

1. NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Electricity Rules – Rule 8.9

1.1. Declared NEM Project – NEM 2025 Reform Program

Date of Notice: 11 May 2022

This notice informs all Registered Participants and interested parties (Consulted Persons) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on the determination of the NEM 2025 Reform Program as a declared NEM project.

This consultation is being conducted under clause 2.11 of the National Electricity Rules (NER), in accordance with the Rules consultation requirements detailed in rule 8.9 of the NER.

Matter under Consultation

The matter for consultation is determination of the NEM 2025 Reform Program as a declared NEM project. Further details are provided in the Consultation Paper published with this notice.

Stakeholders should note that this consultation relates only to determining whether the NEM 2025 Reform Program should be a declared NEM project. The structure of an additional Participant fee for recovery of the costs of the project including the Registered Participants that will be charged the fee, as well as the start date for recovery and the period or periods over which recovery will occur, will be determined in a separate consultation.

Therefore, stakeholders should not make submissions to this consultation that relate to the structure of the additional Participant fee for recovery of the costs of the project, the Registered Participants that should or should not be charged, or when that fee will be paid.

The Consultation Process

The consultation process is outlined below. Dates are indicative only and subject to change.

Process stage	Indicative date
Closing date for submissions in response to this Notice and Consultation Paper	Wednesday 15 June 2022
Publication of Draft Report and Determination	Wednesday 13 July 2022 ¹
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	Wednesday 27 July 2022
Publication of Final Report and Determination	Wednesday 7 September 2022

¹ This assumes that AEMO concludes that it is not desirable or necessary to hold any meetings under clause 8.9(f) of the Rules (If meetings are held, meetings must be held within a further 25 business days after submissions close, and this will then impact the consultation dates following the meeting)

Invitation to Make Submissions

AEMO invites written submissions on the matter under consultation, including any alternative or additional proposals you consider may better meet the objectives of this consultation and the national electricity objective in section 7 of the National Electricity Law.

Please identify any parts of your submission that you wish to remain confidential, and explain why. AEMO may still publish that information if it does not consider it to be confidential, but will consult with you before doing so.

Please note that material identified as confidential may be given less weight in the decision-making process than material that is published.

Meetings

In your submission, you may request a meeting with AEMO to discuss the matter under consultation, stating why you consider a meeting is necessary or desirable.

If appropriate, meetings may be held jointly with other Consulted Persons. Subject to confidentiality restrictions, AEMO will generally make details of matters discussed at a meeting available to other Consulted Persons, and may publish them.

Closing Date and Time

Submissions in response to this Notice of First Stage of Rules Consultation should be sent by email to kevin.ly@aemo.com.au, to reach AEMO by 5.00pm (AEST) on 15 June 2022.

All submissions must be forwarded in electronic format (both pdf and Word). Please send any queries about this consultation to the same email address.

Submissions received after the closing date and time will not be valid, and AEMO is not obliged to consider them. Any late submissions should explain the reason for lateness and the detriment to you if AEMO does not consider your submission.

Publication

All submissions will be published on AEMO's website, other than confidential content.