



WA Independent
Power Association Inc.

'An independent voice for a competitive power industry'



Who we are

The WA Independent Power Association Inc (WA IPA) was formed to represent the interests of independent power generators and retailers operating in Western Australia.

The WA IPA currently represents seven members, each of whom supply power to the WA electricity market.

The key objective of the WA IPA is to ensure that the Western Australian power industry remains open and competitive, and supports long term private investment in infrastructure, power generation and supply.

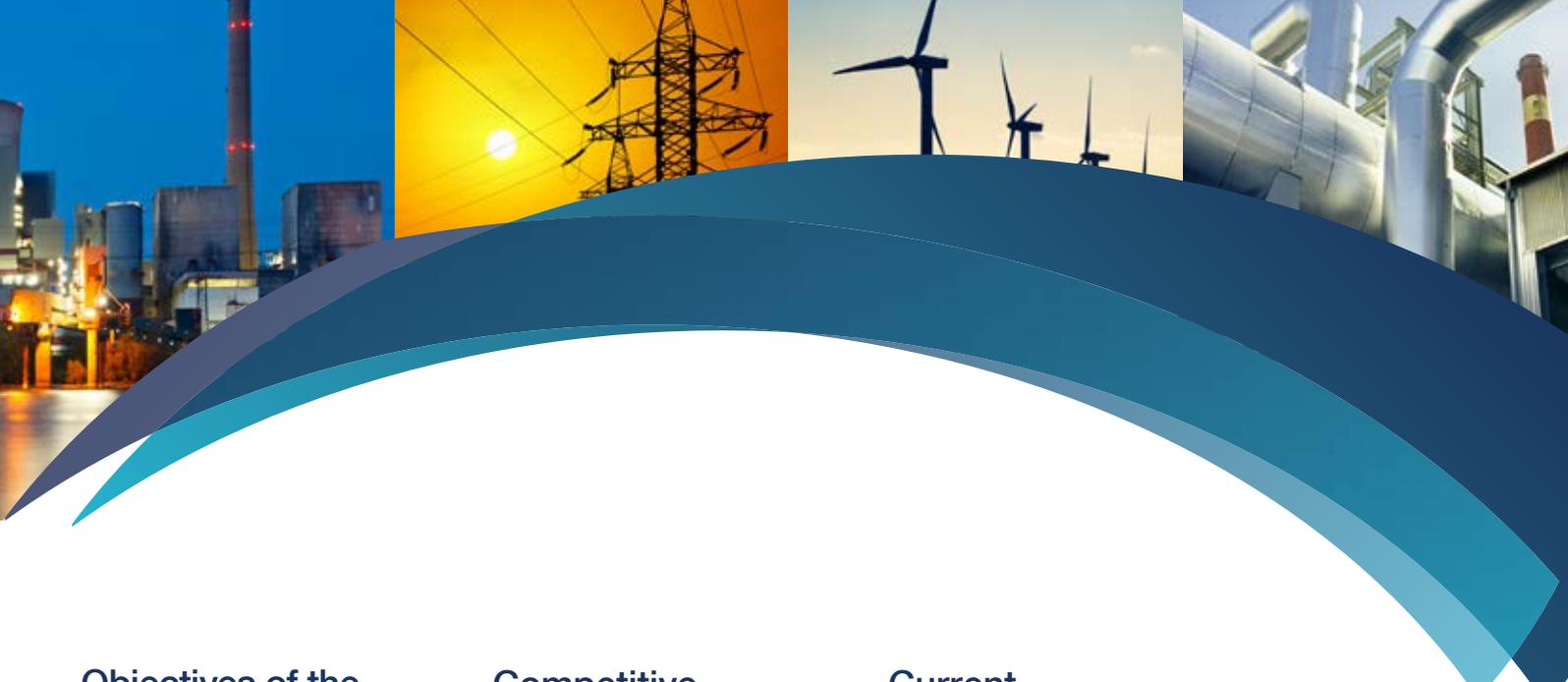
Independent power companies have

invested more than \$2 billion into the WA electricity market, providing 40 per cent of the power generated in WA. This significant investment frees up government funds for much needed social infrastructure and has resulted in increased competition which has lowered the price of electricity for commercial customers.

Residential customers do not yet have the benefit of choosing their suppliers. But by supporting continued private investment and an open and competitive market, the right conditions exist to ensure future power supplies become affordable for all West Australians.

Members

- APA Group
- Collgar Wind Farm
- ERM Power Ltd
- Infigen
- Infrastructure Capital
- NewGen Power Pty Ltd



Objectives of the Association

- Promote increasing private investment in the WA electricity market.
- Support competition in electricity supply to provide benefits to all consumers.
- Enhance the efficiency of the WA electricity market through competition and through the better utilisation of new capital and existing assets.
- Promote, and where appropriate represent the views of independent power companies to government and the WA community.

Competitive market benefits

- Increased competition in power generation and retailing, placing downward pressure on costs and prices.
- Private sector investment in energy infrastructure, freeing up government funds for much needed social infrastructure.
- Long term jobs created.
- Diversified sources and types of power generation.
- Diversified ownership of assets, reducing risks to scarce government funds.
- Reduced risk of disruption to supply.

Current status

The State Government's plans to re-aggregate energy retailer Synergy and generator Verve Energy, has potential to create barriers to private investment unless safeguards and policies are implemented to protect contracts and encourage competition and future private investment.

A 2012 Frontier Economics analysis of possible effects of re-aggregation can be found on the WA IPA website.

The State Government is also reviewing the electricity market including operating rules, market structure and policy development.

To guarantee minimal disruption, security for investments and improved market efficiencies the WA IPA will work with the State Government on the review and re-aggregation.

Substantial investment in power generation infrastructure is required in Western Australia over the coming decades, and the private sector is willing to make those investments provided there is fair and open competition. The WA IPA supports Minister Nahan's aim to reduce the State Government's involvement in power generation assets.



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