Market Visibility Framework for price responsive resources

Draft policy framework for stakeholder consultation

Fact Sheet

AEMO is seeking stakeholder feedback on its proposed Market Visibility Framework (MVF) for price responsive resources to help refine the framework and inform AEMO's final recommendations to Energy Ministers in December 2026.

Background

In December 2025, Energy Ministers (excluding QLD) agreed in principle to the recommendations put forward following the National Electricity Market Wholesale Market Settings Review. This included tasking AEMO with developing in consultation with stakeholders a mandatory framework for the visibility and participation of price responsive resources in the National Electricity Market (NEM).

AEMO subsequently established a cross-sector stakeholder advisory group to support the co-design and development of the draft framework. AEMO is now seeking broader stakeholder feedback before finalising its recommendations to Energy Ministers in December 2026.

Why is a framework required?

Electricity consumers are increasingly able to adjust when and how they use energy in response to price signals. This flexibility is being supported by growing uptake of consumer energy resources (CER) such as batteries, improved commercial and industrial load management, and new aggregation and optimisation services.

Price responsiveness is not inherently problematic. This growing demand-side flexibility can help the system and market operate more efficiently and deliver value for consumers. The challenge arises where price responsive behaviour materially affects market or operational outcomes and is not sufficiently visible to AEMO or market participants in advance.

When these responses are not visible to AEMO or market participants in advance, they can increase forecast errors, contribute to inefficient dispatch or price formation, complicate real-time operational decisions, and increase costs associated with reserves and essential system services.

What is AEMO proposing?

The draft framework has two core components:

1. **Four visibility and participation modes**, which describe the tools that could be used for different types and levels of price responsive behaviour.
2. **A staged implementation pathway**, which would determine when those tools are tested, activated or scaled based on evidence, consultation and expected consumer benefits.

Four visibility and participation modes

1. **Observational visibility**
   Uses existing and enhanced historical or standing data to improve AEMO's understanding and forecasting of price responsive behaviour.
2. **Predictive visibility**
   Provides forward-looking information about the expected behaviour of coordinated or material resources to support forecasting and pre-dispatch.
3. **Operational visibility**
   Provides real-time or near real-time information for

resources that are sufficiently large, flexible or operationally significant.

4. **Dispatch-integrated participation**
   Applies where visibility alone may no longer be sufficient and resources may need to participate through an existing scheduling, dispatch or registration mechanisms.

The modes describe tools available to AEMO rather than a mandatory sequence through which every resource would progress.

Staged implementation pathway

The proposed framework would establish the regulatory tools needed to introduce visibility obligations, but detailed obligations would not apply automatically. Before obligations are activated, AEMO would assess evidence of market or operational impacts, information quality, implementation costs, interaction with parallel reforms and likely consumer benefits. Detailed requirements would be developed and consulted on through implementation guidelines.

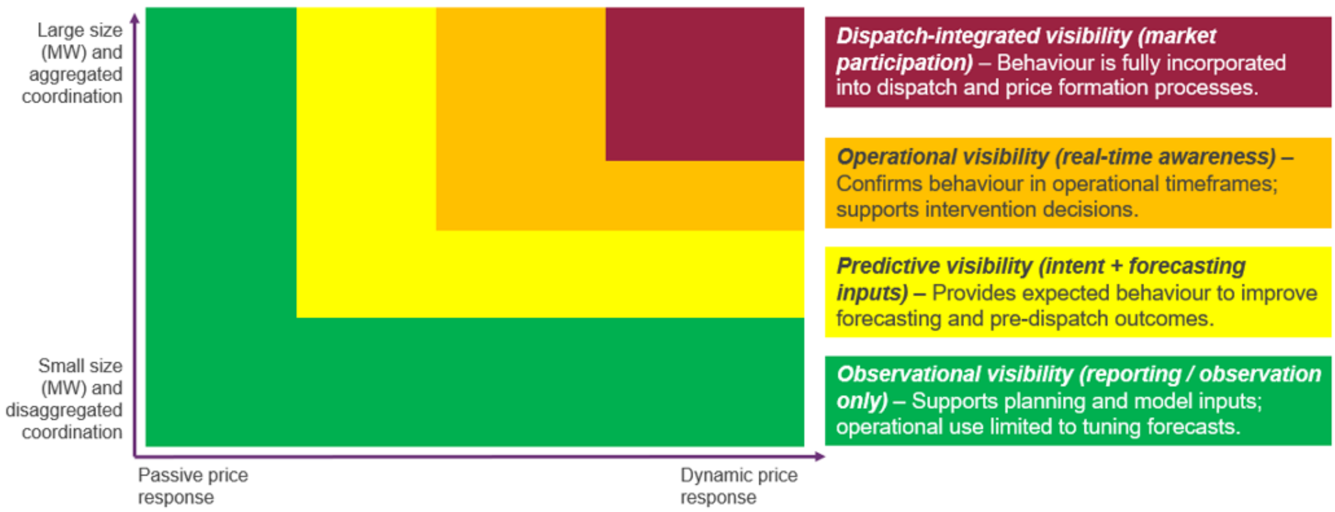
How could consumers benefit?

Improved visibility could benefit consumers where accurate and timely information enables AEMO, market participants and network operators to make better forecasting, market and operational decisions.

Potential benefits include:

- more accurate pre-dispatch and short-term forecasts,
- more efficient dispatch and price formation, and
- better-informed essential system service and intervention decisions.

Proposed visibility and participation modes



How can I contribute?

AEMO has published a consultation paper for stakeholder feedback **on Tuesday 8 September 2026**, with submissions due by **5.00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)** on **Tuesday 13 October 2026.**

Stakeholders can submit written submissions, seek clarification on any aspect of the consultation, or arrange a meeting with the project team by contacting marketreform@aemo.com.au.