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# Proposed changes to the governance of the Western Australian energy sector

Presentation for the **Gas Advisory Board**

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Minister announced changes on 12 October 2020

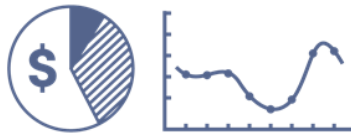
## Taking charge of **our energy future** beyond the Energy Transformation Taskforce

Transferring and allocating functions to the Coordinator of Energy



### Administration of rules

WEM Rules and Gas Services Information Rules from the Rule Change Panel, and the new rules for the North West Interconnected System



### Market development functions

Including some policy or technical reviews from the ERA and exploring other opportunities to rationalise the reviews under the market rules



### Future Whole of System Plans

Development of future Whole of System Plans with support from Western Power and AEMO

# What problems are we seeking to address?

Overall, the changes seek to address gaps and reduce overlaps in current governance arrangements, to improve their effectiveness and ease pressure on the costs of market administration – particularly in the WEM.

Of particular relevance to the GSI arrangements, the changes seek to:

- allocate clear responsibility for ongoing GSI development to a single governance body
  - and in doing so, provide for industry and consumer input, transparency and accountability in the rule change process
- explicitly acknowledge that Government has an ongoing role in leading the evolution of WA's energy sector



# Proposed rule amendments - the rule change process (Appendix B)

## Current Rule Change Panel functions

Decisions on rule change proposals  
Administration of the rule change process,  
associated procedures, GAB and the rule book  
Recovery of costs via fees on GSI participant via  
existing processes



The Coordinator of  
Energy

## Proposed changes to support transfer

Chair of GAB to be independent of rule change body  
GAB to advise Coordinator on rule change proposals and evolution, requirement for GAB to try  
to achieve consensus  
Coordinator and Chair of GAB may propose rule changes  
Modifications to GAB tenure (4 year terms, with biennial reviews) and an additional consumer  
representative  
Rule changes proposed by Coordinator, can only be approved by Minister  
Market information arrangements expanded to include Coordinator

# Proposed regulation amendments (Appendix D)

## GSI Regulations

Heads of power to enable functions to be placed on the Coordinator and for recovery of fees by Coordinator

Consequential amendments to support wind-up of Rule Change Panel

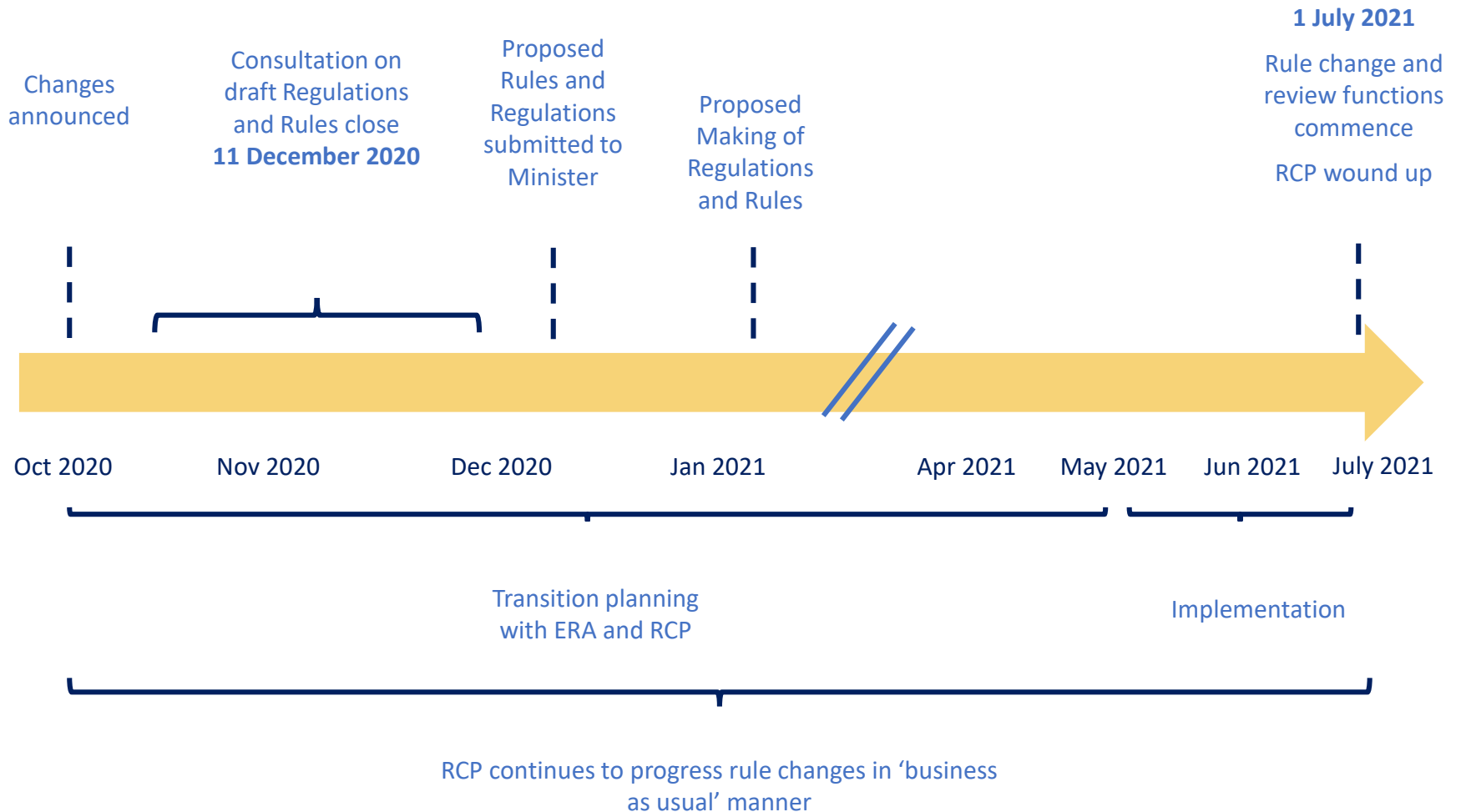
Establishment of a temporary Ministerial rule making power to make rules to give effect to the changes

## Rule Change Panel Regulations

Wind up of Rule Change Panel with effect from 1 July 2021

*Note, EPWA liaising with RCP and ERA regarding any additional transitional rules or regulations required to facilitate orderly transition and wind-up.*

# Next steps



# Thank you

Questions?

The consultation paper and draft amendments are available on the Energy Policy WA [website](#)

Consultation closes 11 December 2020

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