

## **Minutes of MDAG meeting – Wednesday 12 July 2023**

MDAG members attending: Tony Baldwin, Fiona Wiseman, Al Yates, Paul Baker, Antony Oosten.

Observers, secretariat, and EA attending: David Hunt, James Tipping, Ramu Naidoo (*left 11.15am*), Michael Chapman.

Apologies: Stephen Batstone, Conrad Edwards, Seb Brown, Rebecca Osborne, Matthew Cleland, Andrew Kerr, Andrew Millar, Paul Sullivan.

### ***Meeting opens 10.35am***

Minutes of previous meeting confirmed.

**ACTION** - secretariat to publish the minutes and the 'Recap', 'Work Plan', and 'Taxonomy of Submissions' documents.

### Recap Options Paper and Submissions

The group discussed their reflections on the Options Paper and submissions. The clear consensus was that the Options Paper remains robust. The group observed the need to note the impact of supply conditions this year (particularly the high inflows and storage levels), and to develop more the types of opportunities and innovations in technologies that may emerge in the near-term.

The group also discussed the importance of ensuring public understanding of the "volatility of volatility" issue in the paper and to communicate to both decision makers and the public the wider and more dynamic nature of a renewables-based market.

*Ramu Naidoo leaves the meeting @ 11.15am*

The group noted the strong consensus among submitters on the importance of competition in the demand-side.

### Forward work-plan

The Chair will work with the secretariat to frame up an outline of the draft recommendations paper.

The group agreed that the next MDAG meeting will primarily be a session devoted to working through the key points raised in submissions.

### Next steps

**ACTION** - The Chair and Secretariat will set up an agenda for the next few meetings to work through the submissions and will draft an outline of the paper to that it can be drafted in parallel to the discussions had in MDAG meetings.

The group agreed to meet next Wednesday 19 July.

**ACTION** – Michael Chapman to ensure attendees list is up to date and that meetings are in all members' calendars.

***Meeting ends 11.32am***