

# WA DER Orchestration Pilot

DER Demonstrations Insights Forum

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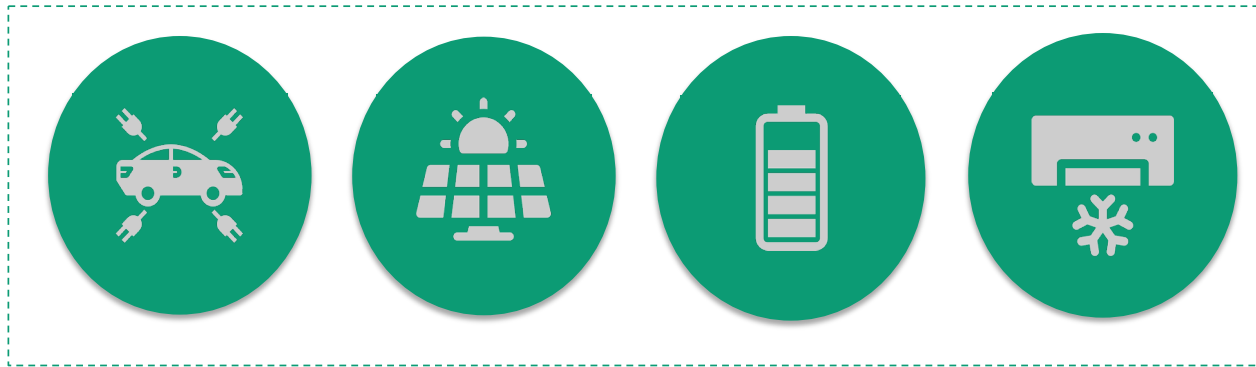
# Agenda

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    - Bruce Redmond, AEMO
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# Distributed Energy Resources (DER)

We are at the beginning of a **sustained expansion of Distributed Energy Resources (DER)**.



**1.1GW**  
Solar  
Generation

Can Serve  
**45%**  
Underlying  
Demand

  
1 in 3

Aggregated rooftop solar is likely to become **the largest, cleanest and cheapest source** of electricity generation.



# Challenges & Opportunities

Distribution networks have limits to the amount of renewable energy that can be connected (hosted) which if breached can cause local and system level power quality and reliability issues, including blackouts.

Increased penetration of rooftop solar has begun to cause technical issues in the Western Power network.

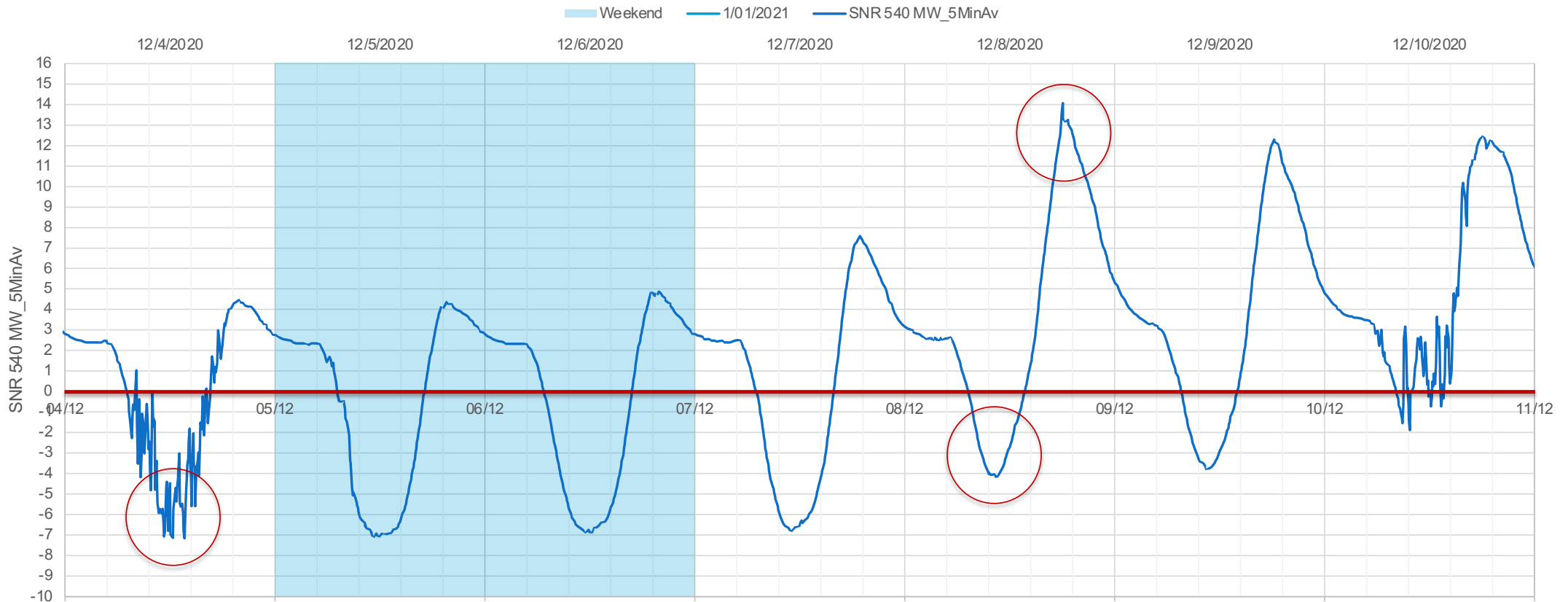
***“Coordination of these distributed resources is essential to alleviate the challenges and convert what could otherwise be a challenge to the system into an asset.” (AEMO/ENA)***

*“Other people see it as a problem, we see it as an opportunity, and so we really want to unlock that value.” Energy Minister Johnston*



# Duck Hunting

SNR 540 SOUTHERN RIVER 4-Dec-2020 to 10-Dec-2020



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# DER Roadmap

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Working together for a  
**brighter** energy future.

# The SWIS Load Curve

Peak Demand Day

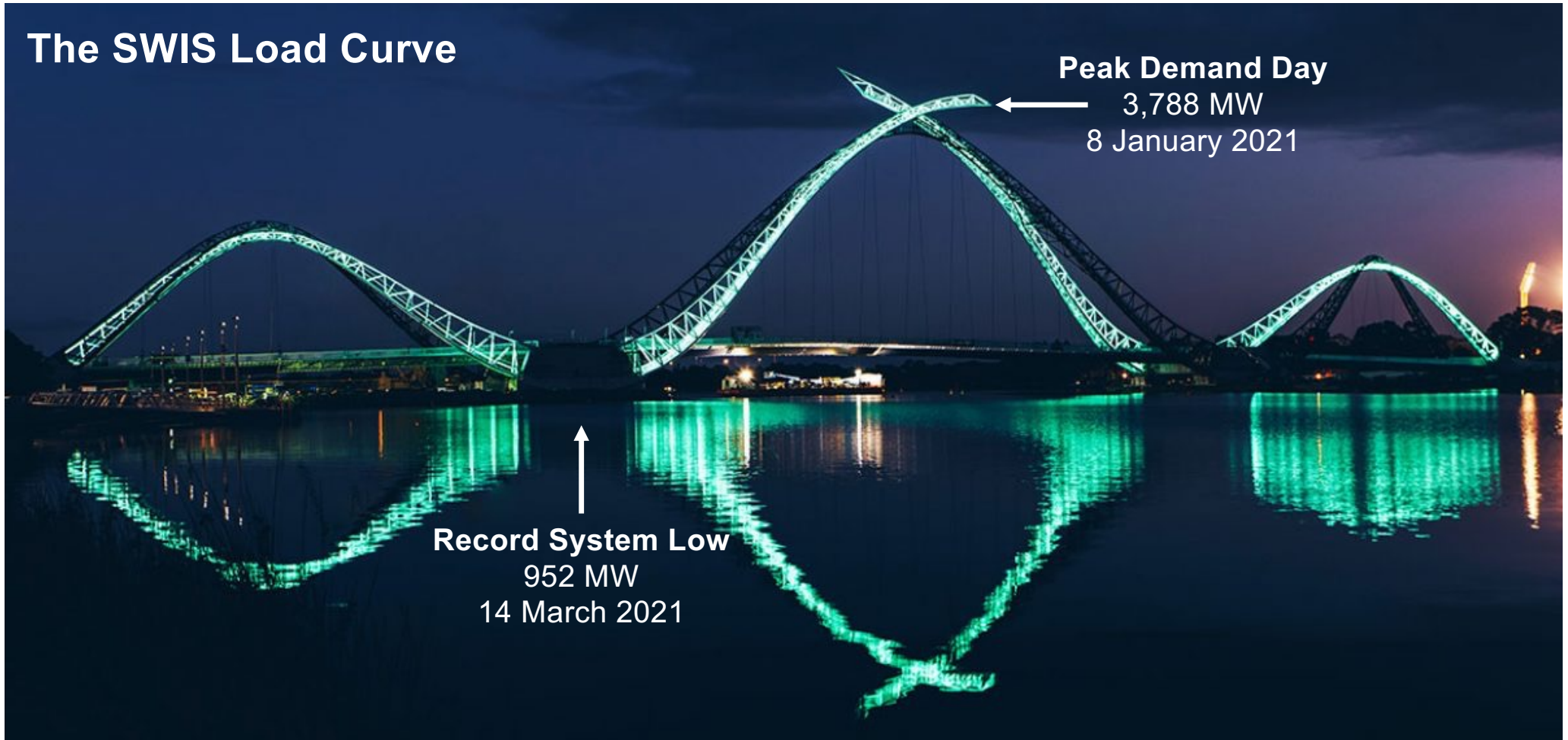
3,788 MW

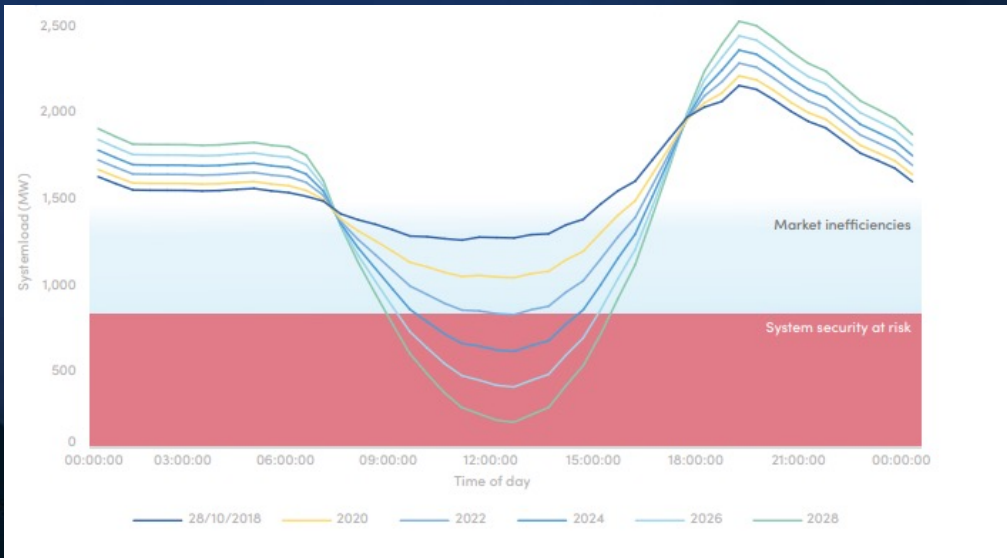
8 January 2021

Record System Low

952 MW

14 March 2021

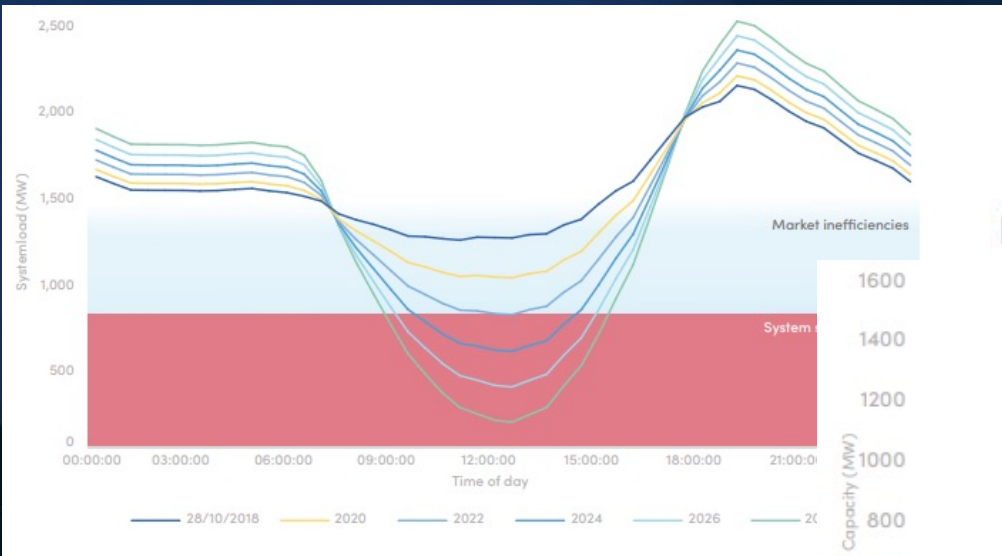




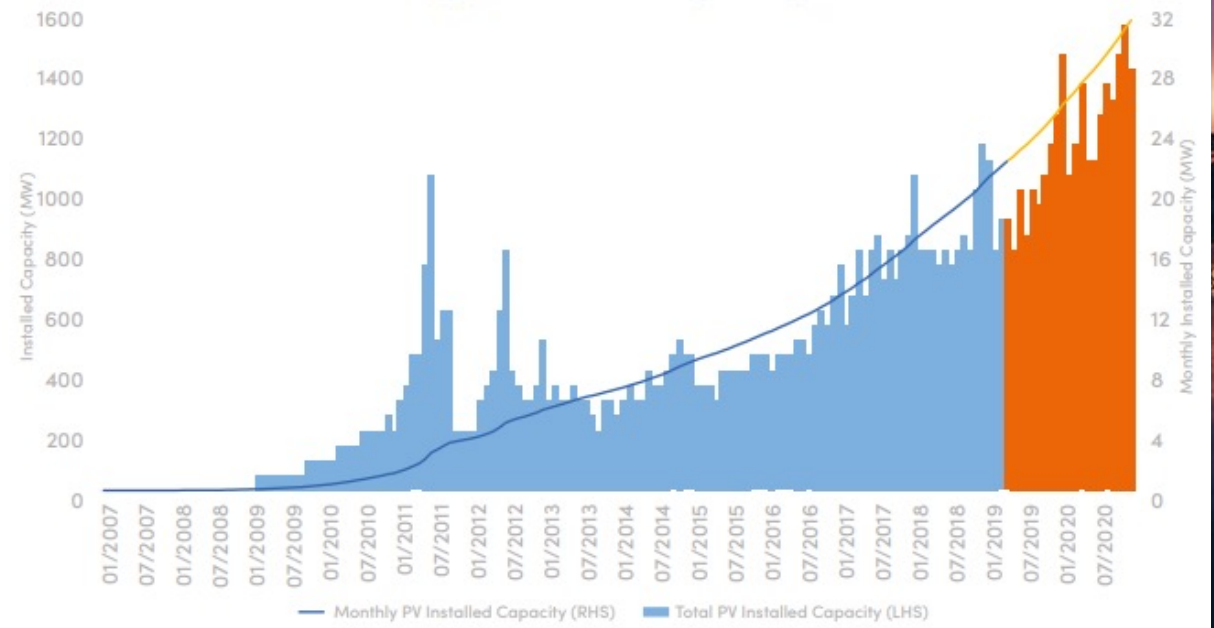
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 952 MW  
 14 March 2021





**Installed solar generation capacity in the SWIS**

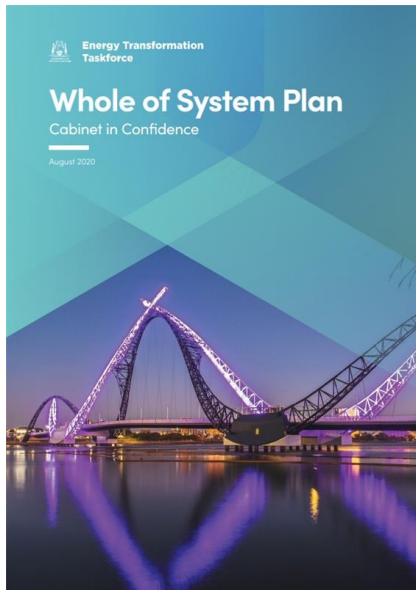


Data source: Australian PV Institute (APVI) Solar Map, funded by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency, accessed from pv-map.apvi.org.au on 23 March 2021



# The WA Government's **Energy Transformation Strategy**

A program of work across three interrelated workstreams



October 2020



April 2020

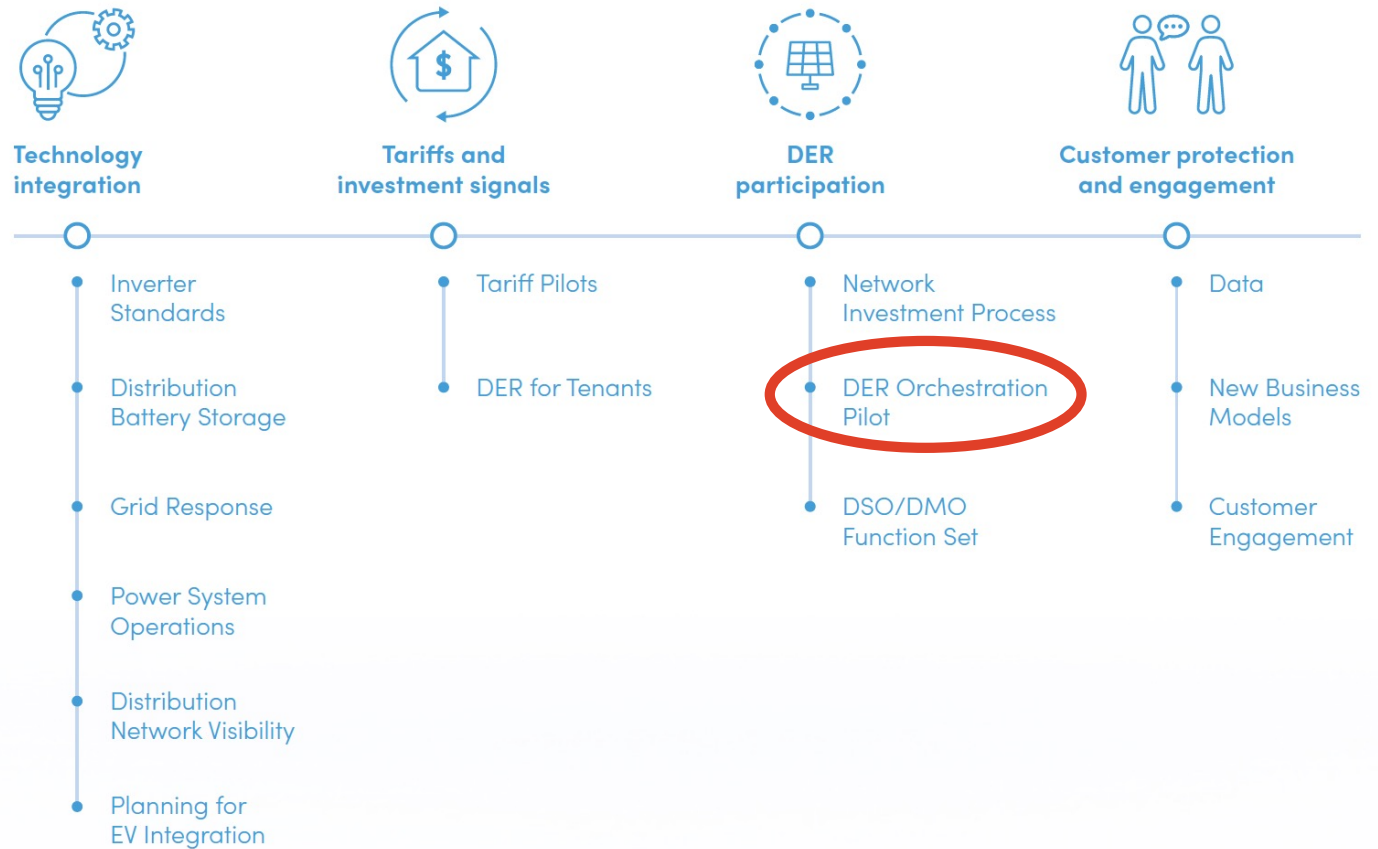


**Five-year implementation**



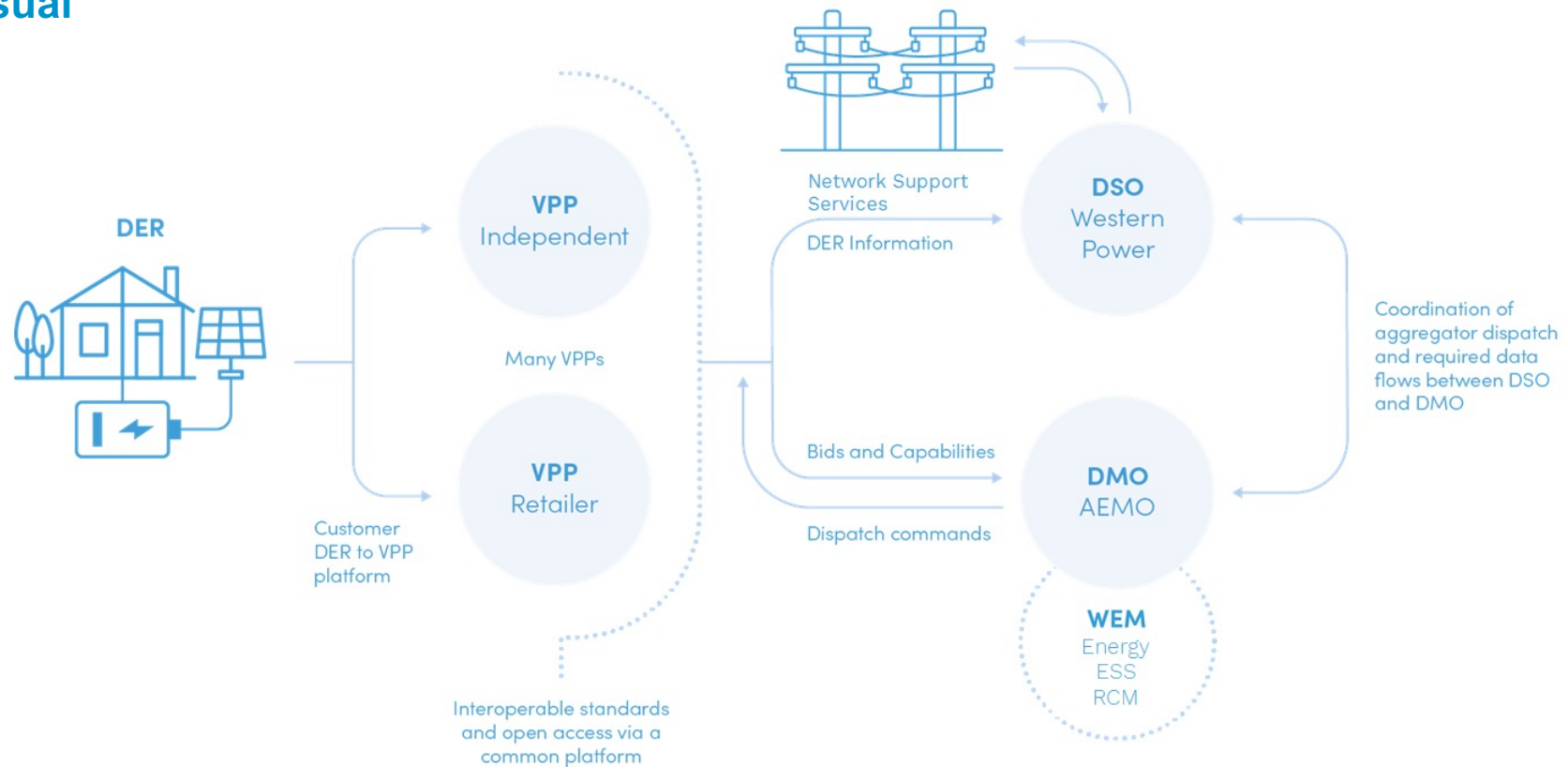
# The DER Roadmap

36 actions under four themes and 14 work packages:



# Roadmap model for participation

The WA DER Orchestration Project represents how we pilot DER aggregation and participation into business-as-usual



# Project vision and intention

**Vision:** A future where DER integration supports a safe, reliable and efficient electricity system where the full capabilities of DER provide value to all customers.

**The project will** orchestrate 900 DER assets – including rooftop solar, batteries and major appliances – as a VPP to participate in a future energy market, unlocking greater economic and environmental benefits for the Western Australian community.

55%  
Existing  
rooftop PV  
penetration

~500  
Customers

>900  
DERs

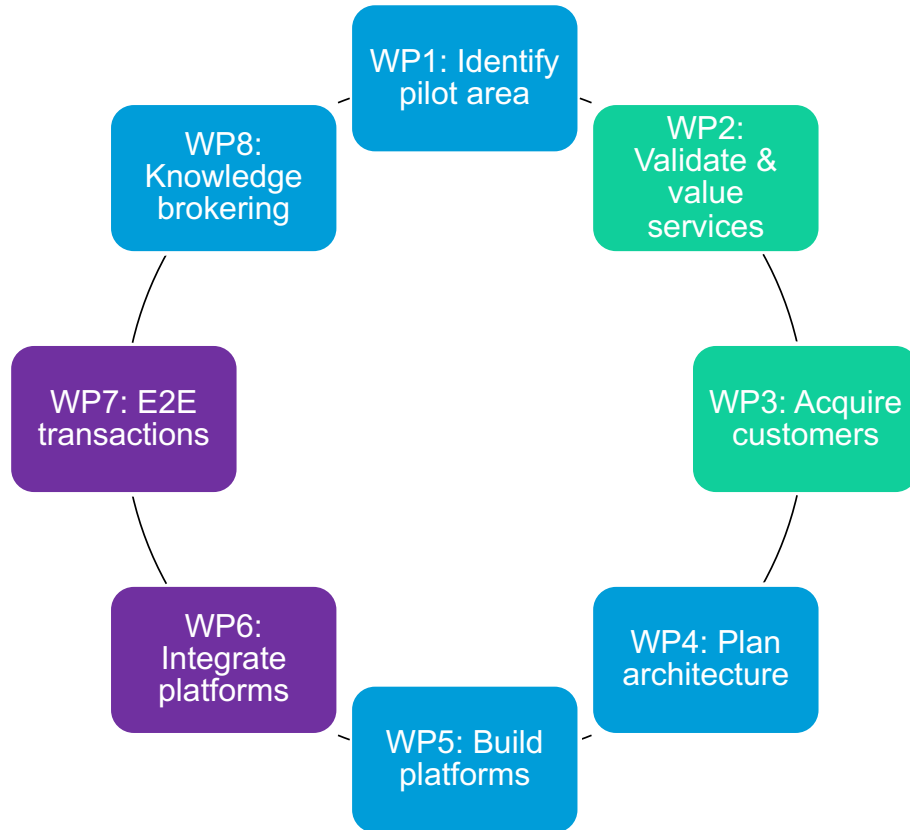


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# Project outcomes

	Technical	Network	Market	Customer	Policy
	<i>Project objectives</i>				
Identify methodology(ies) for integrating and managing high levels of DER	Orange	Orange	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Demonstrate how aggregated DER can support system safety and reliability	Orange	Orange	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Identify the functions/services DER can provide, and how they can be utilised	Orange	Orange	Orange	Light Blue	Light Blue
Identify technical requirements for DER orchestration via DER aggregators	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Light Blue
Determine methods to maximise DER hosting capacity	Orange	Orange	Orange	Light Blue	Light Blue
Identify alternatives to zero export limits and/or augmenting network	Orange	Orange	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Understand residential and business preferences for DER orchestration	Light Blue	Light Blue	Orange	Orange	Light Blue
Increase customer understanding of DER and encourage participation	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Orange	Orange
Improve understanding of the cost and benefits of DER integration	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange
Inform the development of policy, market design and regulatory reform	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Orange

# Project Activities



**Western Power:** Project Lead, network operator and Distribution System Operator (DSO)

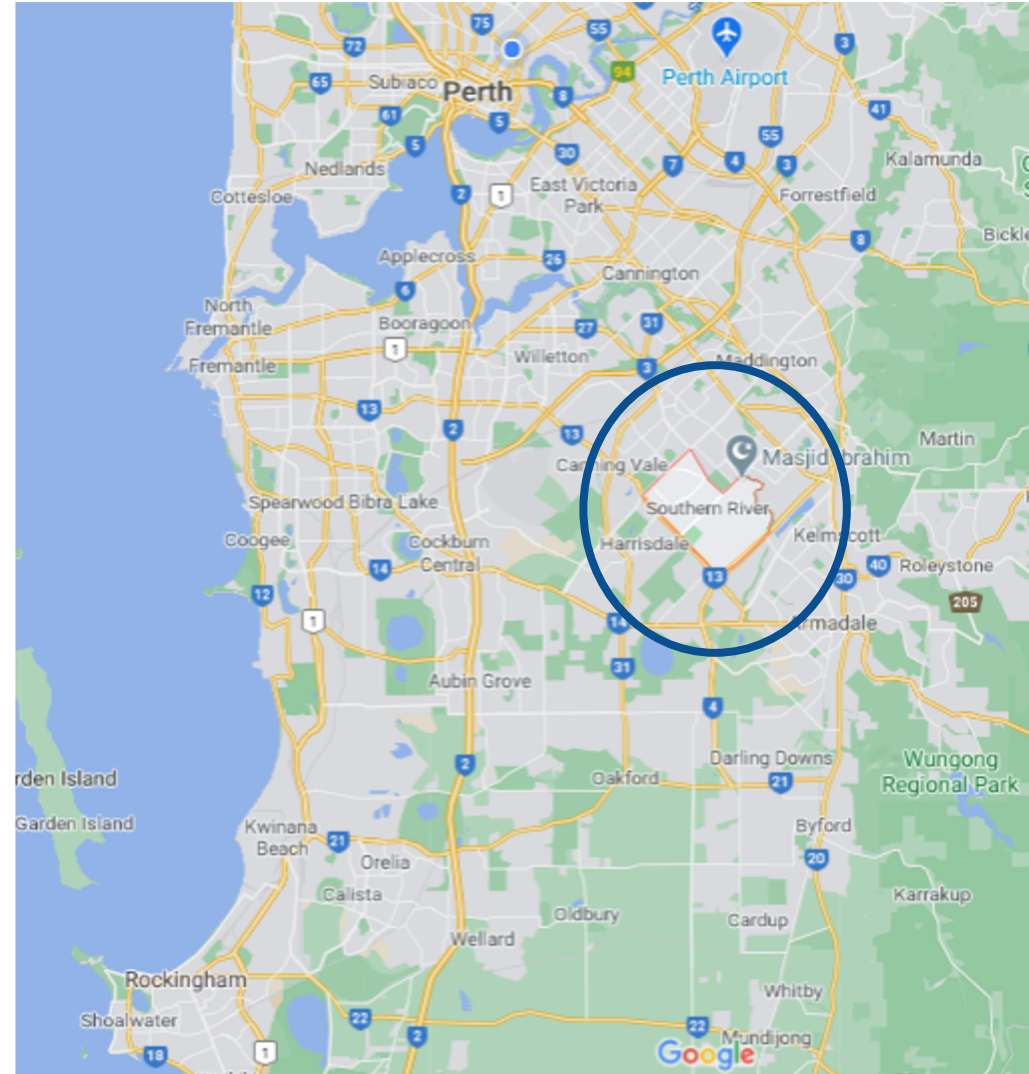
**Synergy:** Residential retailer and responsible for DER valuation and customer acquisition

**AEMO:** System and Market Operator and the Distribution Market Operator (DMO)



# Deliverable 1: Identify Pilot Area

- Activities
  - Confirm the pilot area
  - Determine the hosting capacity
  - Extract the LV and MV static network model
- Outputs
  - Pilot Area Report (confidential)





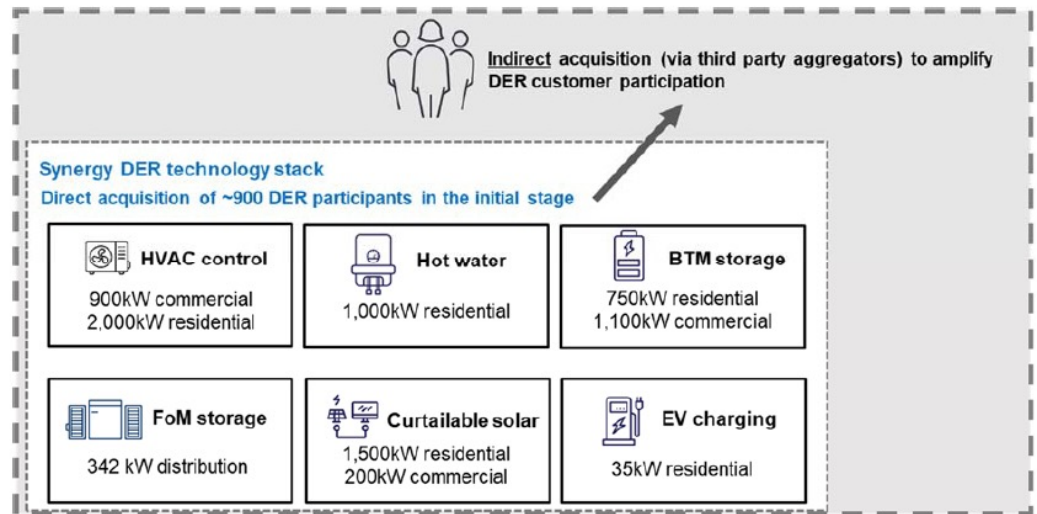
# Deliverable 2: Value DER Services

- A three-stage approach:
  1. Identify of DER use cases for networks, markets and retailers
  2. Quantify the value of DER for the different use cases
  3. Quantify the risks and role of DER in the WEM wholesale financial markets
- Outputs:
  - DER Services Report (public)
  - Commercial Agreements Summary (confidential)
  - DER Service Valuation Report (public)



# Deliverable 3: Acquire DER Customers

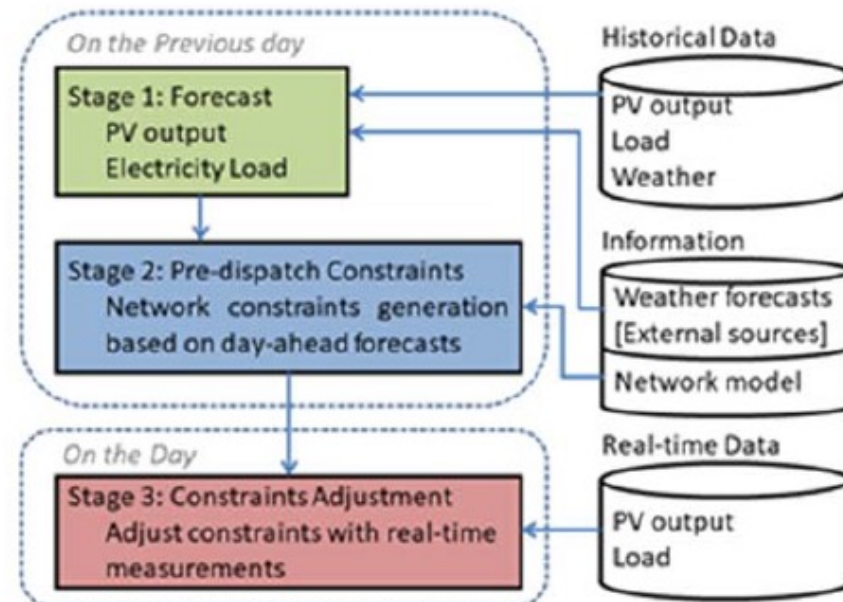
- Activities:
  - Develop a customer acquisition plan
  - UTas to undertake social research
  - Synergy to acquire 900 DER assets
- Outputs:
  - Customer Acquisition Plan (confidential)
  - Aggregator Report (public)
  - Social Science Study (public)



*Anticipated customer participation*

# Deliverable 4: Plan Architecture

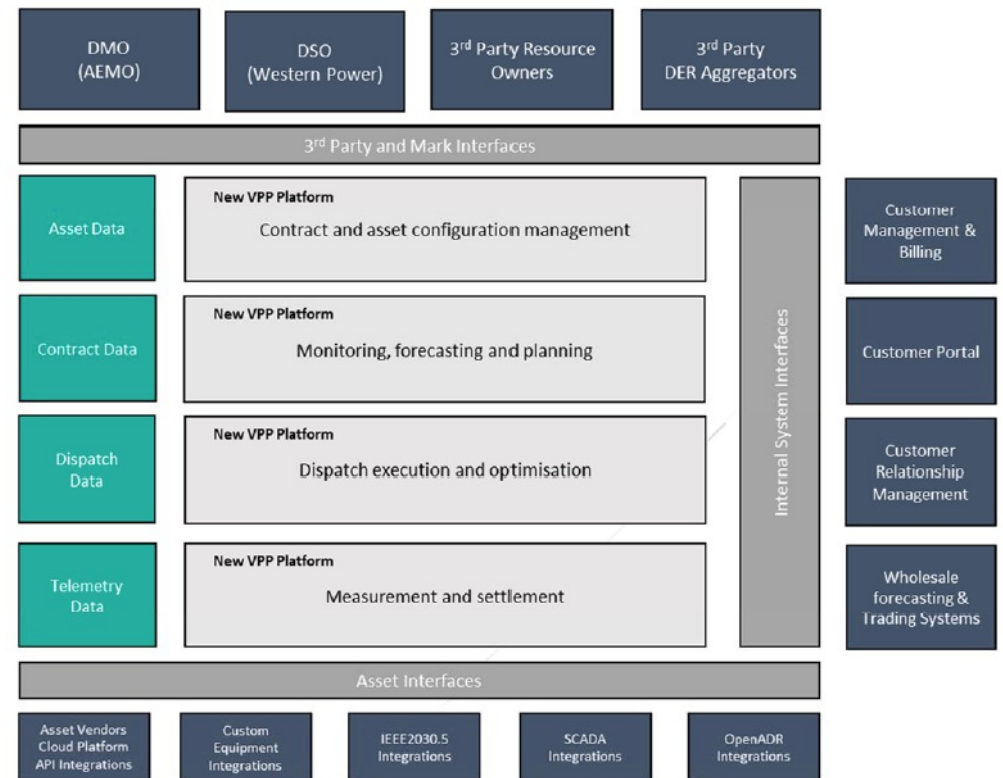
- Design the DSO-DMO-Aggregator platforms and tools required to test and deliver the project
- Outputs:
  - Distribution Constraints Optimisation Algorithm (DCOA) Report (public)
  - DMO, DSO and Aggregator Platform Requirements Reports (confidential)
  - DMO, DSO and Aggregator Platform Requirements Report (public)



*Two-stage architecture of the proposed network DER Distribution Constraints Optimisation Algorithm*

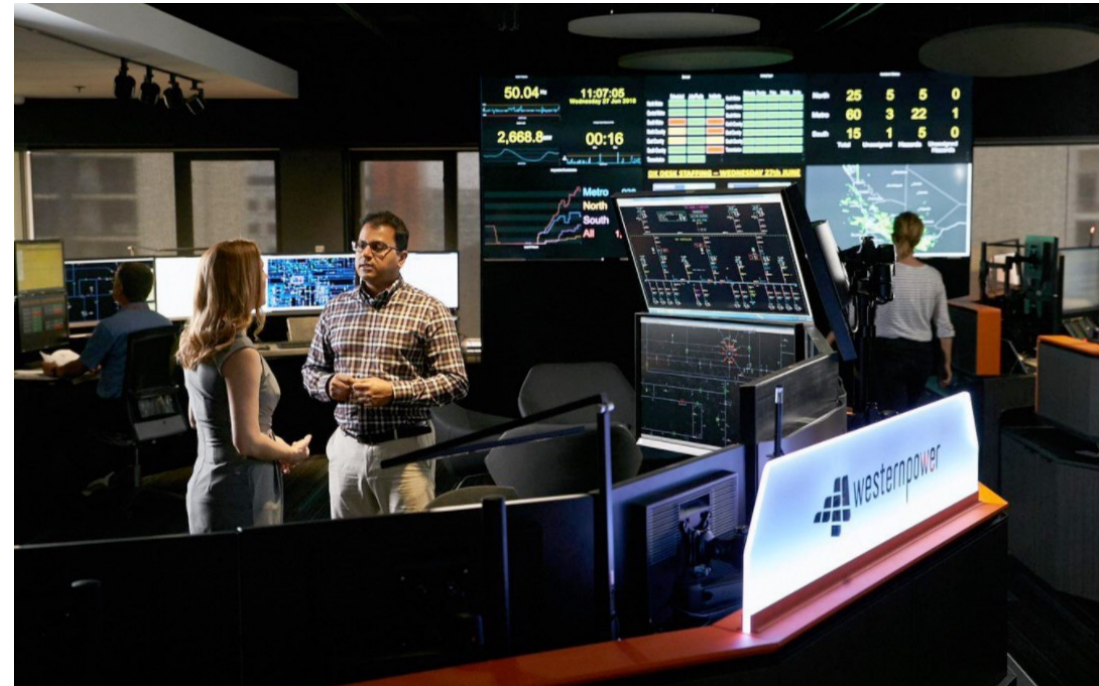
# Deliverable 5: Build Platforms

- Build the DSO, DMO and Aggregator platforms to orchestrate DER within the pilot area
- Outputs:
  - Report on DSO, DMO and Aggregator Platforms (confidential)
  - Report on DSO, DMO and Aggregator Platforms (public)



# Deliverable 6: Integrate Platforms

- Activities:
  - Determine data visibility requirements and authorisations
  - Develop data sharing agreements
  - Develop the APIs
  - Test DER orchestration
  - Host DER and weather data on DSS
- Outputs:
  - Server Hosting and Data Sharing Agreements (confidential)
  - API Specifications (confidential)



# Deliverable 7: End to end transactions

- Activities:
  - Execute the three platforms
  - Measure the accuracy of the DCOA
  - Test the communications capability and the efficacy of the APIs
  - Test the performance of the platforms
- Outputs:
  - Regulation and Rules Report (public)
  - Future Market Participation Requirements Report (public)
  - DER Market Participation Principles Report (public)
  - AEMO Planning and Forecasting Report (public)



# Discussion

- Do you have any feedback or comment on the project?
- How does this complement projects you are working on (EDGE)?
- What would you like to see delivered e.g. publicly or confidentially through this group?

