

WESTERN VICTORIA TRANSMISSION NETWORK PROJECT

As the transmission network planner for Victoria, AEMO is focused on investing in the right infrastructure at the right time to ensure Victoria's transmission network continues to deliver safe and reliable electricity to consumers, at the lowest cost. AEMO is working with the Victorian state government and industry to progress significant network investment projects, including

the Western Victoria transmission network project, to optimise Victoria's transmission system and ultimately help deliver energy supply where and when it is needed most. This project in Western Victoria is an important first step in AEMO's *Integrated System Plan*, which presents a strategic, long-term approach to future generation and transmission development

in the National Electricity Market to ensure the ongoing reliability and security of the power system, at the least cost to consumers. This involves maximising the economic use of our existing resources and infrastructure while paving the way for smart, strategic transmission and generation projects that support Australia's energy future.

For more information, visit AEMO's dedicated webpage at <http://www.aemo.com.au/WestVicTNP> or contact us on **1800 845 044** or at **WestVicRITT@aemo.com.au**

 *Preliminary working project timeline as at July 2019. These timelines are subject to change – please refer to [latest information](#).



ONGOING COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT



2017

2018

2019

2020

2021-2025

Q2

- AEMO publishes *RIT-T Project Specification Consultation Report*
- AEMO commences economic cost-benefit assessment and public consultation on the identified need to increase transmission capacity in Western Victoria and credible investment options to address this need.

AEMO commences a Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission (RIT-T) to identify the most economically efficient transmission investment option to reduce congestion in the Western Victoria transmission network, and enable generators in the region to efficiently deliver electricity to the power system, benefiting Victorian energy consumers in the long-term.

Q3

- AEMO publishes *RIT-T Project Assessment Draft Report*
- AEMO commences early engagement program with industry, and key government and community stakeholders on the outcome of economic cost-benefit assessment and proposed preferred transmission network investment option.

Q3

- AEMO publishes *RIT-T Project Assessment Conclusion Report*
- AEMO continues early engagement program with key stakeholders on the confirmed preferred transmission network investment option.

Q4

- AEMO provides update on process to appoint a contractor to design, build, own and operate the new infrastructure required to deliver the preferred transmission network investment option.

If the project is justified through the RIT-T process, project design, route and construction will be subject to extensive stakeholder engagement and relevant planning and environmental approvals. Community engagement is planned to inform the project design, keep stakeholders up-to-date and minimise community disruption, and will continue throughout construction.

- Successful tenderer commences preliminary project engagement, design and approvals processes.

For the purposes of the RIT-T assessment, construction of the new infrastructure is assumed to be completed by 2025. At this time, the project is still in a very early stage and construction timings cannot be confirmed until after the successful tenderer has undertaken extensive community engagement and received all necessary planning approvals. This timeline will then be updated accordingly.