

CONGESTION INFORMATION RESOURCE GUIDELINES

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1. Notice of extension of time for consultation

This notice is published by AEMO under National Electricity Rules (**NER**) 8.9.2(d) to extend the time limit for AEMO to publish its draft report on a proposal to amend the Congestion Information Resource (CIR) Guidelines (proposal), under the standard consultation procedure.

AEMO commenced consultation on the proposal on **2 December 2024.** On 12 February 2025, AEMO decided to switch to the standard consultation procedure by issuing notification for switching to the standard consultation procedure¹.

Under NER 8.9.2(b), AEMO's draft report was due for publication by 1 April 2025.

AEMO is extending the time limit for publication of the draft report on the proposal to **15 April 2025** because the proposal involves issues of complexity and difficulty described in more detail in section 2. The next steps for the consultation are summarised in section 3.

2. Detailed reasons

AEMO received a large volume of submissions on the proposal (thirty nine individual items) during the first stage consultation, which required coordination across many AEMO departments.

It also required meeting with three of the parties that made submissions to clarify the content of their submissions (such as more detail on the super constraints table, inverter constraints issues and specific examples to investigate dispatch/Predispatch performance issues).

This extension will provide AEMO sufficient time to co-ordinate inputs across a number of teams at AEMO which are necessary for AEMO to properly consider the proposal. For example:

- Coordination between AEMO's digital and operations departments and discussions at a TNSP forum in order for AEMO to prepare a response to submissions.
- A submission on mis-pricing needed much more detailed analysis from the digital and market experts in AEMO.
- A number of items needed to be prioritised so they can be discussed at the next NEM Wholesale Consultative Forum in April to ensure there is enough time to get a wider industry response to the submissions prior to the draft report closing in May.

AEMO is extending the date for publication of the draft report to allow sufficient time for AEMO to consider and address the volume and complexity of the issues raised in the submissions, and their impacts on the proposal, in its draft report.

¹ https://www.aemo.com.au/-/media/files/stakeholder_consultation/consultations/nem-consultations/2024/congestion-information-resource-guidelines/notification-to-switch-to-a-standard-consultation.pdf?la=en



3. Next steps for consultation

AEMO's process and expected timeline for the remainder of this consultation are outlined below. Future dates may be adjusted and additional steps may be included as needed, as the consultation progresses.

Table 1 Consultation process and timeline

Consultation steps	Dates
Draft report published	Expected 15 April 2025
Submissions due on draft report	Expected 19 May 2025
Final report published	Expected 24 July 2025