



# GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

25 August 2021

DATE/TIME	25 August 2021, 12:30pm – 2:30pm
Web Meeting	<p><b>Please register in advance for this meeting:</b>  <a href="https://zoom.us/join/9151234567890">https://zoom.us/join/9151234567890</a></p> <p>After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.</p>

## Agenda

Time	Agenda item	Presenter / Lead
<b>Discussion Forum</b>		
12:30	Welcome	Katharine Hole, CEO
	Review of Competition & Consumer Act Compliance	Katharine Hole, CEO
12:35	Developing the Guidelines for the Safe Handling, Transportation, Collection and Storage of Large Batteries for the NZ Battery Industry Group (B.I.G.)	Hannah Blumhardt, Eunomia NZ
1:00	Update on Victorian EPA Fire Prevention Program	Rachel Gualano, Director - Waste Crime Prevention, Regulatory Standards & Enforcement, Environment Protection Authority Victoria
1:20	NSW Fire and Rescue + Victoria Country Fire Authority presentation on current work program for managing battery energy storage system risks (e.g. scooters, cars, home energy storage, etc)	Christopher Forster, Fire and Rescue NSW Peter Boicovitis, Country Fire Authority Victoria Kim Thai, Fire and Rescue NSW
1:30	Battery Stewardship Scheme update	Libby Chapin, CEO, Battery Stewardship Council
<b>General Meeting</b>		
1:50	President's report	Ben Pritchard, President (Ramcar Australia and NZ)
2:00	Treasurer's report	Chris Tangey, Treasurer (Ecycle Solutions)
2:10	CEO report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on key projects               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Engagement with Victorian EPA on implementation of new environmental regulatory arrangements</li> <li>○ CSIRO/ABRI project</li> <li>○ Working with fire safety agencies across Australia</li> <li>○ Areas of mutual interest with the Australian Battery Industry Association</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Katharine Hole, CEO
2:25	Other business	All
2:30	Close	All



# Competition & Consumer Act 2010 Compliance Statement

The ACCC notes on its website that industry associations play an important role in providing a collective voice for individual businesses within an industry. However, associations and their members (regardless of size) must be mindful of their obligations under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (the Act)*.

Further information can be found on the ACCC website at <https://www.accc.gov.au/business/industry-associations-professional-services/industry-associations>

An extract of relevant sections from the ACCC on information sharing and pricing are included below.

## **Information sharing**

In certain circumstances, sharing information between industry association members may create a risk of anti-competitive conduct. Information exchanges can create competition concerns where the exchange facilitates collusion between competitors, or reduces the uncertainty that naturally arises from competition.

## **Pricing**

Industry associations can provide valuable support and guidance to businesses (particularly new and inexperienced operators) in relation to costs of doing business and pricing.

Where an association provides advice or guidance to its members about standard business costs — for example, about wages and entitlements arising under an enterprise agreement, award or other industrial instrument — this is unlikely to breach the Act.

Associations may also circulate aggregated wage data and even average historical pricing to members so long as individual members' data is de-identified and the data is presented in a way that makes it clear that those prices are not 'authorised' by the association, and that members are not required to follow them.

However, if an association provides members with recommended pricing schedules or price structures, or facilitates the sharing of members' current or future prices, it and its members risk contravening the provisions in the Act relating to:

- price fixing
- anti-competitive contracts, arrangements or understandings
- anti-competitive concerted practices.

It is also sensible for industry associations to communicate specific cautions to their members that by sharing, discussing or agreeing upon prices with other members or competitors they could risk committing a serious criminal offence.

## **Compliance at the Meeting**

Participants are reminded that matters discussed at the meeting may be sensitive from a *Competition and Consumer Act 2010 Act* compliance perspective. Participants should be mindful of compliance with the Act and seek legal advice should they be unsure whether a practice breaches the Act.