interaction with the ISO consultation processes.

5. EPNR UPDATE – NSP TO NSP FRAMEWORK

The Chair introduced the main item and noted that it had been allocated significant time due to its complexity.



Ms Guzeleva suggested that, given time constraints, discussion could focus directly on the NSP-to-NSP connection framework rather than broader reform updates.

Mr Robinson advised that the framework remains under development and that a number of issues require further consideration through the working group.

- Ms Morgan sought clarification on the intended level of ISO involvement in the NSP-to-NSP connection processes and noted that, while ISO involvement is necessary, this should not necessarily require the ISO to manage every connection process.
- Ms O'Brien asked whether the framework was being developed against a clear set of design principles and emphasised the need for arrangements to be commercially feasible and workable alongside contractual arrangements between parties.

Mr Robinson advised that the working group is considering a range of approaches, from ISO oversight through to more active involvement depending on system impacts. He noted that options are being tested against practical connection scenarios to ensure they are workable in practice.

- Mr Bradfield emphasised the need for consistent terminology across the rules, the use of worked examples and scenarios, and clear delineation of roles and responsibilities between parties.
- Ms Guzeleva noted that ISO involvement is necessary to ensure compliance and system security outcomes. She also noted that dispute resolution arrangements would need to be considered as part of the framework.
- Ms Moloney asked how prospective proponents are expected to assess connection feasibility without access to the ISO network model.

Mr Robinson noted that current rules limit the ability to provide model access.

- Ms Morgan advised that these limitations primarily arise from confidentiality provisions in the current rules.
- Mr Campbell-Everden noted that prospective applicants do not currently have a clear function under the Rules that would enable the ISO to provide access to the model.
- Mr Bardsley emphasised that model access is critical for project development and suggested that access could be provided to proponents and their consultants under appropriate arrangements. He suggested access to the network model should be targeted as part of 'Package 0' of upcoming amending rules.

Mr Robinson explained that the working group has been considering a number of indicative tests to classifying connections as either NSPs or Network Users. He noted that this included whether a network provides services to third parties and whether it has sufficient scale or system interaction to materially impact power system security. He added that these tests are intended to provide a practical framework but require further refinement.

Ms Guzeleva noted that network operators providing services to third parties should be treated as NSPs, as they are effectively performing a network service function and should be subject to the corresponding obligations.

Mr Robinson advised that this approach had received strong support in the working group.



- Ms O'Brien questioned whether reliance on structural tests alone would be sufficient and emphasised that classification should also reflect the operational impact of a network on system security. She noted that factors such as the scale of connected load, the size and nature of connected generation, and the relative impact on the broader NWIS should also be considered, as reliance on rigid thresholds alone may not adequately capture networks with significant system influence.
- Mr Chong suggested that a hybrid approach may be required, combining structural features with system impact considerations such as scale and operational influence. He noted that this would allow the framework to better capture different types of network configurations.
- Ms Morgan and Mr Edwards noted that some networks may not provide services to third parties but may nevertheless have a material impact on system security and should not automatically be treated as user connections.
- Mr Bradfield supported a risk-based approach and emphasised the importance of clear and transparent classification criteria.

Mr Robinson agreed that a multi-factor approach is likely to be required and advised that further work would be undertaken through the working group to refine the classification framework.

- Ms O'Brien queried whether the CPC framework was being extended beyond its original purpose.

Ms Guzeleva noted that the CPC framework was originally developed for self-supply facilities rather than large networks providing third-party access.

- Ms Morgan noted that extending the CPC framework beyond its original application may introduce risks and should be carefully considered.
- Ms O'Brien and Ms Morgan stressed the importance of alignment between the PNR and PNAC reform processes.

Ms Guzeleva confirmed that coordination would occur through the PNAC working group.

Actions:

- **DEED to develop scenarios and diagrams to clarify NSP-to-NSP connection arrangements.**
- **DEED to consider early rule changes (Package 0) to address ISO model access issues.**

6. PAC ACTION REGISTER

Ms Barrie from Powering WA provided an update on concessional finance under the Rewiring the Nation program. Ms Barrie advised that:

- no funding allocations have been made to date from the \$3 billion earmarked for WA;
- priority corridors projects continue to progress towards investment decisions; and
- further updates are expected later in 2026.



Ms Barrie also advised that engagement with proponents and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation is ongoing and that invitations to participate in the Access Evolution Working Group will be issued shortly.

Action: Powering WA to provide a further update to the PAC on CEFC funding allocation when additional information becomes available.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Ms O'Brien suggested that consideration be given to a dedicated PAC meeting to discuss outage-related reforms, noting the complexity of the issues and the limited time available during standard PAC meetings.
- Ms Guzeleva advised that further working group consideration would be required before determining whether an additional PAC meeting was necessary.

The Chair noted scheduling constraints ahead of the July 2026 PAC meeting.

Action: DEED to consider the need for an additional PAC meeting following further working group progress.

The next PAC meeting will be held online at 1:30pm on Wednesday, 23 July 2026.

The Chair thanked members for their contributions.

The meeting closed at 3:30pm.