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### **Interoperability Considerations**

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## **Enabling Interoperability**

- Interoperability is typically defined as the the ability for different information technology systems, devices and software applications to communicate and exchange data accurately, effectively, and consistently **HOWEVER**:
  - Interoperability supports DER integration and participation so it is crucial to take a socio-techno-economic approach to understanding and enabling interoperability.
  - If DER can be successfully integrated into our electricity networks and markets, there is the potential to benefit all electricity system users.
  - Done poorly, interoperability has significant negative implications for customers.



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### Interoperability Steering Committee (ISC)

- Builds on and replaces the SDIWG.
- Mandate is to co-ordinate interoperability activities among DEIP taskforces and working groups.
- Complementary to the activities being undertaken by the ESB.
- Membership includes: Independent Chair, AER, AEMC, AEMO, ESB, ECA, ENA, CEC, AEC, ARENA, working group chairs.





# Key Outputs in 2021

- An Australian Implementation Guide for IEEE2030.5.
  - A testing guide, use cases and testing data to allow stakeholders and vendors to validate conformance to the Australian Implementation Guide.
  - Engagement with Standards Australia to facilitate the implementation guide being formally documented and endorsed by Standards Australia.
  - Formal engagement with the IEEE standards committee providing a pathway for updating the underlying IEEE2030.5 standard to accommodate Australian extensions.
- Progress standards for Cyber Security.
  - A no-regrets technical work plan to accelerate cyber security approaches.
- Support the creation of a DEIP social social and consumer working group.



Today

- An opportunity to discuss:
  - The ISC structure and activities.
  - Interoperability opportunities and use cases.
  - Barriers to progress and how to overcome them.
  - Engaging with customers on interoperability.
  - How can you help?







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