

Stakeholder information session

Integrating Price Responsive
Resources into the NEM (IPRR)

15 May 2026



1. Welcome

Jen Marin



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, seas and waters across Australia. We honour the wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past and present and embrace future generations.

We acknowledge that, wherever we work, we do so on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands. We pay respect to the world's oldest continuing culture and First Nations peoples' deep and continuing connection to Country; and hope that our work can benefit both people and Country.

'Journey of unity: AEMO's Reconciliation Path' by Lani Balzan

AEMO Group is proud to have delivered its first Reconciliation Action Plan in May 2024. 'Journey of unity: AEMO's Reconciliation Path' was created by Wiradjuri artist Lani Balzan to visually narrate our ongoing journey towards reconciliation - a collaborative endeavour that honours First Nations cultures, fosters mutual understanding, and paves the way for a brighter, more inclusive future.

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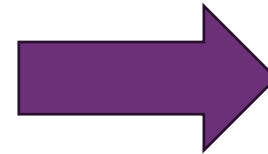


Why we're here today

AEMO has established the Integrating Price Responsive Resources into the NEM (IPRR) project under the NEM Reform Program to carry out the procedure and system changes arising from the [IPRR Rule](#) and to support industry readiness for the changes.

After careful evaluation, AEMO is proposing a reset.

The objective of the proposed reset is to work with industry to define a practical, staged path that improves certainty and reduces disruption for both market participants and AEMO.



Today AEMO will brief industry on the reset and proposed staged delivery approach

We appreciate your attendance today, your feedback and your respectful contributions.

Objectives of today's session



To provide clarity on why AEMO is proposing a reset



To outline AEMO's initial thinking on an alternate delivery path



To invite participation in upcoming consultation process

Agenda

#	Time (AEST)	Topic	Presenter/s
1	1:00 - 1:05 PM	Welcome and objectives	Jen Marin
2	1:05 – 1:15 PM	IPRR Overview	István Szabó
3	1:15 – 1:30 PM	Proposed implementation reset Overview and Q&A	Dom Mendonca István Szabó
4	1:30 - 2:25 PM	A staged delivery approach Summary, seeking preliminary feedback and Q&A	Dom Mendonca István Szabó
5	2:25 - 2:50 PM	Consultation process Overview and Q&A	Jen Marin
6	2:50 - 3:00 PM	Q&A	Jen Marin
	3:00 PM	Close	



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Appendix A AEMO Competition Law meeting protocol

Appendix B Glossary

General Housekeeping

1. **Please mute your microphone.**



2. **We look forward to your feedback and questions.**

- Use the 'Q&A' function to ask any questions or comments throughout the session.
 - We also have the chat function enabled.
 - AEMO SMEs are on the call, who will attempt to respond in the chat.
- Each agenda item will have dedicated Q&A time, during which we will welcome you raising your hand and come on camera for the discussion.



3. **We will share the slides with you via email after this meeting.**

4. **In attending this meeting, you are expected to:**



- Contribute constructively.
- Be respectful, both on the call and in the chat
- Participants are asked to familiarise themselves with AEMO's [Competition Law Meeting Protocol](#) as outlined in Appendix A and at AEMO's website.

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2. IPRR Overview

István Szabó

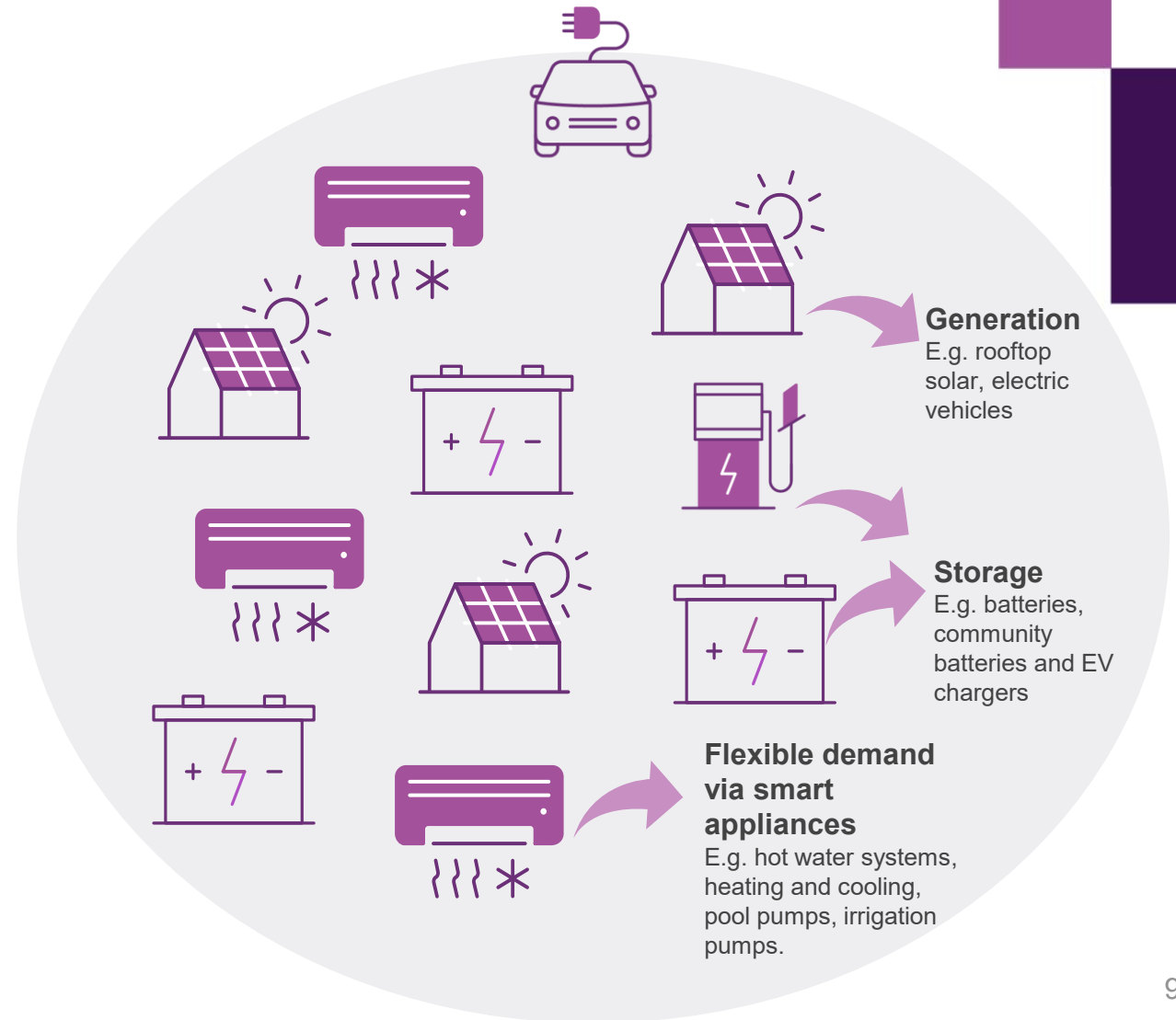
What is a 'price responsive' resource?

For IPRR, the term *unscheduled price-responsive resource* refers to a resource which meets the following criteria:

- ✓ It is currently not scheduled through the NEM dispatch process, and
- ✓ It does or could respond (individually or as part of an aggregation) to market price signals.

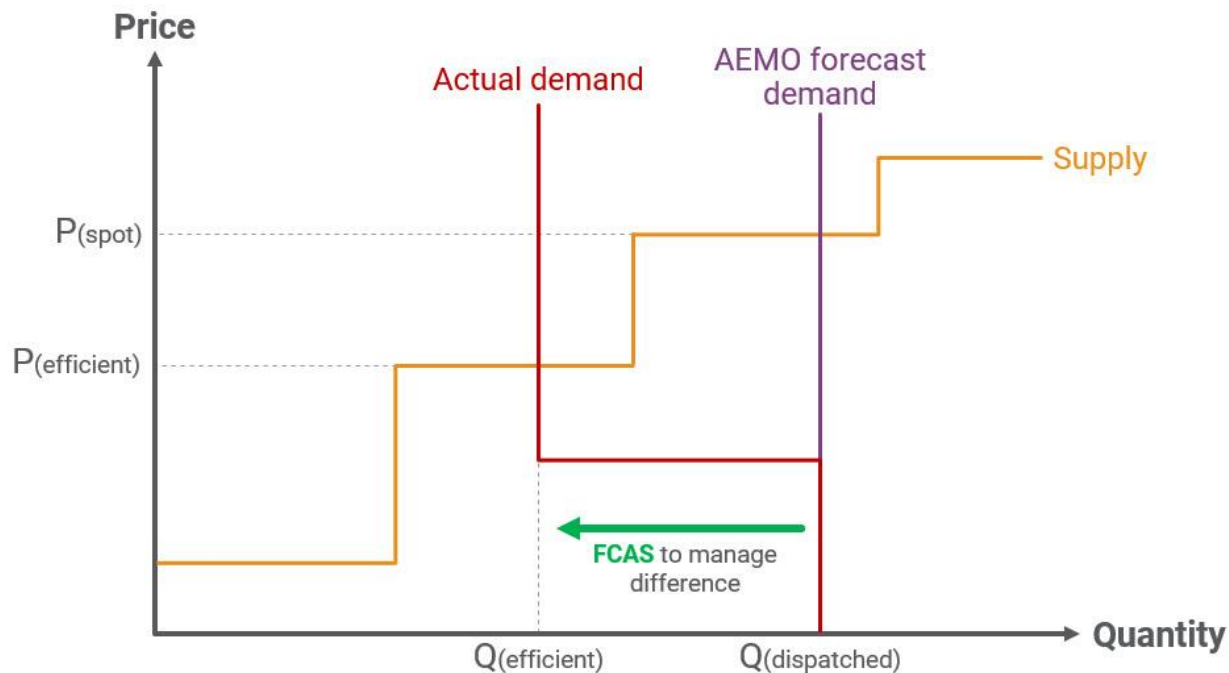
Includes a wide range of resources:

- Small-medium sized assets across renewable generation, storage and flexible demand
- Owned by residential, commercial and industrial consumers, therefore including both Consumer Energy Resources (CER) *and* Distributed Energy Resources (DER).
- Often coordinated by an aggregator, such as a VPP or retailer, on behalf of the consumer.
- Unable to participate in some services that are available to scheduled resources (e.g. regulation FCAS), which limits the value that customers can receive for their CER.



Problem: Existing arrangements don't integrate these resources in the NEM

Inaccurate Demand Forecast => Inefficiencies and Costs



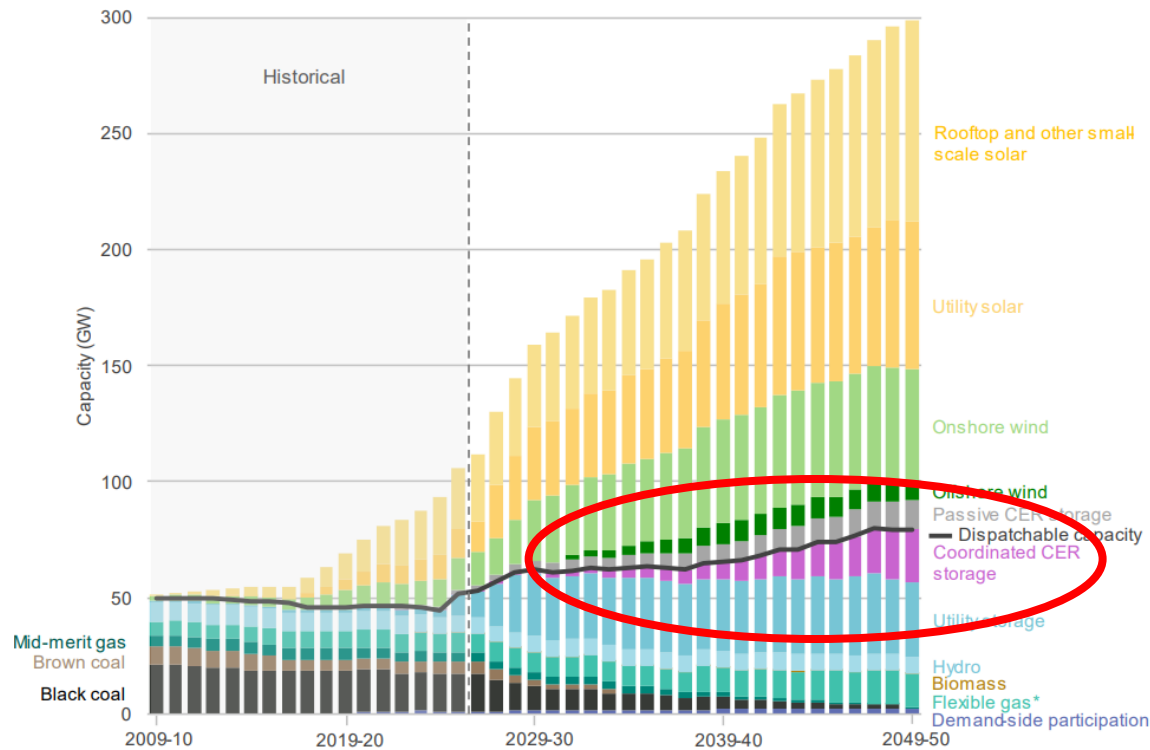
REFERENCE: AEMC, [IPRR final determination](#) p.12.

- Small distributed resources cannot participate in central dispatch easily i.e. can't access the full market (energy and FCAS)
- Price is not an input into demand forecasting
- This results in:
 - Higher spot prices ($P(s)$)
 - Higher generation costs
 - Potentially use of higher emitting generation
 - To balance the system, increased use of FCAS and potentially emergency reliability measures
- Over time these inefficiencies may lead to additional market entry, at a material cost.

Why is the IPRR initiative important?

- Rapid growth in unscheduled price responsive resources.
- These resources are already being aggregated and operated dynamically to respond to NEM price signals, and contribute to system reliability and system security.
- Coordination of these resources is anticipated to accrue benefits to the market and consumers over time:
 - AEMC's [IPRR final determination](#) (2024) indicated \$1.4-1.8 billion in potential market efficiency gains
 - AEMO's [2024 Integrated System Plan \(ISP\)](#) estimated a reduced need for duplicative investment in large-scale storage worth ~ \$4.1 billion
 - AEMO's [2026 Draft ISP](#) estimates ~ \$7.1 billion in avoided costs.

Figure 1 NEM capacity (GW, 2009-10 to 2049-50, Step Change)



Notes: Projections for "Rooftop and other small-scale solar" and "CER storage" are forecast as outlined in the 2025 IASR. "Rooftop and other small solar" includes forecast residential and commercial rooftop photovoltaic (PV) systems as well as larger distributed PV systems referred to as PV non-scheduled generation (PVNSG) systems. "Utility solar" also includes other distributed PV systems, optimised through the ISP assessment process. "CER storage" means consumer energy resources such as batteries and EVs. "Flexible gas" includes gas-powered generation and potential hydrogen capacity.

AEMC made IPRR rule on 19 Dec 2024

Three components, each with new supporting document

Commencing: *May 2027*

Problem

- Small distributed resources cannot participate in central dispatch easily.

Solution:

- New voluntary “Dispatch mode” to integrate presently unscheduled price-responsive energy resources into NEM scheduling processes.

1. Dispatch mode



→ **VSR Guidelines**

Establishes the technical and operational characteristics of VSRs.

Commencing: *May 2027*

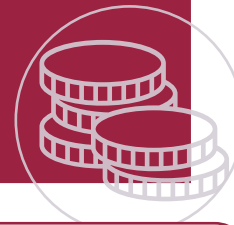
Problem

- Being scheduled does not always provide the scheduled participant with benefits.

Solution

- New time-limited incentive mechanism (tenders) to encourage participation in dispatch mode. Up to \$50m, with potential top ups from external bodies.

2. Incentive framework



→ **VSR Incentive Procedure**

Specifies a range of matters to support operation of the VSR incentive mechanism including “participation payments”.

Commenced: *Apr 2026*

Problem

- Price sensitivity is not currently used by AEMO as an input for demand forecasting.

Solution

- New framework to understand and manage the impact of unscheduled price-responsive energy resources on operational demand forecasting processes and market outcomes.

3. AEMO monitoring & reporting framework



→ **AEMO Price Responsive Reporting Guidelines**

How AEMO will meet its annual and quarterly reporting obligations.

3. IPRR Proposed Implementation Reset

István Szabó
Dom Mendonca

Underlying delivery challenges

Reform Congestion

- **Resource Constraints/Competing Priorities:**
 - Finite capacity of key subject matter and technical experts, particularly in the NEM Scheduling area
- **IT Environment limitations:**
 - Competing demands and the complex, broad requirements of the IPRR are creating congestion in existing IT environments, driving the need for additional environments and increasing cost, time, and resource pressure.

Complexity & Risk

- **Solution Complexity & Cost:**
 - The Planning process has shown the IPRR solution is more complex than originally planned leading to increased delivery effort, duration and cost than first considered
- **Policy elements:**
 - Two areas of IPRR policy design that are highly complex and high cost to implement were identified through Planning
 - Recommendation is to re-assess, rule change requests are in progress to do so
 1. To remove the requirement of exempting VSRs from being constrained on
 2. For FPP calculation adjustment, to allow for the exclusion for VSRs from receiving frequency contribution factors.

AEMO unable to identify adequate adjustments (scope/resourcing) to baseline a “green” scheduled project.

Delivery project profile is high risk and high cost and may lead to outcomes that are neither prudent or efficient for end consumers. Accordingly, AEMO considers it prudent to temporarily pause to reset the delivery path

Key elements of the reset

Immediate Implications

- **Unscheduled Price Responsive Resources Reporting.** No impact, continues and has published the first quarterly reporting dashboard on 13 April 2026.
- **VIM Tender** is deferred. Incentive mechanism importance is recognised, propose re-scheduling as early as practicable based on alternate delivery path.
- **Procedures Consultation** is paused so that we can review what procedure updates would be required to facilitate the different stages

Staged Delivery Path Proposal

Staged delivery path.

- Based on a staged deployment of capability that progressively introduces IPRR features in line with capacity to implement and benefits
- Progressively develop capability that is fit for purpose and adaptive to the evolving reform and market needs

Industry/AEMO benefits of a staged implementation

- Reduces IPRR delivery risks, reduces delivery timing uncertainty for industry
- Eases industry-wide reform congestion
- Opportunity to build, learn and adapt incrementally
- Enables flexibility to incorporate relevant outcomes from concurrent and related reform activities e.g. CER Roadmap, Market Visibility Framework

Next Steps

Industry Briefing & Consultation.

- AEMO will conduct a dedicated, open **IPRR Information session** – 15 May.
- AEMO team is available for 1:1 sessions for interested participants following this

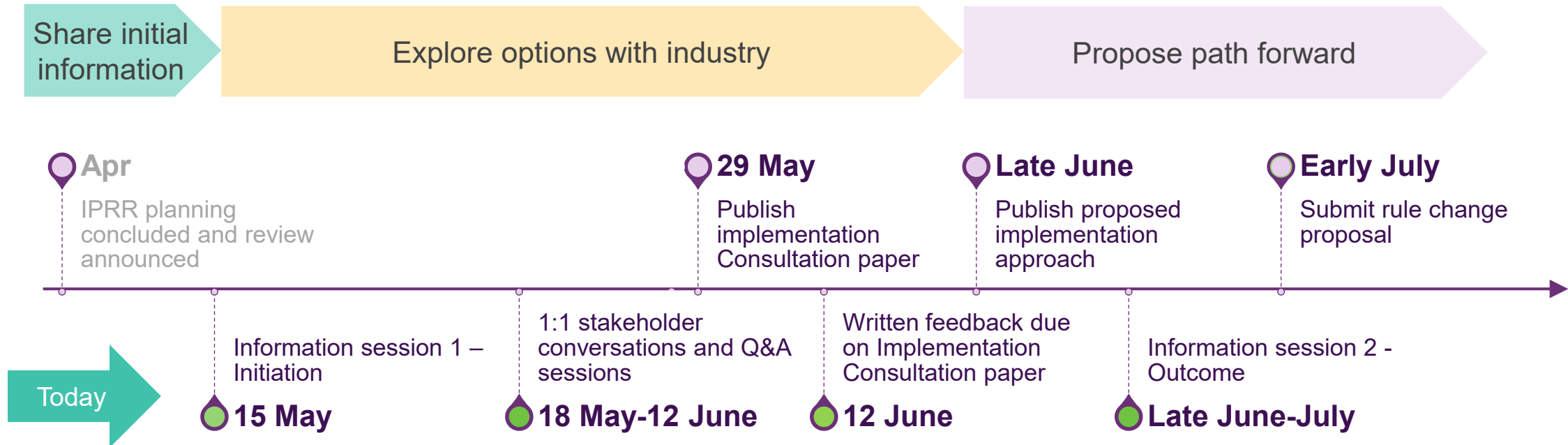
Staged Delivery Path next steps

- AEMO to work with industry to inform the Staged Delivery Path.
- AEMO will define an initial proposal for review at the Information session. Input to be sought from participants.
- Details and timing for this process to be provided at the IPRR Information session



NER Rule Change will be required.

- Subject to feedback on the proposed Staged Delivery Path, AEMO would intend to draft the Rule change to reflect this. Engagement underway with AEMC. Rule change will be subject to AEMC rule change consultation and decision processes.

Proposed next steps to reset implementation for IPRR



Legend

-  Consultation steps
-  Stakeholder input sought

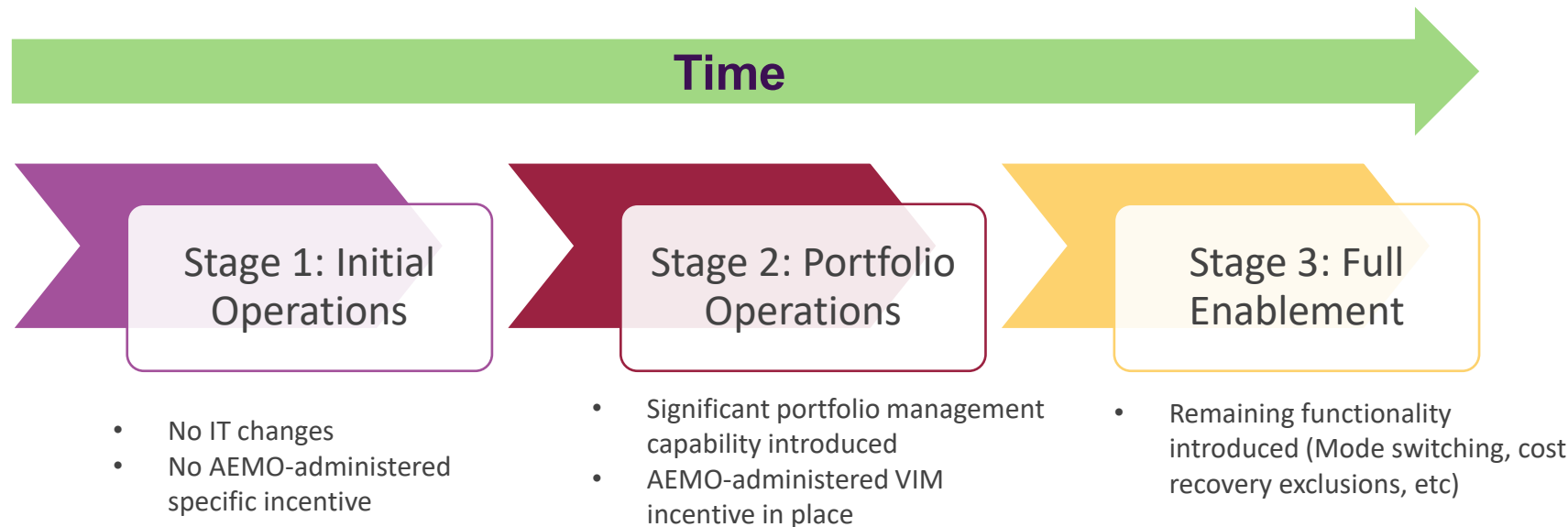
Section 4 proposes approach to defining the guard rails and desired outcome for a staged delivery, and in **Section 5** we will discuss how we best engage you in this process.

4. A staged delivery approach

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What a staged delivery means

- A staged delivery path means implementing IPRR functionality progressively, increasing scope and complexity over time as capacity and readiness allow.
- Factors driving the definition of the stages:
 - Enable learning and adjustment over time for an area undergoing innovation and evolution
 - Better alignment with strategic IT platforms
 - Improve certainty for participants and AEMO
 - AEMO delivery constraints – particularly the NEM Scheduling area in CY26 and CY27



Purpose, Guardrails and Outcomes

Indicative proposal of how the staged implementation could work (for discussion).

Stage	Purpose	Scope Guardrails	Desired Outcomes
1. Initial Operations (asap)	To gain real-world visibility and inclusion of initial sub-30MW non-scheduled generators, BDUs, small batteries and a single VPP into Dispatch – enabling evaluation of potential complications and benefits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No rule change required. AER sandboxing waiver to be explored (TBC) No IT Changes to AEMO production systems Minimal AEMO process / off-system workarounds No IT or process changes to non-voluntary participants No Voluntary Incentive Mechanism (VIM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of how forecasting accuracy can be improved Evaluation of Dispatch implications Test and identify mitigants for AEMO SCADA telemetry data challenges, industry challenges in becoming scheduled-ready
2. Portfolio Operations (mid-2028)	To deliver a substantive subset of IPRR functionality, begin a staged onboarding of VPPs and ideally begin the VIM*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal AEMO NEM Scheduling and Grid Systems changes to avoid contention No changes to energy model No recognition of mode-switching Ideally begin the VIM* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate VIM tender and test industry appetite / degree of incentives required Gain industry feedback (to be addressed in next stage or earlier) of first release of functionality – e.g. usability, challenges, barriers to entry.
3. Full Enablement (mid-late 2029)	To deliver the remainder of IPRR functionality and full onboarding of eligible VSRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address energy model changes to enable full technology participation Implement the remainder of functionality not delivered in Stage 2. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full alignment with IPRR rule As much participation as possible Pick up learnings from previous two stages.

* Challenge to be worked through is timing of the VSR Guidelines procedure consultation updates: whether timelines can support a mid-2028 go-live

Stage 1 Proposed Scope

Purpose: To gain real-world visibility and inclusion of initial non-scheduled generators, BDUs, loads, small batteries and small generators into Dispatch – enabling evaluation of potential complications and benefits.

Constraints

1. No mode switching
2. No portfolio management
3. No non-energy cost recovery (NECR) exemption based on mode
4. No VSR Zones (operate within the same congestion zone)
5. No mixed aggregations**

Functional

- Leverage existing AEMO system functionality only
- Participants send a manual request to join
- AEMO assess the request, respond and leverage existing systems and processes – reclassify as a scheduled resource (generator/BDU/load)
- At end of Stage 1, Participants will be re-classified back to their original classification or moved onto Stage 2.
- Use congestion zones instead of VSR zones

Incentive

- No specific financial incentive administered by AEMO

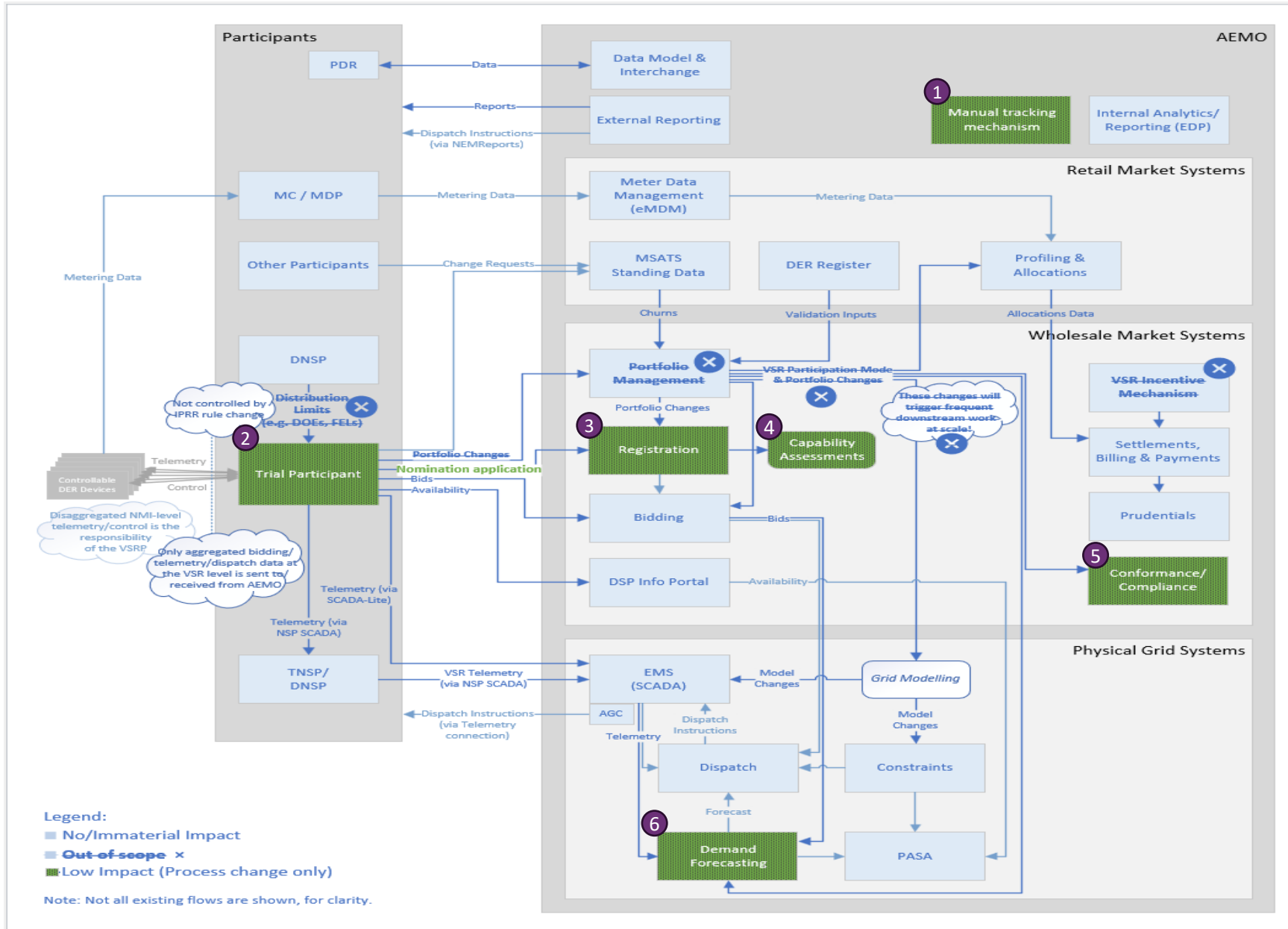
Regulatory

- AER sandboxing trial* sought by participants for relevant NER clauses (e.g. dispatch conformance, SoC information provision)
 - Subject to AER assessment and approval

*The [AER regulatory sandbox](#) allows energy innovators to trial products and ideas. A time limited trial waiver is available for eligible projects subject to the AER's assessment and approval. The timeframe to assess a sandboxing application is subject to AER processes.

** Except for a single VPP with generation and load co-located behind the meter.

Stage 1 Impact Assessment (heat-map)



Component	Impact
1. Manual Tracking Mechanism	AEMO will track VPP involvement through some manual process so they can be re-classified later
2. Trial Participant: Nomination Application	Trial Participants send through a nomination application in some format (e.g. a pdf form or csv)
3. Registrations	Participating resources will be registered in one of the existing scheduled categories.
4. Capability Assessments	AEMO will assess the technical capabilities of the nominated VSR and respond back to the participant via email
5. Conformance / Compliance	Could AEMO suspend conformance monitoring for Stage 1 participants?
6. Demand Forecasting	AEMO will manually update the forecast models, to move any non-scheduled resources previously modelled on the demand side is brought over to the supply side

Participant Considerations

Non-exhaustive and not intended for detailed discussion in this briefing session: for your consideration in your feedback to AEMO

- Does this staged approach provide value / learnings for industry participants?
- Is there interest from participants in joining the trial, noting the proposed constraints for Stage 1 (mode switching, portfolio management, NECR, zones, mixed aggregations, no VIM in place)?
- Would participants want to request the AER waiver as a joint request to the AER?
- Could the operator of a VPP commit to maintain a pre-set capacity of solar PV (within a tolerance threshold) for the duration of Stage 1?
- Do you see any challenges with suspending conformance monitoring while maintaining the obligation of dispatch bids to be “not false or misleading”?
- Would participants consider providing other services (FCAS) in Stage 1?
- Would participants consider applying for a telemetry exemption?
- Should AEMO impose an upper size limit on participating aggregations?

Stage 2 Proposed Scope

Purpose: To deliver a substantive subset of IPRR functionality, begin the VIM and begin a staged onboarding of the VPPs.

Constraints

1. No mode switching: fully scheduled (active) DUID
2. No non-energy cost recovery (NECR) exemption: participation mode doesn't influence RERT and directions cost recovery obligations
3. No VSR Zones: all resources in a DUID must be in the same congestion zone
4. No mixed aggregations: all resources in DUID must be the same technology*

Functional

- Build portfolio management capability to support aggregations of NMI's.
- Enable an automated nomination process – i.e. requests are received via a web form.
- Units continuing in Stage 2 will continue to be classified in a scheduled category.

Incentive

- VIM tender

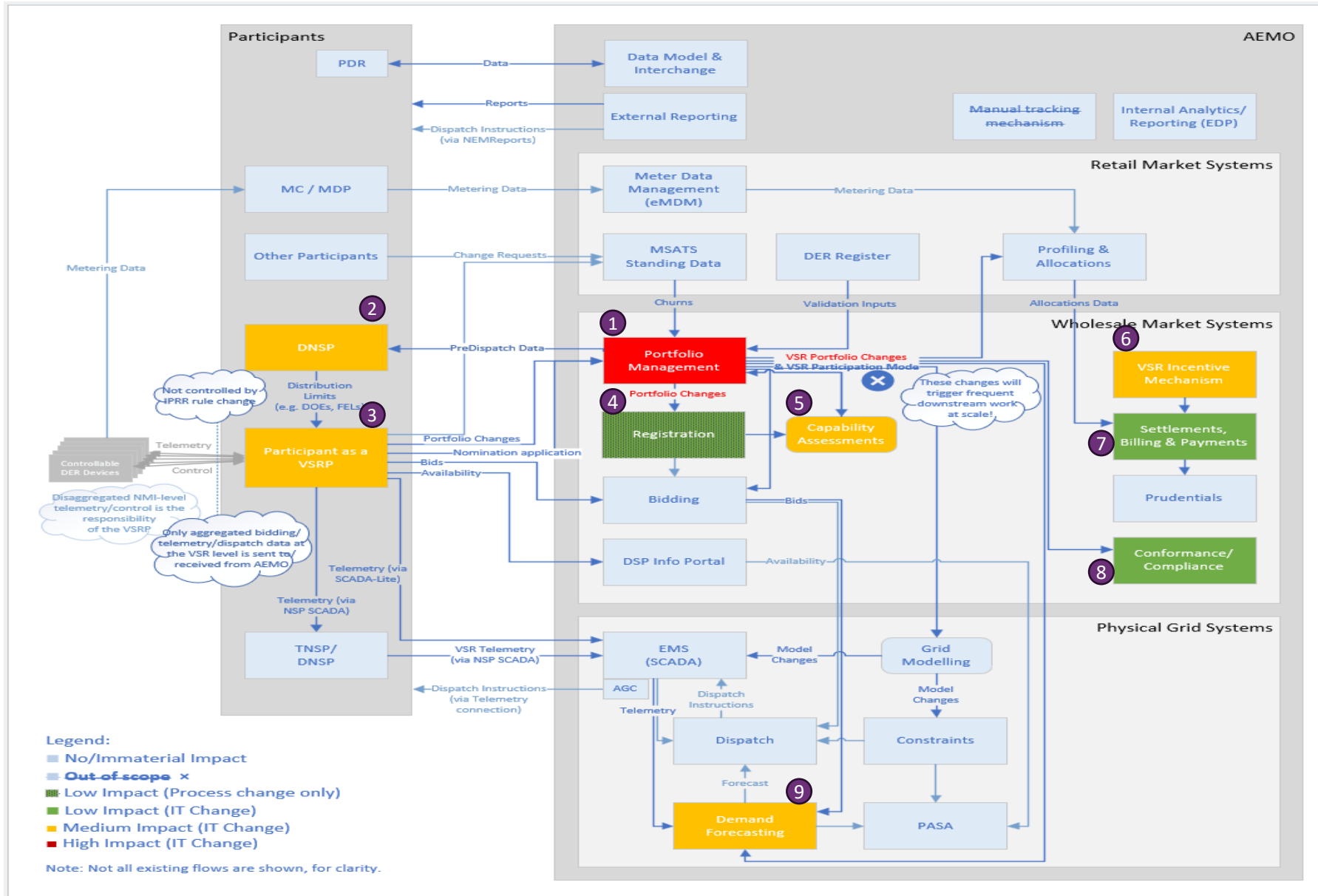
Regulatory

- Supported by an adjusted IPRR Rule Change Request enabling earlier drop of functionality

Why Portfolio Management

- Is a substantive work program for AEMO: requiring re-platforming of our PMS back-end system onto a strategic platform
- Is a substantive (albeit voluntary) change for industry – requiring use of a new platform and system integrations
- Enables a substantive increase in eligible VSRs – enabling the self-managed aggregation of NMI's into a DUID. *Likely to see multiple VPPs for residential customers included to which the mixed aggregation prohibition does not apply.

Stage 2 Impact Assessment (heat-map)



Component	Impact
1. Portfolio Management	A new system to manage VSR portfolios: enabling adding, removing NMI's from a DUID. Includes the nomination of a VSR and associated NMI's.
2. DNSPs	Potential to (via CER Data Exchange project) include the provision of DOEs / FELs through a standardised B2B transactions
3. Participant as VSRP: Nomination Application	Participants send through nomination applications via PMS
4. Registrations	Additional DUIDs are reclassified
5. Capability Assessments	Automated validations of nomination applications and on-going monitoring of VSR portfolio changes
6. VSR Incentive Mechanism	VIM tender is run
7. Settlements, Billing Payments	AEMO will include VIM payments in participant invoices
8. Conformance / Compliance	Potential for conformance monitoring be turned off or linked to VIM payments
9. Demand Forecasting	Demand v Supply side in the forecast models updated, automated scaling to ASEFS that scales demand up/down by DERR PV capacity values in portfolio.

Participant Considerations

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- Does the proposed scope provide value for industry as a whole?
- How much additional participation do industry participants see emerging from this additional functionality?
- Are participants comfortable with an expedited VSR Guidelines procedure consultation period if this were able to be organised?
- Do DNSPs see value in leveraging the CER Data Exchange for provision of DOEs / FELs?
- Do you think VIM eligibility should be linked to conformance exclusion for Stage 2?

Stage 3 Proposed Scope

Purpose: To deliver the remaining (full) set of IPRR functionality and enable full participation

Constraints

1. Mode switching enabled: fully scheduled (active) DUID
2. Non-energy cost recovery (NECR) exemption: participation changes RERT and directions cost recovery obligations
3. VSR Zones: resources in a DUID can be in different congestion zone
4. Mixed aggregations: changes to the energy model to support mixed technology VSRs
5. Learnings / functionality tweaks from Stage 1 and Stage 2

Functional

- Full support for the original IPRR scope, including energy model changes to support mixed technology VSRs.
- Units will be re-classified back to unscheduled and allocated an appropriate Dispatch sub-type.
- VSR Guidelines (specifically regarding Dispatch subtypes) will be adjusted based on update to the energy model.

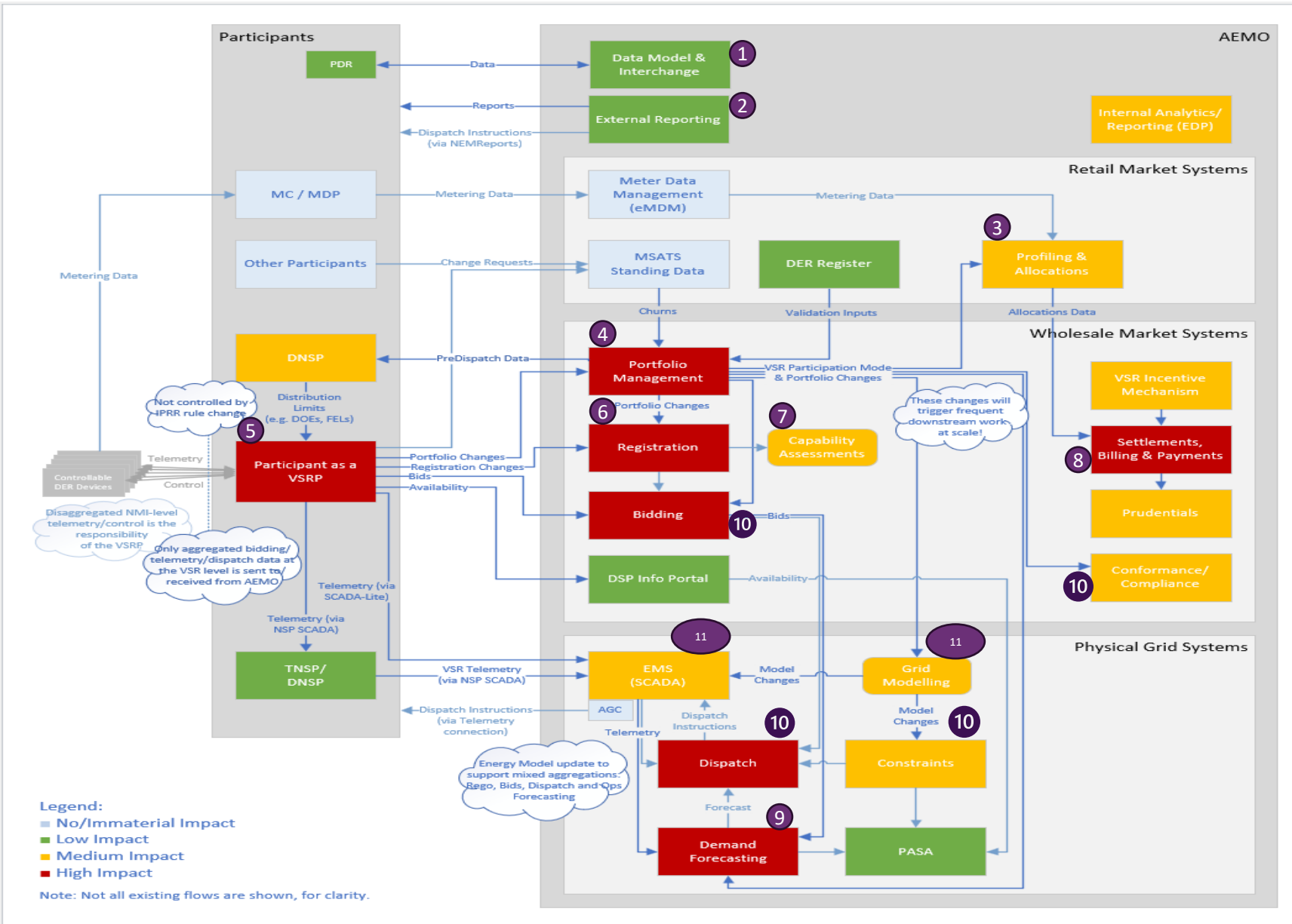
Incentive

- VIM tender

Regulatory

- Supported by an adjusted IPRR Rule Change Request – final rule commencement.

Stage 3 Impact Assessment (heat-map)



Changed Components	Impact
1. Data Model and Interchange	Participant Data model updated to incorporate VSR participation modes
2. External Reporting	NEMReports are updated with new VSR attributes
3. Profiling & Allocations	New RM file between metering and settlements for VSR aggregations
4. Portfolio Management	PMS updated to support VSR participation mode changes.
5. Participant as VSRP	Participants will also manage mode switching & mixed aggregations
6. Registrations	Mixed aggregation rules will be applied for setting up VSR DUIDs
7. Capability Assessments	Certain portion of the assessments are automated
8. Settlements, Billing & Payments	Functionality to exempt VSR participants from RERT and directions cost recovery obligations
9. Demand Forecasting	Forecasting systems are updated to include VSR modes and automate the scaling of ASEFS output prior to providing inputs to NEM Scheduling
10. Bids, Dispatch, Conformance, Constraints	Change to the energy model to support VSR Modes and mixed aggregations
11. EMS and Grid Modelling	System enhancements to accommodate VSR modes

Participant Considerations

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- How valuable does industry see the inclusion of energy model changes to support mixed aggregations?



Summary

early-mid 2027

mid-late 2028

mid-late 2029



Incentive Mechanism	Participant managed, no VIM Tender (alternative incentive funding)	VIM Tender	VIM Tender
Participation Modes Supported	Active only	Active only	Active, Inactive, Hibernation
Portfolio Management	Fixed group of NMIs within DUID*	NMI composition is dynamically managed	NMI composition is dynamically managed
Regulatory basis	Sandboxing waiver from the AER	New IPRR rule	New IPRR rule
VSR Zones	Single congestion zone for all resources in DUID	Single congestion zone for all resources in DUID	Resources in DUID may be across larger (VSR) zones
Mixed Aggregation	Same technology for all resources in DUID*	Same technology for all resources in DUID*	Mixed technologies within DUID
Non-Energy Cost Recovery Exemption	Participation mode does not influence RERT and directions cost recovery	Participation mode does not influence RERT and directions cost recovery	Participating DUIDs in active mode are exempt from RERT and directions cost recovery obligations
Unit classification	Temporarily classified as one of the existing scheduled categories, no dispatch subtype	Temporarily classified as one of the existing scheduled categories, no dispatch subtype	Individual resource reverts to original non-scheduled category, new, VSR DUID is created.
Example Resources	Large sub-30MW non-scheduled generators, BDUs or aggregations of small ones (single tech type), one resi VPP	Same as for Stage 1 Plus Multiple resi VPPs	All eligible VSRs

* For this requirement, an exception is made for a single residential VPP to participate in Stage 1.

Preliminary Feedback



Based on what AEMO has presented today on the three stages are you aligned on the proposed scope?

- a) *Yes – broadly aligned.*
- b) *Yes – however we believe that there could be a shift of scope between stages*
- c) *No – there are some gaps or I am unsure and need to validate with my organisation, I will provide a response before **12 June** (written feedback due)*
- d) *It requires further exploration, my organisation would be interested to engage in more detailed workshops or one-on-ones*

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Are there any further areas that industry feel they need clarification on?

5. Consultation process

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Consultation scope and approach

AEMO will be seeking feedback on:

(to be further defined through the consultation paper)

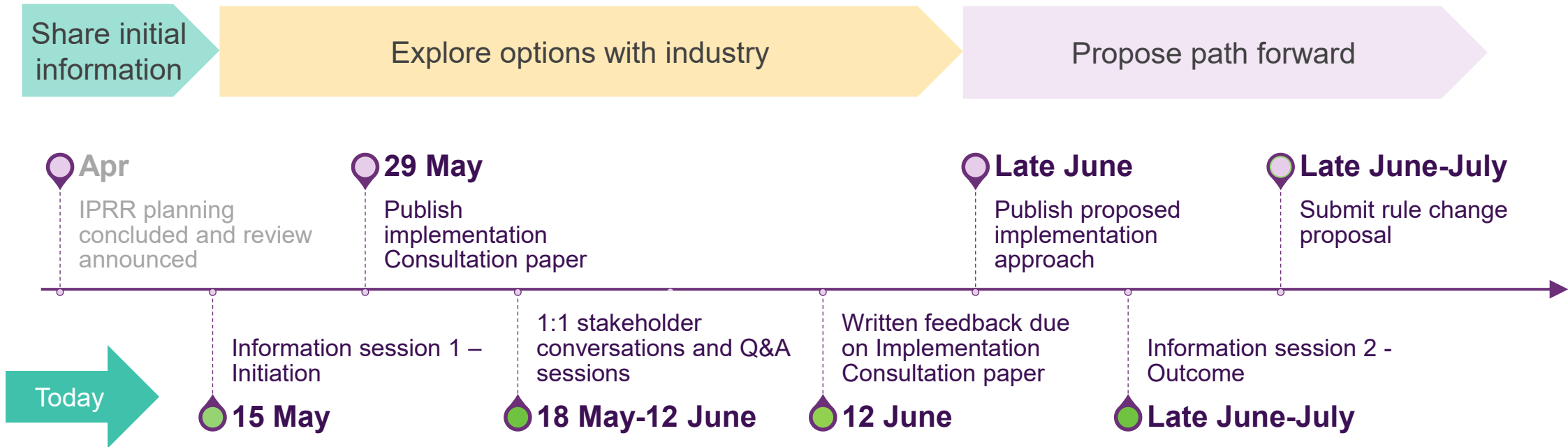
- Proposed staged delivery path (scope, sequencing and timing)
- Priority capabilities and early value opportunities
- Implementation stage assumptions and guardrails
- Impacts to participants' systems, operations and investment decisions
- Key risks, constraints and interdependencies with other reforms.

How stakeholders can participate:



- 2 x Information sessions (broad awareness and framing, understanding of proposed approach, opportunity to share views, and Q&A). Dates: today, and late June/July.
 - 1:1 discussions (deep dives on specific impacts)
 - Written submissions on consultation paper
 - Q&A session (collaborative exploration of key issues)
Date tba.
- * AEMO will also be providing ongoing information about the consultation and seeking advice from attendees at the Program Consultative Forum (meets monthly).

Does this approach provide stakeholders with sufficient and appropriate opportunities to provide feedback on implementation considerations?

Consultation timeline



Legend

-  Consultation steps
-  Stakeholder input sought

Does this approach appropriately balance the need for sufficient opportunities for consideration of stakeholder perspectives on the delivery path, with timely progress towards certainty?

How your input will shape outcomes

AEMO will:

- Publish key themes and insights from stakeholder feedback, including:
 - what feedback has been adopted / adapted / not progressed
 - rationale for decisions and trade-offs.
- Playback feedback and seek indication of industry alignment on proposed path forward, prior to finalising rule change proposal and progressing with staged delivery.
- Submit proposal to AEMC for statutory process.

Reminder - decision making roles



Australian Energy Market Commission
 Rule maker, market developer and expert adviser to governments

Protects consumers and achieves the right trade-off between cost, reliability and security.



Australian Energy Regulator
 Economic regulation and rules compliance

Polices the system and monitors the market.



Australian Energy Market Operator
 Electricity and gas systems and market operator

Works with industry to keep the lights on.

Source: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/regulation/national-governance>

This means that in the context of resetting IPRR delivery, AEMO and industry's role is to articulate implementation considerations, as an input to the AEMC's rule making process.

Find out more

- [Integrating Price Responsive Resources into the NEM Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [AEMO | Integrating Price Responsive Resources into the NEM \(IPRR\)](#)
- [AEMC Rule | Integrating Price Responsive Resources into the NEM](#)

The IPRR team is available for one-to-ones with participants on request.

Please contact us: NEMReform@AEMO.com.au



Integrating Price Responsive Resources into the NEM (IPRR)

Background

There are a wide range of energy resources (for example, batteries) that enable consumers or parties acting on their behalf to respond to spot prices. The increasing number and magnitude of these unscheduled resources is a significant opportunity for consumers, retailers and the broader electricity system. However, this responsiveness isn't currently effectively integrated into the NEM. It is not directly considered when determining the level of demand, how best to meet this demand or the spot price.

To address this, in January 2023, AEMO submitted a [rule change request](#) for the 'Scheduled Lite Mechanism' to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) for its consideration.

AEMO was tasked by the Energy Security Board (ESB) to prepare the rule change in accordance with the ESB's:

- Post 2025 Market Design Final Advice to Energy Ministers
- Consumer Energy Resources (CER) implementation plan.

The AEMC progressed this rule change request and on 19 December 2024, following an extensive consultation process, published a final determination and a more preferable final rule titled [Integrating price-responsive resources into the NEM](#).

AEMO has established the Integrating Price Responsive Resources into the NEM (IPRR) project under the [NEM Reform Program](#) to carry out the procedure and system changes arising from the rule and to support industry readiness for the changes.

After careful evaluation, in April 2026, AEMO is proposing to temporarily pause and reset the delivery path for the Integrating Price Responsive Resources into the NEM (IPRR) rule implementation.

During implementation planning, AEMO identified the following constraints:

- Resourcing constraints and competing priorities (particularly in NEM scheduling, portfolio management and settlements)
- IT environment limitations leading to congestion across in-flight projects
- Further increased solution complexity than anticipated, increasing effort, duration and cost
- Some elements of the policy design are too complex and costly to implement.

AEMO is working with industry on a proposed approach to a staged implementation.

To help shape the staged delivery path, AEMO is holding an **Information Session on Friday 15 May 2026, 1–3 pm (AEST)**. Please [register your interest](#).

For further details please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page or the latest IPRR update in the [Industry status report](#).

Get involved with NEM Reform

Navigate NEM Reform with confidence!

Market participants and their representatives are encouraged to collaborate with us through our forums and working groups, for up-to-date information and readiness support throughout the reform lifecycle.

Looking to stay informed? A range of self-service information is available to help you assess impacts, plan next steps and track progress. Download the Implementation Roadmap, access meeting materials published at forum webpages, read the latest monthly industry status report, [subscribe](#) to the program newsletter, or join the next public briefing.

Key links:

- ❖ [NEM Reform Program Forums](#)
- ❖ [NEM Reform Program Initiatives](#)
- ❖ [NEM Reform Program Industry Status Report](#)
- ❖ [NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap](#)
- ❖ [Participant Impact Assessment \(PIA\) Dashboard](#)
- ❖ [Industry Meetings Calendar](#)

Join our Program Forums

Forums	Forum Focus	Cadence	Approach
Executive Forum	Program overview and status update	3x per year	Nomination
Reform Delivery Committee (RDC)	Long term implementation planning	Quarterly	Nomination
Program Consultative Forum (PCF)	Inflight initiatives status & co-ordination	Monthly	Open
Implementation Forum	Digital implementation & Readiness	Monthly	Open
Electricity Wholesale (EWCF) Electricity Retail (ERCF) Consultative Forums	Procedure change & continuous improvement in the sector	Monthly	Open
Industry Testing Working Group	Industry Testing planning and coordination	Monthly	Open
Working Groups	Inflight	As appropriate	As appropriate

In-depth collaboration on inflight initiatives include:

Limits Advice Working Group

Market Interface Technology Enhancements Working Gr (IDX/IDAM/PC)

Real Time Data Working Group (pre-consultation)

Want to participate in any of these forums? Find out when the next one is through the [Industry meetings calendar](#), email us to join at NEMReform@aemo.com.au.

6. Q&A



For more information visit



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Appendix A – AEMO Competition Law Meeting Protocol

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AEMO Competition Law - Meeting Protocol



AEMO is committed to complying with all applicable laws, including the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA). In any dealings with AEMO, all participants agree to adhere to the CCA at all times and to comply with appropriate protocols where required to do so.

AEMO has developed meeting protocols to support compliance with the CCA in working groups and other forums with energy stakeholders. Before attending, participants should confirm the application of the appropriate meeting protocol.

Please visit: <https://aemo.com.au/en/consultations/industry-forums-and-working-groups>

Appendix B –Glossary

Glossary

TERM	DEFINITION
AEMC	Australian Energy Market Commission
AEMO	Australian Energy Market Operator
AER	Australian Energy Regulator
API	Application Programming Interface
ARENA	Australian Renewable Energy Agency
B2B	Business to business
B2M	Business to market
BDU	Bidirectional Unit
CER	Consumer Energy Resources
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
CRMP	Cost recovery market participant
DER	Distributed energy resources
DNSP	Distribution network service provider
DOE	Dynamic Operating Envelope
DRSP	Demand response service provider
DSP	Demand side participation
DUID	Dispatchable unit identifier

TERM	DEFINITION
ERI	Enhancing reserve information
ESB	Energy Security Board
EV	Electric vehicle
FCAS	Frequency control ancillary service
FEL	Flexible export limit
FPP	Frequency performance payments
FTA2	Unlocking benefits of CER through flexible trading
FRMP	Financially responsible market participant
HLIA	High level implementation assessment
IESS	Integrating energy storage systems
IDAM	Identity access and management
IDX	Industry data exchange
IPRR	Integrating price responsive resources
IRP	Integrated resource provider
ISP	Integrated system plan
MASS	Market ancillary services specification
MSL	Minimum System Load

TERM	DEFINITION
MITE	Market interface technology enhancement
NEM	National electricity market
NEMDE	National electricity market dispatch engine
NEO	National electricity objective
NER	National electricity rules
NMI	National metering identifier
NSP	Network service provider
PASA	Projected assessment of system adequacy
PMS	Portfolio management system
PoL	Predictability of load
REZ	Renewable Energy Zones
SCADA	Supervisory control and data acquisition
ST PASA	Short Term Projected Assessment of System Adequacy
V2G	Vehicle-to-grid
VPP	Virtual Power Plants
VSR	Voluntarily scheduled resource
VSRP	Voluntarily scheduled resource provider
WDRM	Wholesale Demand Response Mechanism

- A comprehensive glossary of terms (and measurements) can be found at AEMO's website: <https://aemo.com.au/learn/industry-terminology>
- For rules terms, see the relevant industry rules on the [AEMC website](#) > [Energy rules](#).