Expressions of Interest:

Independent Chair and Independent Board Members for the National Energy Public Key Infrastructure (NEPKI) Board

Help Shape the Future of Smart and Simple Consumer Energy Resources in Australia

We are seeking an **Independent Chair** and **four Independent Board Members** to guide the establishment and growth of the **National Energy Public Key Infrastructure (NEPKI)** — a critical new not-for-profit entity supporting secure and trusted digital communications with consumer and distributed energy resources across Australia.

The Independent Chair may be remunerated, and the positions will have a **three to four-year term**, offering a unique opportunity to contribute to a clean, customer-led energy future for Australia.

While this advertisement is coordinated by **Energy Networks Australia (ENA)**, all applications will be assessed by the **Interoperability Steering Committee**, established under the **Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)**, which will recommend appointments.

About NEPKI

NEPKI will be established as a **not-for-profit entity** to procure and provide **public key infrastructure (PKI)** services to participants in the consumer energy resources (CER) sector. Its initial focus will be enabling secure communications with smart devices to help maintain secure energy system operations and support the efficient use of customer resources through virtual power plants.

NEPKI is a key initiative under the National **Consumer Energy Resources (CER) Roadmap**, approved by **Australian Energy Ministers**.

As a not-for-profit entity, NEPKI will be open to five classes of members:

1. **DNSPs**: Distribution Network Service Providers or their peak bodies
2. **Government**: AEMO or the Crown in right of the Commonwealth, States, or Territories
3. **Electricity Market Participants**: Aggregators, retailers, or their peak bodies
4. **OEMs**: Original Equipment Manufacturers or their peak bodies
5. **Other CER Industry Participants**: Entities involved in the supply or use of CER not covered by the above categories

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About NEPKI's Board Structure

The NEPKI Board will consist of **seven directors**:

- **1 director appointed by Energy Networks Australia (ENA)** to represent ENA's interests
- **1 director nominated by NEPKI Government Members, or appointed by the Board,** to represent government stakeholders
- **5 independent directors**, including the **Independent Chair**

The five independent directors must meet the following criteria:

- **Independence**: Not part of NEPKI management and free from relationships that could impair judgment
- **Skills and Experience**: Demonstrated expertise in areas such as energy systems, strategy, finance, legal, risk, digital infrastructure, cyber security, and consumer advocacy

To ensure relevant industry insight, **up to three independent directors** may have a business relationship with NEPKI, provided they maintain independence and manage any conflicts of interest in accordance with Board governance procedures.

Independent Chair Role

We are seeking a respected leader to serve as the inaugural **Independent Chair** of the NEPKI Board.

Key responsibilities:
- Lead the Board and uphold strong governance
- Support the CEO and executive team with strategic guidance
- Foster a high-performing, collaborative Board culture
- Represent NEPKI to stakeholders and the public

Ideal candidates will:
- Have experience chairing boards or serving as a senior director
- Demonstrate strong governance and risk management capabilities
- Be effective communicators and inclusive leaders
- Bring integrity, independence, and sound judgment

Independent Board Members

We are also seeking **four independent directors** with diverse skills and experience in:
- Energy systems and consumer energy resources
- Cyber security, digital infrastructure (and ideally public key infrastructure)
- Finance, law, risk or data governance
- Consumer advocacy and public interest representation

Other Details
- **The Independent Chair may be remunerated, and all other positions are unpaid**
- **Initial term: three years**
- **Time commitment** includes Board and committee meetings, and stakeholder engagement
- **Appointments** recommended by the Interoperability Steering Committee under ARENA

How to Apply

Please submit your **CV** and a **short expression of interest** outlining your motivation and what you would bring to the role.

Email applications to: info@energynetworks.com.au
Deadline: 14 July 2025
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