Transforming Australia's energy system

Australia's energy system is transforming faster than anywhere else in the world. New generation in geographically diverse locations are producing world-first challenges that need to be solved for a better energy future for Australia.





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New challenges for the network



Scale and pace of inverter-based generation connected in electrically remote areas of the NEM is presenting unprecedented technical issues.



World-first challenges need to be solved to ensure secure and reliable energy for all Australians.



In 2009 the NEM had 298 registered participants. Today there are 463 registered participants.





AEMO continues to work closely with the solar generators, their equipment suppliers and Network Service Providers Powercor and TransGrid) to test and develop solutions that would restore secure operation requirements.



Once this is restored, AEMO will work with Network Service Providers to connect as many generators as can be connected securely.



Two major interconnector projects will deliver critical benefits for the West Murray area and aid with system strength gap closure:

- Project EnergyConnect: interconnector between South Australia and between Victoria and New South Wales
- VNI West: interconnector between Victoria and New South Wales.