

# Reliability Panel

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Dear Ms Falcon

### **Re: First Stage of Rules Consultation on Energy Adequacy Assessment Projection (EAAP): Guideline and Timetable Amendments**

The Reliability Panel (Panel) thanks the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) for the opportunity to provide input into the consultation on the amendments to the EAAP Guidelines, Reliability Standard Implementation Guidelines (RSIG) and Timetable. In particular, we thank you for presenting on AEMO's Issues Paper at the Panel's June meeting. The briefing and discussion was very helpful for the Panel in considering the Paper.

As discussed at this meeting we would like to offer the below comments in relation to the factors that AEMO is proposing to consider in determining whether it has an obligation to publish an additional EAAP, which are discussed in section 3.2 of the Issues Paper. The Panel agrees with and supports these proposed factors, but would like to make the following specific comments:

- The factors are supply-side focussed, and do not include any consideration of demand-side factors, eg, closure of large load. Consideration should be given as to what demand-side factors should be taken into consideration.
- The third factor discusses a prolonged interconnector outage that results in "islanding of one or more regions". The Panel considers that this language should be changed to "prolonged interconnector outages that result in a major restriction in energy transfers between regions within the National Electricity Market". The reason being is that some jurisdictions have more than one interconnector (eg, South Australia-Victoria; Queensland-NSW) between them, and so, an interconnector outage may not result in islanding but rather restricted transfers of energy.

- Finally, we consider that any arrangements relating to when AEMO has to publish an additional EAAP or not, should allow AEMO to have flexibility as to when such documents are published.

The Panel looks forward to continuing engage with you and AEMO on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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