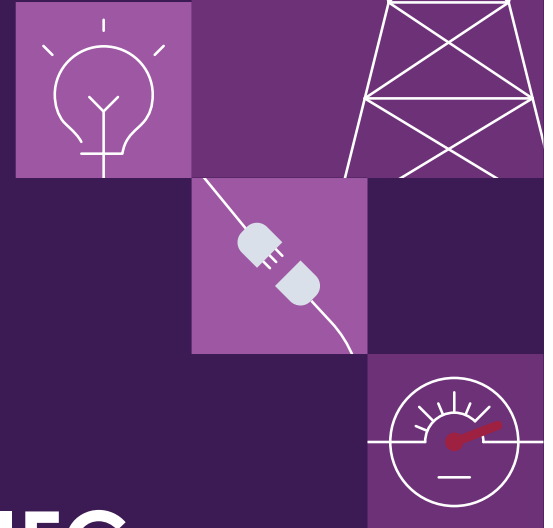


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# Call for feedback – IEC Election Procedure and Operation Manual

Discussion Paper for Amendments to  
the IEC Election Procedure and  
Operation Manual

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## Notice of consultation

This paper provides retailers, local retailers, metering coordinators, metering providers, metering data providers, distribution network service providers, and third-party B2B participants (collectively, “B2B stakeholders”) with an overview of the proposed changes to the Information Exchange Committee (IEC) Election Procedures and Operating Manual.

### 1. Background

At the November 2025 IEC meeting, the IEC discussed a paper from the IEC Secretariat on proposed changes to the current IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual to reflect the more mature Committee and meeting structure that has emerged following ten years of the current IEC framework. In an Out-of-Session circular notice, the IEC endorsed the proposed changes to the Election Procedures and Operating Manual and asked AEMO to consult on the proposed changes with B2B stakeholders.

### 2. Proposed Changes

The current version of the IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual were developed prior to how the committee operates today. The current version of the IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual has several current requirements that may restrict the efficient operations of the IEC.

The key high-level changes proposed to the Election Procedures and Operating Manual include:

Change	Justification for change
Adjustments to the terms of office for the Chair, Consumer representative and discretionary representatives	This change allows for consistency and continuity of the Chair, and Consumer and discretionary representatives as B2B Procedures changes are developed, assessed and consulted upon whilst balancing the need for a refresh of membership.
New terms of office applied to existing members in the roles of Chair, Consumer representative and discretionary representatives	The change follows good governance guidelines to allow membership to be refreshed and applies the proposed Election Procedures and Operating Manual to existing members.
Inclusion of standard meeting conduct to complete the operational terms of reference for meetings	This change includes standard meeting operation guidelines to ensure the committee clarifies expectations of participation and ensures the committee works well for all members in the room.
Correction of typos, links and hyperlinks	This corrects minor administrative details within the Election Procedures and Operating Manual.

The AEMO legal team has reviewed the proposed changes and ensured that they are consistent with the NER and not unreasonable in nature. Following the submission period, AEMO and the IEC will review whether any additional changes are needed to the proposed Election Procedures and Operating Manual. If additional changes are made, the draft procedures will be reissued to B2B stakeholders for feedback. If no additional changes are made, the proposed changes will be put to a vote by all B2B stakeholders.

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### 3. Recommendations

NER clauses 7.17.12(c) and 7.17.12(f), specify that proposed changes to the IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual must be submitted to all B2B stakeholders for a vote. This vote will pass if at least 75% of all voters are in favour from at least three of the following categories:

- Distribution Network Service Providers
- Retailer Member Voters (which category consists of retailers and Local Retailers)
- Metering Member Voters (which category consists of Metering Coordinators, Metering Providers, and Metering Data Providers)
- Third Party B2B Participants

Given there are currently no Third Party B2B Participants, this means that at least 75% of all Distribution Network Service Providers, Retailer Member Voters, and Metering Member Voters must vote affirmatively for the amendments to become effective.

The IEC wishes to consult with B2B stakeholders in advance of the vote to ensure that industry is briefed on the changes being proposed. The timeline for this consultation is given below.

Stage	Date
Discussion paper released	6 May 2026
Submissions close on discussion paper	21 May 2026
Draft paper released	28 May 2026
Submissions close on draft paper	12 June 2026
Final paper and proposed procedures released, along with ballot for vote	26 June 2026
Voting closes	24 July 2026

AEMO has published, with this notice, its proposed amendments to the **IEC Election Procedure and Operating Manual** in marked-up form, intended to take effect on **15 August 2026**. All documents for this consultation will be published on AEMO’s website at <https://www.aemo.com.au/consultations/current-and-closed-consultations>.

#### Consultation notice

AEMO invites comments on the proposed amendments from any interested person within 10 business days after publication of this notice, that is, by 5:00 pm (Melbourne time) on **21 May 2026**.

Any feedback on or questions about the proposed changes should be submitted to the IEC Secretariat at [IEC@aemo.com.au](mailto:IEC@aemo.com.au) by 21 May 2026.

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