

MEDIA STATEMENT

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SEARCH FOR NEW AEMO CHAIR

In accordance with the Constitution of the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO), the AEMO Board has commenced the search for a successor for retiring Chairman Dr Anthony (Tony) Marxsen. Dr Marxsen's appointment concludes at the Annual General Meeting to be held in November 2017.

Board search consultancy Omera Partners has been retained to undertake the search, and is developing a long list of potential candidates for consideration by the AEMO Nomination Committee and the Energy Council Appointments Selection Panel.

AEMO Members are welcome to refer potential candidates who meet the independence criteria as set out in [AEMO's Constitution](#). These referrals should be sent to [Omera Partners](#) as soon as possible.

Once the Energy Council Appointments Selection Panel has completed interviews with shortlisted candidates and is in a position to make recommendations for appointment to the Members, AEMO will hold a Special General Meeting for Members to consider whether they agree to recommend the candidates to the Council of Australian Governments' Energy Council for appointment. At this stage it is expected that the Special General Meeting will be held in June 2017.

Further information on the process for appointment is available on the AEMO website at: <http://www.aemo.com.au/About-AEMO/Board-and-governance/Director-appointment-process>

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ABOUT AEMO

AEMO is responsible for operating Australia's largest gas and electricity markets and power systems, including the National Electricity Market and interconnected power system in Australia's eastern and south-eastern seaboard, and the Wholesale Electricity Market and power system in Western Australia.

AEMO also operates the Victorian Declared Wholesale Gas Market and the Victorian gas transmission system; the wholesale gas Short Term Trading Market hubs in Adelaide, Sydney and Brisbane; the Wallumbilla Gas Supply Hub in Queensland; and the Moomba Gas Supply Hub in South Australia.

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