



2025 Board Appointments

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Rainer Korte - Chairman

I am currently a Commissioner at the Australian Energy Market Commission, and bring a broad range of strategic leadership, stakeholder management and governance skills gained from many years in senior executive roles in the electricity industry.

I've been an active participant in CIGRE for 30+ years and am committed to its purpose of enabling sustainable electricity for all through the development of power system expertise globally.

In my early career as a power system engineer, I was involved in authoring and contributing to papers and technical brochures related to the development of interconnected power systems. Subsequently, I was for many years an active member of Australian Panel C5 Markets and Regulation. I have regularly contributed papers and presentations at local and international CIGRE events.

I have served on the CIGRE Australia Board since 2023.

My vision is for CIGRE Australia to continue to grow and deliver greater value to its members, including through: delivering high quality knowledge sharing and learning experiences locally that address the key challenges of the energy transition; facilitating the successful transition and development of young professionals into the power industry; and promoting the work of CIGRE and building CIGRE's reputation as the preeminent source for power system expertise.

I seek your support for delivering on this vision.

I am a graduate of the London Business School Senior Executive Program, and am a Fellow of Engineers Australia (FIEAust), a Chartered Professional Engineer (CPEng) and Engineering Executive (EngExec).

Natasha D'Silva – Deputy Chairman

I believe I am well placed to continue to contribute to the ongoing success of CIGRE Australia through my deep understanding of the CIGRE Australia operations. I am able to do this by leveraging my extensive CIGRE experience which includes serving as an active member in the following roles:

- Participating on the board as NGN Co-Chair for the last 3 years
- ATC Secretary
- NGN panel liaison
- Overall panel operations for A3 High Voltage Equipment panel by frequently performing secretary duties
- Technical reviewer for A3 papers submitted to Paris Sessions
- Member of the Cairns Symposium organising committee

- Member of the Adelaide Conference organising committee (as both a member and reviewer of presentation submissions)

This, paired with my deep appreciation of the value CIGRE delivers and the vital platform it provides for sharing technical knowledge, means I look forward to continuing to work with the other members of the CIGRE Australia Board in the new capacity of a Director.

Tara-Lee MacArthur – Treasurer

I am pleased to nominate for the role of Treasurer, which I currently hold and remain committed to. I am also re-nominating as Director to continue contributing to the Board, having proudly served for the past six years.

As a Chartered Professional Electrical Engineer and Senior Engineer at Energy Queensland, I bring extensive distribution utility experience to the CIGRE Board and organisation through the various volunteer roles below:

- A convener of a transformer Working Group,
- Advisory Group Leader for Study Committee SCA2,
- Mentor to Next Generation Network (NGN), and
- Past Women in Engineering (WIE) chair.

These roles continue to keep me connected to our members and help me stay across the issues that matter most.

As Chair of the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee, I've developed a strong understanding of CIGRE's mission, financial health, and governance. With this, I've helped strengthen the board's oversight by updating policies and supporting initiatives that deliver real value to our members.

As Treasurer, I remain committed to:

- Managing finances responsibly to create more events and professional development opportunities for members.
- Supporting new and key initiatives that will grow our CIGRE membership.
- Planning for the long-term success of CIGRE's finances.

It would be a privilege to continue serving as Treasurer. I'm confident that I can continue to build on the strength that the organisation's finance has found in the last two years and pass on the success to our members.

Angela Klepac – Chairman of the Australian Technical Committee

I have been an active and contributing member of CIGRE Australia both nationally and internationally since 2010. My involvement has spanned a range of leadership and technical roles, including:

- Chair of the Australian Technical Committee (ATC) from 2021–2025
- Director on the Board of Australia 2017–2021
- Australian Panel Convenor B3 Substations and Study Committee International Member from 2012–2017
- Australian Panel Member on B3 Substations from 2010–2012

I take great pride in serving CIGRE Australia as Chair of the Australian Technical Committee (ATC)—a role I value deeply for the opportunity it provides to lead, collaborate, and drive continuous improvement across our technical programs. In recent years, the Committee has successfully delivered a number of seminars, most notably the CIGRE Adelaide Conference, which attracted strong delegate participation and received outstanding feedback.

I am passionate about bringing technical experts together and fostering an environment where each individual can contribute meaningfully. I take pride in drawing out the best in others and enabling valuable knowledge-sharing across the sector.

As we are aware, the energy industry is undergoing significant transformation. With this growth comes a shared responsibility to guide and support our technical community—creating environments where experts can connect, exchange knowledge, and collaborate effectively. I believe that fostering these behaviours is critical to meeting the industry’s evolving demands. It is this spirit of collaborative leadership that I strive to bring in my role with CIGRE Australia.

Nicola Falcon – General Director

Nicola is currently the Australian Energy Market Operator’s Executive General Manager of System Design, leading a highly talented and diverse team helping navigate the energy future. She is accountable for AEMO’s forecasting and planning responsibilities, including the development of the Integrated System Plan and transition planning for system security, along with the onboarding and connections process across the National Electricity Market.

Nicola’s professional background is in Operations Research, and she enjoys bringing a systems thinking mindset to her work. Nicola also recognises the important contribution stakeholders make in finding innovative solutions to industry challenges, and frequently engages with a broad range of stakeholders.

Nicola has over 20 years’ experience in the energy sector. In addition to her recent experience on the Board of CIGRE Australia, she is also a member of the CSIRO Energy Advisory Group and was previously a member of the Australian National Universities Energy Change Institute’s Advisory Board. She is one of five Australian Equality Initiative Ambassadors for the clean energy sector and is passionate about promoting and supporting women in energy, developing future leaders to help transform the energy industry.