

# Structure and governance

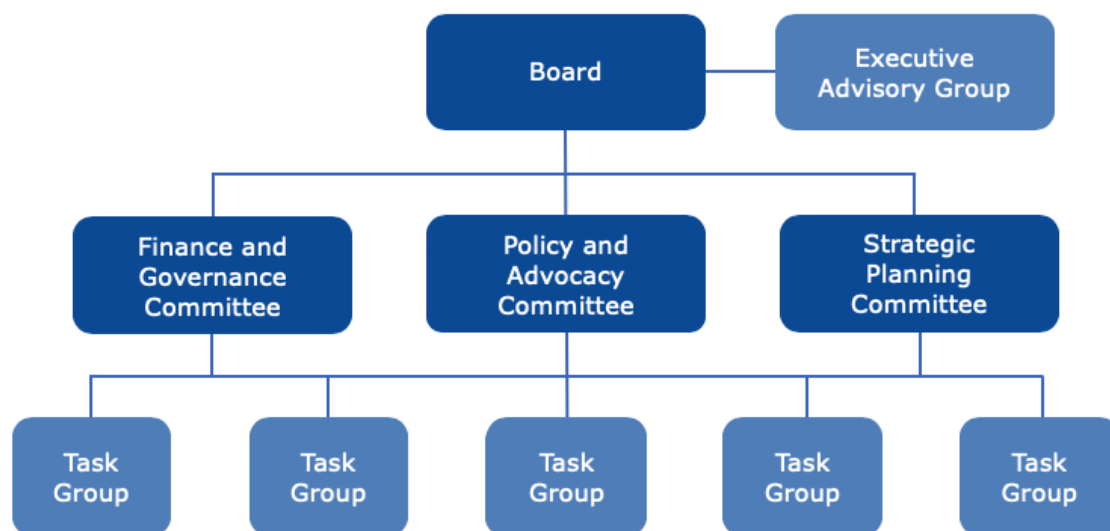
The Energy Efficiency Council's mission is to build a sophisticated market for energy management products and services that delivers:

- **Healthy, comfortable buildings;**
- **Productive, competitive businesses;** and
- **An affordable, reliable and sustainable energy system for Australia.**

Strong governance ensures alignment between the Council's strategy and operations.

## Governance structure

The Council's Board works closely with the Chief Executive Officer and the rest of the executive team. The Board has also established a number of committees and advisory bodies that seek to maximise opportunities for members to shape and support the Council's priorities.



The Board has delegated some decision-making authority to Committees. By contrast, the Executive Advisory Group and the Task Groups are advisory bodies.

## Board

The Energy Efficiency Council has a **ten-member Board of Directors**, which has annual half-Board elections. The Board is responsible for the Council's overall strategic management, and meets six times each year.

## Executive Advisory Group

The Council's **Executive Advisory Group** is made up of senior executives from the Council's most senior members, including leading non-governmental organisations. The Executive Advisory Group provides **industry guidance on the Council's strategy and priorities**.

Members meet annually in Melbourne and Sydney with the Council's President and CEO.

## Committees

The Council has three **Committees that have delegated authority for discrete activities**:

1. The **Finance and Governance Committee**;
2. The **Policy and Advocacy Committee**; and
3. The **Strategic Planning Committee**.

Membership of the Committees is made up of Board members, Council members appointed by the Board, and invited external experts. All Committees are chaired by members of the Board. The Committees meet up to six times each year.

## Task Groups

**Task Groups** are focussed on particular priorities, like commercial buildings, energy efficiency schemes, or energy market reform. They give members the opportunity to **develop the Council's policy and advocacy position on key areas**, as well as to shape priorities for broader sector development.

**Membership of Task Groups is open to all Council members**, with no more than one representative per organisation. Task Groups are chaired by senior Council members.

Task Groups are advisory bodies and have no delegated authority. They meet as required.

## Annual General Meetings and Board elections

The Council holds half-Board elections at its Annual General Meeting each November.

As a membership association that exists to build a sophisticated market for smart energy management products and services, the Council's **industry members are the only members with voting rights**.

Voting rights are dependent on the tier of membership, with **Industry Leader members holding four votes, Corporate members three, Associate members two, and Network members one**.