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# Newsletter NEM Reform

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The latest news from the Program, helping you navigate the reforms supporting the energy transition.

Hello NEM Reform stakeholder

## Welcome to our first edition for 2026

As we embark on our fifth year delivering major reforms together with industry that support the energy transition, it's timely to reflect on the successes achieved to date. Did you know in 2025 we delivered five reform initiatives? While in the preceding years we completed 13 initiatives, totalling 18 since inception of the NEM Reform Program.

Since our last edition in late 2025 another significant reform has been added to the delivery program – **Real Time Data for Consumers** (RTD) – an update for this initiative has been provided below.

Collaboration with industry via our forums and technical or readiness focussed working groups has continued to lay the groundwork for this significant year of delivery while also setting up frameworks and plans for reforms and other foundational system uplifts anticipated for 2027 delivery and beyond.

This newsletter will look different from those we've published previously. In 2026 we've taken a new approach to sharing inflight initiatives status updates – these are now presented in a monthly report on our website. Read on for more information and a link to this content.

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In this issue, we also outline our tightly sequenced 2026 delivery release plan, highlighting four main initiative release periods projected across the year, provide notice of the next release of the NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap and how to register for the next General Stakeholder and Roadmap Briefing session.

## NEM Reform news

### A new home for NEM Reform initiatives status updates

Starting in February this year, our detailed implementation status updates have moved from our forums and out of this newsletter to the [NEM Reform Program pages](#) on AEMO's website.

The new [NEM Reform Program Industry Status Report](#) will be refreshed each month (around the 3rd week) with the latest information for all inflight and anticipated initiatives and serve as basis for discussion at regular NEM Reform forums.



We've taken this step as part of ongoing improvements to the way we collaborate with stakeholders, ensuring discussion on current key topics is the focus and make project status updates consistent and available to all stakeholders, industry participants and interested parties.

We encourage you to bookmark the [link to this page](#) and refer back regularly to stay up to date on delivery progress.

### NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap refresh

In April 2026, AEMO will publish version 8 of the *NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap* (the Roadmap), along with updates to its supporting artefacts:

- The [Participant Impact Assessment \(PIA\) dashboard](#) and
- Initiative Briefs, which provide further information on initiatives captured in version 8 of the Roadmap.

AEMO collaborates with industry through the Reform Delivery Committee (RDC) to update the Roadmap twice-yearly as ongoing refinement of scope, design and requirements and timelines are made, reflecting the continually evolving nature of reforms as new rule changes, policies or programs are announced.

The Roadmap serves as a framework for AEMO and stakeholders to navigate the extensive pipeline in the coming years, and as a strategic tool to guide planning and execution of these reforms. Its aim is to mitigate risks associated with delivery, reduce implementation costs through effective bundling, and guide the timing of regulatory and policy changes.

Current and previous versions of the Roadmap and supporting artefacts can be viewed and

downloaded from the NEM Reform [Planning and Governance page](#) on AEMO's website. Once published, version 8 of the Roadmap will be broadly communicated to NEM Reform stakeholders and via broader AEMO communications channels.

## General stakeholder and Roadmap briefing

Wednesday, 13 May 2026



**AEMO invites all interested parties to [Register to attend](#) this webinar-style session, held via MS Teams.**

Following the release of v8 of the Roadmap, AEMO is holding a General Stakeholder and Roadmap briefing on **Wednesday, 13 May at 1pm – 3pm (AEST)**.

In this session, AEMO will provide an accessible high-level overview of the NEM Reform Program and Roadmap, helping market participants, service providers and other interested stakeholders understand upcoming and current reforms, potential impacts, and where they may need to engage.

## Delivering the 2026-2028 plan

A significant number of initiatives have consultation and implementation activity underway involving stakeholders across 2026, through 2027 and into 2028, as outlined in the table below.

### Understanding impacts

**A high level of implementation activity is underway for four key release periods in 2026: late May-June, July, August and November.**

The impact of these initiatives varies across market segments and participant types, while the volume of delivery activity throughout the year adds further complexity and congestion to release timings.

Participants are encouraged to review the release timings below and download a copy of the Participant Impact Assessment (PIA) Dashboard to assess impact of the release plan on their operations. As noted above, a new version of the PIA dashboard will be available in April.

### Collaboration is key to delivery success

**With a high volume of reforms underway, we encourage participants to consider how to best collaborate with AEMO—and what you can do now to support coordinated delivery.**

In particular, we welcome active engagement with industry on impact assessments and planning, procedure changes, participation in testing and market trials, and including whether the industry readiness support AEMO provides is sufficient for your organisation's needs.

Additionally, important collaboration is underway to co-design capabilities and timeframes for Industry Data Exchange (IDX) and Identity and Access Management (IDAM) through the [Market Interface Technology Enhancements](#) (MITE) working group.

We encourage all participants to assess how your organisation is impacted by the various reforms using the available artefacts, including the PIA, to get involved through our forums and briefings, and regularly access the [NEM Reform Program Industry Status Report](#) for the latest information.

## A new 2028 inflight initiative

### Real Time Data for Consumers (RTD)

Allowing consumers access to their energy data in real-time for no charge, so they can gain a better understanding of the way they use household energy.

#### Recent achievements

- 18 December 2025: AEMC published the final rule determination.
- AEMO is holding monthly pre-consultation RTD Working Group meetings - focus is procedural.
- The final HLIA was published on 25 March 2026.

#### Next steps

- Formal consultation will commence in May 2026.

## 2026 initiatives and key call outs

<b>31 May and 1 Nov</b>	<b>Flexible Trading Arrangements (FTA)</b> Seeking <a href="#">Expressions of Interest</a> for accreditation for Type 8 using.	Visit the FTA webpage
<b>2 Jun and 28 Oct</b>	<b>Improving Security Frameworks (ISF)</b> Release 1.1a and 1.1b Submissions on the updated <a href="#">Security Enablement Procedures</a> close 10 April 2026.	Visit the ISF webpage
<b>1 July</b>	<b>Metering Services Review (MSR)</b> Release 2 - Power Quality Data (PQD) Seeking industry feedback on the published <a href="#">Industry Readiness Approach</a> .	Visit the FTA webpage
<b>1 July</b>	<b>Basslink Regulatory Conversion (BRC)</b>	Visit the Basslink webpage
<b>9 Aug and 2 Nov</b>	<b>Project EnergyConnect Market Integration (PEC-MI) Releases 1 and 2</b> <a href="#">Register your interest</a> for an AEMO, Transgrid and Electranet-hosted industry briefing on 13 April 2026 on PEC and its integration into the NEM.	Visit the PEC-MI webpage
<b>9 Aug and 1 Nov</b>	<b>Shortening the Settlement Cycle (SSC)</b> Release 1 and 2 Submissions on the <a href="#">NEM Settlements Revisions Policy</a> are due 10 April 2026. The	Visit the SSC webpage

final expected to be published by 8 May 2026.

<b>Aug (TBC)</b>	<b>ST PASA Replacement</b> Review submissions received on the <a href="#">ST PASA Replacement procedures and Reserve Level Declaration guidelines</a> .	<a href="#">Visit the ST PASA webpage</a>
<b>1 Nov</b>	<b>Cash Security (CS)</b>	<a href="#">Visit the CS webpage</a>
<b>30 Nov</b>	<b>Inverter Dispatch (ID)</b> Interim solution deployed by 31 March 2026 enabling participants to receive inverter limits via EMMS Data Model for both pre-dispatch and dispatch reports.	<a href="#">Visit the ID webpage</a>

## 2027 - 2028 initiatives

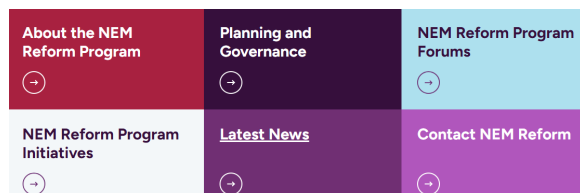
<b>1 Mar 2027</b>	Market Interface Technology Enhancements (MITE) – Foundation release for <b>Industry Data Exchange (IDX)</b> and <b>Identity and Access Management (IDAM)</b>	<a href="#">Visit the MITE webpage</a>
<b>May 2027</b>	Market Interface Technology Enhancements (MITE) – <b>Portal Consolidation (PC)</b> <a href="#">Advise AEMO</a> if your organisation uses automation testing on the AEMO Markets Portal.	<a href="#">Visit the MITE webpage</a>
<b>23 May 2027</b>	<b>Integrating Price Responsive Resources</b> into the NEM (IPRR)	<a href="#">Visit the IPRR webpage</a>
<b>30 Nov 2028</b>	<b>Real Time Data</b> for Consumers (RTD)	<a href="#">Visit the RTD webpage</a>

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Visit AEMO’s [Industry forums calendar](#).

Visit the [NEM Reform Program](#) site.



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**Contact us** at [NEMReform@aemo.com.au](mailto:NEMReform@aemo.com.au) with any queries, to participate in a forum or if you have questions about how one of these reforms may impact your business.

And please [email us](#) to **share your thoughts** about this change to our NEM Reform Newsletter and the introduction of the NEM Reform Program Industry Status Report.

Thank you once again for your continued commitment and valued contributions to the delivery of this important work.

We look forward to working together through this significant implementation year.

Regards,

**NEM Reform Program team**

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