

Forum meeting record

Forum:	Program Consultative Forum (PCF)
Date:	10 April 2024
Time:	1:00PM – 3:00PM AEDT
Location:	MS Teams

Kate Goatley	ActewAGL	Sourav Basu	Origin Energy
John Zoch	AGL	Sean Jennings	Red Energy
Mark Riley	AGL	Michael Zhang	SA Power Network
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Christine Ward	Energy Queensland	Oliver Derum	AEMO
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Lauren Macey	Essential Energy	Carla Ziser	AEMO
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Lewis Wand	Iberdrola	Karen Wilbrink	AEMO
Dino Ou	IntelliHUB	Lance Brooks	AEMO
Greg McLeod	Origin Energy	Meghan Bibby	AEMO
Anthony Gatome	Origin Energy		

1 Welcome & Agenda

Chris Muffett (Slides 2-4)

- Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting and gave an acknowledgement of country.

2 Actions & Feedback from Previous Meeting

Chris Muffett (Slides 5-7)

- All actions items were closed. AEMO provided further information on action item 16.2.0.1 and can be found on slide 7 of the accompanying slide pack.

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3 Program & Release Update

Rowena Leung / Jim Agelopoulos (Slides 8-10)

- AEMO provided a program overview and noted key areas that are receiving management attention. These areas are IESS June 2024 and 2025/2026 Initiatives (IDAM, IDX, PC) with additional information outlined on slide 9 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO added that the program continues to progress well with the key focus area being IESS in the lead up to the June Go-Live. AEMO added that planning is in progress for initiatives beyond 2024.
- AEMO added that IESS internal development testing milestone for BDU capability is now Red with a revised completion date of 19 April.
- AEMO presented the program level 1 & 2 milestones and noted key call outs as outlined on slide 10 of the slide pack.

Industry Risk Register

David Reynolds (Slides 11-13)

- AEMO provided a status update on the industry risk register as of April 2024 (v4) with detailed information marked in red on slide 13 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Mark Riley – AGL	We should consider separating out congestion risk per year.	Noted.
Sean Jennings – Red Energy	Regarding R01.3, A note that there's an expectation there and it's decreasing on the assumption that participants are providing feedback on timings to the AEMC process. I would call out that two recent consultations look at the AEMC is looking at effective dates in and of January of 2025/26, which is an unusual timing.	Noted.
Helen Vassos – PlusES	If volume and regulatory changes are medium-high, if you factor into participants their BAU enhancements and operational efficiencies with whatever they're undertaking that potentially instead of medium high should be sitting at high across participant development and readiness.	Noted.

4 Spotlight

(Slides 14-25)

June 2024 - IESS Update

Emily Brodie / Greg Minney (Slides 15-22)

- AEMO advised that IESS still remains Amber and remains on schedule. AEMO commenced Market Trial on 3 April with daily industry Testing Q&A are underway. AEMO noted that procedure consultations relating to IESS are progressing well. AEMO provided participants a Go-Live criteria update as of 2 April with detailed information outlined on slide 20 of the accompanying slide pack.

Post Implementation Review

Lance Brooks (Slides 23-25)

- AEMO provided an overview of the post implementation review process completed for a sample of those initiatives that went live in 2023 with detailed information outlined on slide 24 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO presented an example of the summary findings from the review of the Increased MT PASA Information initiative with details available on slide 25 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Mark Riley - AGL	Should there be a review in two years' time of the projects completed in 2024 to see how effective they've been.	AEMO note the benefits of certain reforms may not be apparent from the outset and instead take time to develop or embed within the operation of the market, or participants' behaviours. For this reason, a subsequent assessment at a later point in time may be warranted.

5 NEM Reform Initiative Updates

(Slides 26-56)

June 2025 - FPP Update

Oliver Derum (Slides 26-32)

- AEMO advised that the tech spec is on track to be published on 15 April. Further information relating to FPP is outlined on slide 32 of the accompanying slide pack.

Foundational & Strategic Initiatives (FaSI)

Andrew Bell (Slides 33-40)

- Information was taken as read. AEMO noted that the business case was discussed at the Exec Forum. Further details can be found on slides 38-45 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Mark Riley – AGL	Any information that participants can start doing in the background.	AEMO is assessing the potential for 'no regrets' activities which could commence while the Business Case proceeds through governance and will come back with any opportunities identified.

Retail market Improvements – September / November Release

Greg Minney (Slides 41-44)

- AEMO provided an update on the September 2024 Retail Market Improvements and noted that the overall status is green. Further details are outlined on slides 46 through to 49.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Mark Riley – AGL	Will it be possible for AEMO to consider doing some short analysis?	AEMO currently considers that the September RMI changes will progress under the Implementation forum, no specific working group being considered at this stage , but will be reviewed if the need arises

Enhancing Reserve Information

Oliver Derum (Slides 45-47)

- AEMO introduced a new initiative Enhancing Reserve Information (ERI). A brief overview was provided on slide 51. AEMO outlined the three changes and dates on slide 52 of the accompanying slide pack.

SCADA Lite

Luke Barlow (Slides 48-53)

- AEMO advised that dates have been baselined with regards to SCADA Lite. Further details are outlined on slide 53 and 54 of the accompanying slide pack.

Improving Security Frameworks (ISF)

Carla Ziser (Slides 54-56)

- AEMO introduced a new initiative Improving Security Frameworks (ISF). A brief overview was provided on slide 54 and in addition details on the policy outcome was provided on slide 55 of the accompanying slide pack.

6 NEM Reform – Forward Plan

(Slides 57-61)

Upcoming Initiatives

Greg Minney (Slides 58-61)

- AEMO provided an update on upcoming initiatives as part of the NEM Reform Program and are outlined below.
 - **Unlocking CER Benefits through Flexible Trading**
 - AEMC have issued a Draft Determination
 - Sets Proposed Rule Commencement Date of 2 February 2026.
 - Requests stakeholder submissions on Draft 11 April 2024.
 - Final determination July 2024.
 - AEMO conducted a HLID / PIA briefing on 5 April.
 - **Smart Meter Deployment (Metering Services Review)**
 - AEMO are currently progressing the policy draft and will provide a review to members in the next month.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Dino Ou - IntelliHUB	Will AEMO set up a dedicated industry working group/forum for Unlocking benefits of CER through flexible trading? If yes, then do you have an indication of when?	AEMO will consider the engagement requirements to support participant development post final determination and confirmation of HLID and PIA.

7 NEM Reform Stakeholder Engagement

(Slides 62-69)

Engagement Uplift

Ulrika Lindholm (Slides 63-67)

AEMO presented a proposed new standard agenda for forums moving forward with detailed recommendations outlined on slide 67 of the accompanying slide pack.

Upcoming Engagements

For Noting (Slides 68-69)

- Taken as read.

8 General Questions and Other business

Chris Muffett (Slide 70)

Queries and feedback may be sent to NEMReform@aemo.com.au.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

(Item = Meeting # – Agenda # – Reference)

Item	Topic	Action	Responsible	Status
17.3.0.1	Industry Risk Register	Participants to provide feedback on the Industry Risk Register by 26 April 2024.	Participants	Open
17.3.0.2	Industry Risk Register	AEMO to consider conducting a deep dive on risks and mitigations.	AEMO	Open
17.5.0.1	Retail market Improvements – September / November Release	AEMO to consider providing industry with a short analysis on the September 2024 Retail Market Improvement.	AEMO	Open
17.7.0.1	Engagement Uplift	Participants to provide feedback on recommendations outlined on slide 67 (April PCF meeting) with regards to the proposed new standard agenda NEM Reform forums.	Participants	Open