

Regulation Seminar 2019



# Navigating Change

Regulation and tomorrow's grid

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**David Gray**  
**Chairman**  
**Mutual Energy**  
**and former Chairman**  
**Ofgem (United Kingdom)**

David is Chairman of Mutual Energy, an energy infrastructure company based in Northern Ireland and a non-executive director of the UK Civil Aviation Authority.

David spent 30 years working in financial markets as an investment analyst and subsequently in corporate finance, when he led HSBC's team in the energy sector.

From 2003 to 2007, David was an executive director of Ofgem where he led the networks division. He subsequently advised government on the economic regulation of airports and led a review of the water sector regulator, Ofwat.

David returned to Ofgem as Chair from 2013 to 2018.



**Paula Conboy**  
**Chair**  
**Australian Energy Regulator**

Paula was appointed as the full-time state/territory member and Australian Energy Regulator Chair in October 2014. In July 2017 she was appointed to the Council of Australian Government Energy Council's Energy Security Board.

Paula has significant experience developing and implementing energy market reform and managing utility regulators in a number of jurisdictions.

Paula was previously a full-time board member of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) in Canada's most populous province. Prior to her work with the OEB, she was vice president responsible for Regulatory and Government Affairs at PowerStream, a major Ontario electricity distribution company.

Paula holds a MSc (Agr Econ) from Guelph University and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



**Professor Paul Simshauser AM**  
**Griffith University**

Paul Simshauser was appointed Executive General Manager – Energy Markets at Infigen Energy in 2017. Paul is Professor of Economics at Griffith University's Business School, a member of CEDA's Council on Economic Policy, a Research Associate at the Energy Policy Research Group, Cambridge University, and is widely published on energy economics in academic journals.

Paul's previous roles include Director-General of the Queensland Department of Energy & Water Supply, and Chief Economist & Group Head of Corporate Affairs at AGL Energy Ltd. He has also held executive positions at Stanwell Corporation and Babcock & Brown.

Paul holds Bachelor Degrees in Economics and in Commerce, has a Masters Degree in Accounting & Finance and a PhD in Economics. He is a Fellow of CPA Australia and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Paul was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia in 2019 for significant contribution to the energy industry through executive roles and applied economics and policy research.





**Rob Amphlett Lewis**  
**Chief Customer Officer**  
**Ausgrid**

Rob has 18 years' experience in energy markets and utilities infrastructure in Australia and the United Kingdom. At Ausgrid, Rob leads the Customer Experience, Customer Connections, Strategy, Regulation and Corporate Affairs functions.

Rob's experience within the energy industry includes regulatory, commercial management, planning, business development and strategic accountabilities and a career in professional services, specialising as a Mergers & Acquisitions advisor within the energy, infrastructure and resources sectors. Before moving to Australia, Rob was an energy trader with TXU European Energy Trading based in the UK.

Rob is accountable for driving Ausgrid's journey to customer centricity through improving customer outcomes today and positioning the business to deliver on customers' future expectations.



**Lauren Solomon**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Consumer Policy Research Centre**

Lauren was appointed Chief Executive Officer to establish the Consumer Policy Research Centre in May 2017. She has worked in a range of policy roles across the corporate, government and not-for-profit sectors for over a decade, including Manager of Consumer Policy and Programs at AGL Energy.

Lauren has worked in senior policy roles in the New South Wales Government and as a non-executive Director of the Energy Efficiency Council.

Lauren holds a Bachelor of Resource Economics (Hons) from the University of Sydney. Taking a strong interest in the people side of markets, she has completed further postgraduate studies in behavioural economics at the London School of Economics, a Graduate Diploma in Psychology at Monash University and the Executive Program for Non-profit Leaders at the Stanford Graduate School of Business.



**Stasha Prnjatovic**  
**Investment Director, Energy**  
**AMP Capital**

As Investment Director, Energy, at AMP Capital, Stasha is responsible for the asset management of energy investments in Australia and New Zealand. She is also a Director of Powerco and an Alternate Director of Endeavour Energy.

Stasha has 14 years' experience in both listed and unlisted infrastructure markets, having previously worked in transactions, asset management and equity research.

Before joining AMP Capital in 2017, Stasha was a Director with NSW Treasury where she was initially responsible for managing the state's electricity assets portfolio, before leading the \$34 billion privatisation of TransGrid, Ausgrid and Endeavour Energy.

As an equity analyst with Citigroup Global Markets, Stasha was responsible for the coverage of Australian and NZ listed utility and infrastructure companies.

Stasha holds Bachelor of Commerce (Hons 1) from University of Sydney and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

# PROGRAM

**Wednesday 31 July 2019**  
**Auditorium, State Library of Queensland**  
**Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank**  
**Brisbane**



12.30pm - 1:00pm	<b>REGISTRATION AND COFFEE</b>
1.00pm - 1:10pm	<b>Welcome from Energy Networks Australia</b> <b>Andrew Dillon</b> - Chief Executive Officer, Energy Networks Australia
1.10pm - 1.40pm	<b>International keynote address</b> <b>What will regulators want from tomorrow's energy networks?</b> <b>David Gray</b> - Chairman, Mutual Energy & former Chairman, Ofgem (United Kingdom)
1.40pm - 2.10pm	<b>Looking back, looking forward: AER Chair perspective</b> <b>Paula Conboy</b> - Chair, Australian Energy Regulator
2.10pm - 2.40pm	<b>An uncertain future: what if we need to strand assets?</b> <b>Professor Paul Simshauser AM</b> - Griffith University
2.40pm - 3:00pm	<b>Why customer centricity makes sense</b> <b>Rob Amphlett Lewis</b> - Chief Customer Officer, Ausgrid
3.00pm - 3.30pm	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
3:30pm - 4:00pm	<b>Energy &amp; consumer data - building trust in the digital economy</b> <b>Lauren Solomon</b> - Chief Executive Officer, Consumer Policy Research Centre
4:00pm - 4.20pm	<b>Beyond the WACC guideline: investors' view and priorities</b> <b>Stasha Prnjatovic</b> - Investment Director, Energy, AMP Capital
4.20pm - 4.50pm	<b>Expert panel discussion</b> <b>David Gray</b> - Chairman, Mutual Energy & former Chairman, Ofgem (United Kingdom) <b>Professor Paul Simshauser AM</b> - Griffith University <b>Lauren Solomon</b> - Chief Executive Officer, Consumer Policy Research Centre <b>Stasha Prnjatovic</b> - Investment Director, Energy, AMP Capital
4.50pm - 5.00pm	<b>Seminar wrap-up and close</b> <b>Andrew Dillon</b> - Chief Executive Officer, Energy Networks Australia
5.00pm - 6.00pm	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>



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