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| ***MCHPA TECHNICAL Working Group – Agenda*** |
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| **Meeting Date: Tue 01 Sep 20 7.30pm (same time each week)**  |
| **Location:** Zoom |
| **Attendees:**  |
| **Apologies:**  |
| 1. **Review previous meeting minutes (actions not completed/carried over to next meeting)**

ACTION: Gavin to look into storage/sharing tools for group.ACTION: Jim to follow up his correspondence with Clean Energy Finance Corp and potential for it to assist with the transmission network upgrade (eg. funding to support underground)ACTION: Melinda to circulate updated charter for review and finalisation by next meeting.ACTION: All to continue to work on recruiting electrical engineering/transmission expertise to the group.ACTION: Gavin to send Nick background document links on the project for reading.ACTION: Chair to raise strategic direction with the Exec Committee.ACTION: All to think about how best to work as a team to review the RIT-T process documentation. Melinda agreed to coordinate comments |
| 1. **Group organisation**
* Finalisation of Charter – acceptance of Melinda’s suggested amendments.
* New potential members – Frank Kiss, Laurie Pelech – known to Lakesh.
* Zoom meeting
* Sharing documents
* Location to store documents and work product, Register of findings.
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| 1. **Scope and Process**
* Campaign strategic direction – evolving as 2 areas:
* Technical assessment of Ausnet’s approvals and AEMO RIT-T and contract/process to support the Campaign Group; support to the other working groups (legal and campaign).
* Technical strategy – how to keep track of our lines of enquiry
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| 1. **Research**

**Updates**:* proposed Marinus Link: physical and cost elements; underground option - how that was achieved before RIT-T? Political and community reaction and support? Lessons for us? – Jim to follow up contacts, arguments and cost detail.
* Overhead powerline standards – Ben to provide links and documents
* Council report on Undergrounding and our access to it.
* Access to Technical advice
* Energy Safe Victoria is responsible for ‘enforcing’ the standards applicable to the industry? Should have investigated the Cressy incidents and should have data. AER had provided reports on the above, but their investigation was on how it impacted service and cost rather than the technical failures. The network transmission service providers were responsible for investigating the failure modes? Lily Ambrosio is minister responsible. Lessons learned? ATSB equivalent report - > industry ? - Gavin

**New research topics:*** Marinus Link
* AusNet Fire Risk fact sheet – Tech group analysis and response
* Overseas undergrounding - Robin
* ~~Basslink experience – community and political reaction – any link to Marinus Link approach?~~
* Energy Safe Victoria – role in the RIT-T/EES/WestNTP processes? What influence/input? Findings and efforts WRT transmission failures and design standards, regulation and assurance. – Gavin & Frank
* St Patrick day fires at Colac – effectiveness of RECL devices, local MP Richard Riordan - Gavin & Frank <https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/bill-for-bushfire-safety-program-rises-to-almost-700-million-20190903-p52nm0.html>
* REZ - Windfarms integration – expectations for the WestNTP, implications for undergrounding. - Ben
* Fact Checking – Technical Register – potential support for Ombudsman complaint - Ben

**Discussion points:*** Marketing an alternate view – technical analysis to identify comparative solution deficiencies with overhead – Robin – cost analysis & Shire input
* NE Link EES response 10,000 pages – 30 days to respond – being prepared is mandatory
* Compliance of consultation phase – have AEMO considered industry consultation sufficiently? Was this a statutory obligation - Gavin
* National Energy Rules – what are the technical implications? Is there anything Ausnet/AEMO have missed? – Gavin
* Does the fact that the MSC didn’t respond to the AEMO consultation phase indicate that they weren’t adequately informed of the consequences of the project and the lack of input?
* Chase up consultation feedback to identify who the other AEMO tender respondents were - Lakesh.
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| **Closure** |