FRG Welcome

24 November 2021 FRG Meeting

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Forward plan

Topics shown are NEM related

FRG Forward Plan
July – Nov 2021

28 July

FRG 7

- Delivering on 2020 Forecasting Improvement Plan
- EV working group update

25 Aug

FRG 8

NEAR project update

29 Sep

FRG 9

- Demand traces for the 2022 ISP
- Demand traces – why change?
- Methodology discussion: better integrating economic and energy data

27 Oct

FRG 10

- FRG Stakeholder engagement
- Forecast Accuracy Report
- Forecast Improvement Plan

10 Nov

Technical Forecasting Workshop

24 Nov

FRG 11

- Draft gas consumption forecasts
- Draft gas price forecasts
- Draft GPG forecasts

Today

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Vale David Headberry

AEMO's staff and leadership are deeply saddened to hear of the sudden passing of David Headberry, director of Major Energy Users Australia and friend and colleague to many. David was a consistent attendee and contributor to multiple energy industry forums and meetings over the years, including the FRG.

David was an advocate for energy users, large and small. He was generous with his time and cared deeply about finding the best outcome for end users. David dedicated several decades to representing consumers, deftly navigating an enormous volume of rapidly evolving and complex consultations. He made significant and material contributions to AEMO's diverse programs, rule changes, forums and forecasts for many years. He ensured consumer interests were front of mind each step of the way.

David was a trusted advisor and valuable contributor, and his contributions were, without exception, kind, considerate and thoughtful.

The Australian energy industry has lost a dear friend. We join our colleagues across the industry in extending our condolences to David's family and friends.

Moment of silence

Vale David Headberry

Agenda – FRG 24 November

#	TIME	TOPIC	PAPERS	RESPONSIBLE	ACTION
1.	2:00pm – 2:05pm	Welcome and introductions	Welcome slides	Daniel Collins (Chair)	Note
2.	2:05pm – 3:05pm Presentation: 30 min Discussion: 30 min	2022 Draft gas consumption forecasts	Presentation 1	Debborah Marsh	Consult
3.	3:05pm – 4:05pm Presentation: 30 min Discussion: 30 min	2022 Draft gas price forecasts	Presentation 2	Richard Lewis (LGA)	Consult
4.	4:05pm – 4:45pm Presentation: 20 min Discussion: 20 min	2022 Draft gas powered generation (GPG) forecasts	Presentation 3	Rachael Saw	Consult
5.	4:45pm – 4:50pm	Other business	None	Chair	Discuss
6.	4:50pm	Meeting close	Next meeting: 27 January 2022	Chair	Note

Please note that this meeting will be recorded for the purpose of compiling minutes.

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Minutes and announcements

- FRG Minutes
  - 27 October

- Note the January FRG will be THURSDAY 27th January 2022, as Wed 26th is Australia Day public holiday

- Forecast Accuracy Report publication on Monday 22 November.
  - Launch of Forecast Improvement Plan Consultation. Submissions close 22 December 2021.

- FRG Forward Plan for January-June 2022 under development – please send through preferred topics.

- Correspondence to Energy.forecasting@aemo.com.au

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Feedback from last FRG - easy changes

- FRG presentations should indicate where stakeholder feedback has been considered/included - David Headberry (MEU) and Ben Skinner (ECA)

→ Will incorporate going forward

- Presenter should have their cameras on - David Headberry (MEU)

→ Will incorporate going forward

- Each FRG meeting should attract experts on the topics presented, including those who may not currently be aware of the FRG - Stephanie Bashir and Richard Owens (ISP Consumer Panel)

→ See next slide

- All acronyms should be spelled out - Julie Morrison (TasNetworks)

→ Will incorporate going forward, please ask a question in the chat if terminology is unclear

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FRG attendance

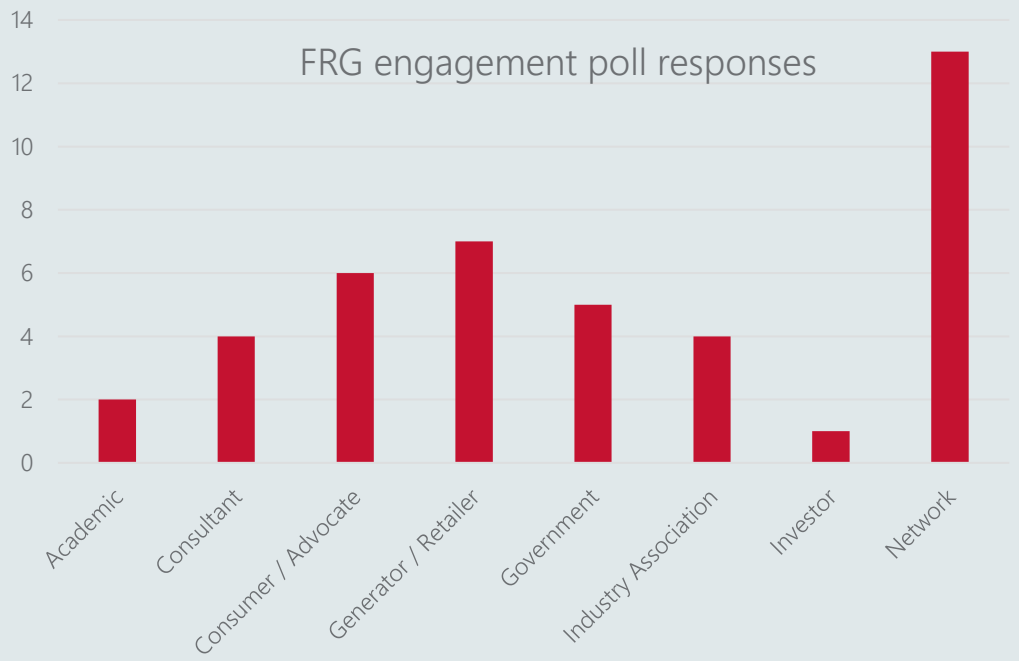
How can someone attend the FRG?

1. Anyone can attend an individual FRG meeting by receiving a forwarded invitation email, and using the link to join the meeting. Links are not attendee specific, so can be shared.
   - Please forward meeting invitations to those who would benefit from and contribute to the meeting. Copying in AEMO will assist preparations.
2. Emailing AEMO and asking to join the email distribution list. The attendee will receive an ongoing calendar invitation and future meeting links.

Who attends the FRG currently?

Approximately 200 recipients on the email list, with stakeholder representation varying by meeting topic. The FRG poll respondents (n=42) included:

Minutes include attendee name and organisation. Attendees are encouraged to introduce themselves when joining the discussion.



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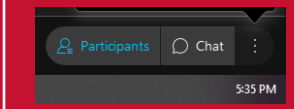
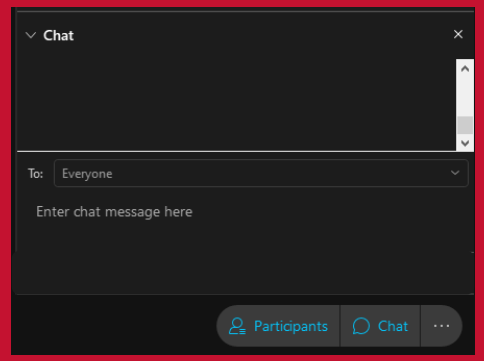
When finished, please lower your hand by clicking the icon again.

Chat function – share comments





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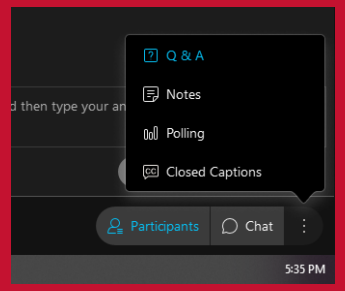
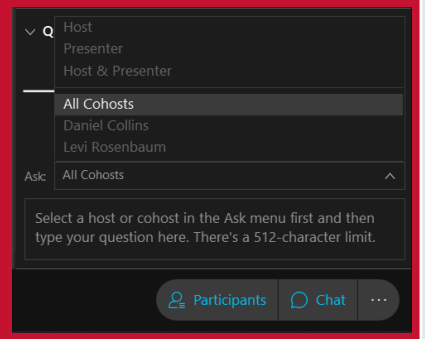
- Everyone – please use selectively
- Host - only technical matters about Webex (example: my microphone is not working)

Q&A function – ask a question or raise discussion point





Select *All Cohosts* and type your discussion point in the field below.

Please standby while AEMO either writes a response or queues for discussion.

AEMO Competition Law Meeting Protocol

AEMO is committed to complying with all applicable laws, including the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA). In any dealings with AEMO regarding proposed reforms or other initiatives, all participants agree to adhere to the CCA at all times and to comply with this Protocol. Participants must arrange for their representatives to be briefed on competition law risks and obligations.

Participants in AEMO discussions **must**:

1. Ensure that discussions are limited to the matters contemplated by the agenda for the discussion
2. Make independent and unilateral decisions about their commercial positions and approach in relation to the matters under discussion with AEMO
3. Immediately and clearly raise an objection with AEMO or the Chair of the meeting if a matter is discussed that the participant is concerned may give rise to competition law risks or a breach of this Protocol

Participants in AEMO meetings **must not** discuss or agree on the following topics:

1. Which customers they will supply or market to
2. The price or other terms at which Participants will supply
3. Bids or tenders, including the nature of a bid that a Participant intends to make or whether the Participant will participate in the bid
4. Which suppliers Participants will acquire from (or the price or other terms on which they acquire goods or services)
5. Refusing to supply a person or company access to any products, services or inputs they require

Under no circumstances must Participants share Competitively Sensitive Information. Competitively Sensitive Information means confidential information relating to a Participant which if disclosed to a competitor could affect its current or future commercial strategies, such as pricing information, customer terms and conditions, supply terms and conditions, sales, marketing or procurement strategies, product development, margins, costs, capacity or production planning.

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AEMO Forum and Meeting Expectations

This charter explains expectations regarding participation and behaviour in the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)'s stakeholder forums.

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Meeting Expectations

All participants will:

- Respect the diversity of the group.
- Speak one at a time – refrain from interrupting others.
- Share the oxygen – ensure that all attendees who wish to have an opportunity to speak are afforded a chance to do so.
- Maintain a respectful stance towards all participants.
- Listen to others' points of view and try to understand others' interests.
- Share information openly, promptly, and respectfully.
- If requested to do so, hold questions to the end of each presentation.
- Remain flexible and open-minded, and actively listen and participate in meetings.
- Abide by COVID-Safe workplace guidelines, if attending a meeting on AEMO's premises.

Roles and Responsibilities

Forum stakeholders agree to:

- Be specific and fact-based in their feedback on a specific workstream or emerging issue;
- Review and provide feedback on papers and reports;
- Relay information to their colleagues or constituents after each meeting and gather information/feedback from their colleagues or constituents, as practicable, before each meeting;
- Maintain a focus on solutions or outcomes that benefit all energy consumers.

AEMO agrees to:

- Provide technical expertise in a manner that is considerate of the audience and their level of expertise;
- Assist participants in understanding issues enough to represent their views;
- Provide all participants the opportunity to voice their views.

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