

# Forum meeting record

<b>Forum:</b>	<b>Program Consultative Forum (PCF)</b>
<b>Date:</b>	15 May 2024
<b>Time:</b>	1:00PM – 3:00PM AEDT
<b>Location:</b>	MS Teams

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## 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 5-6)

- All actions items were closed.

### 3 Program & Release Update

Rowena Leung / Jim Agelopoulos (Slides 7-10)

- AEMO provided a program overview and noted key areas that are receiving management attention. These areas are IESS June 2024 with the lead up to the June Go-Live. AEMO noted that mobilisation of the 2025/2026 Initiatives (IDAM, IDX, PC) is progressing well with further details outlined in agenda item 5.
- In addition, AEMO advised that planning and project initiation has commenced for the post 2024 committed initiatives, these include Unlocking CER benefits through flexible Trading, Metering Services Review, Improving Security Frameworks and Enhancing Reserve Information.
- AEMO advised that the NEM Reform program for 2024 has now been locked in.
- 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) and noted that the Industry Risks and Issues register has been updated to incorporate feedback from industry and is available on AEMO’s website<sup>1</sup>. In addition, AEMO advised that the next review of the Industry Risks and Issues register will be at our July 2024 PCF.
- AEMO polled participants on the need for a dedicated session on risk at this point in time. While participants noted a deep dive session would be useful, at this point there was limited support for such a session.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Yvonne Tuckett	Would such a deep dive session on risk be a deep dive session on AEMO risk or industry / participant risk.	A focused deep dive session would focus on industry risk.

### 4 Spotlight

(Slides 13-32)

#### June 2024 - IESS Update

Emily Brodie / Greg Minney (Slides 14-30)

- AEMO advised that IESS remains Amber and remains on schedule. Further details outlining the status of the project are outlined on slides 17 through to 20 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO noted that an industry checkpoint was conducted on 1 May ahead of Go-Live with a summary outlined on slides 22 and 23 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO provide an update on Market Trial activities and noted that the BDU Cutover (phase 3) is in progress. Further details are available on slide 25 of the accompanying slide pack.
- An IESS Settlement transition update was provided with key information and dates outlined on slides 27 through to 29 of the accompanying slide pack.

#### Post Implementation Review

Lance Brooks (Slides 31-32)

- AEMO advised that the Fast Frequency Response post implementation review has now been published and is available on AEMO’s website.<sup>2</sup> Key summary findings are available on slide 32 of the accompanying slide pack.

<sup>1</sup> <https://aemo.com.au/en/consultations/industry-forums-and-working-groups/list-of-industry-forums-and-working-groups/program-consultative-forum#:~:text=About%20the%20NEM%20Reform%20Program,the%20NEM%20Reform%20program%20initiatives.>

<sup>2</sup> <https://aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/fast-frequency-response>

## 5 NEM Reform Initiative Updates

(Slides 33-58)

### June 2025 - FPP Update

Oliver Derum (Slides 34-39)

- AEMO provided an update on the FPP activities to date with additional information available on slides 35 through to 39 of the accompanying slide pack.

### Retail market Improvements – September / November Release

Blaine Miner (Slides 40-43)

- 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 41 through to 43.

### Enhancing Reserve Information

Oliver Derum (Slides 44-46)

- AEMO provided an update on Enhancing Reserve Information (ERI) activities with key information and dates outlined on slide 45 and 46 of the accompanying slide pack.

### SCADA Lite

Luke Barlow (Slides 47-52)

- AEMO provided a brief update on the SCADA lite activities with further details outlined on slides 48 through to 52 of the accompanying slide pack.

### Improving Security Frameworks (ISF)

Carla Ziser (Slides 53-56)

- AEMO provided an update on Improving Security Frameworks (ISF) and outlined mobilisation activities on slide 56 of the accompanying slide pack.

### Foundational & Strategic Initiatives (FaSI)

Andrew Bell (Slides 57-58)

- AEMO advised that internal governance process is in progress regarding the Business Case and anticipate providing an update in June. AEMO will continue to provide updates through relevant NEM Reform forums.

## 6 NEM Reform – Forward Plan

(Slides 59-63)

- 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 held HLIA/ PIA briefing on April 5th and published the HLIA/ PIA on 10th April.
      - Initial views of impacts provided based on AEMC's Draft Determination
      - Informed Go-Live process with RDC will include updated approach to timing based on participant feedback.
      - RDC session held 3rd May and agreed to the updated timeline proposal of 2 November 2026.
      - AEMC have received feedback from the RDC session.
      - RDC Minutes and updated HLIA will be published on AEMO's website in due course.

- Final decision on timing with AEMC.
- **Accelerated Smart Meter Deployment Rollout (Metering Services Review)**
  - **AEMC issued Draft Determination 4th April.**
    - Requests stakeholder submissions on Draft by 30 May 2024
  - **AEMO plans to issue HLIA/ PIA post Draft Determination – Date 9 May**
    - Briefing session scheduled for 16 May.
    - Invitations have been sent to PCF, Implementation forum, ERCF and B2B WG members.
  - **Accelerated smart meter rollout timelines are determined through AEMC fast tracked consultation.**
    - HLIA/PIA will provide early impact assessment and indicative implementation timeframes for participant planning in line with NEM Reform process.
    - Participants should make their submissions directly to the AEMC regarding the Draft Determination by 30 May 2024.
    - HLIA/PIA will be updated post AEMC Final Decision (scheduled for July 2024).
    - AEMO are currently progressing the policy draft and will provide a review to members in the next month.

## 7 NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap<sup>3</sup> v4

Lance Brooks (Slides 64-66)

AEMO advised that version 4 of the NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap has now been published on AEMO's website. Updates are outlined on slide 65 of the accompanying slide pack.

## 8 NEM Reform Stakeholder Engagement

(Slides 67-71)

### NEM Reform Program Stakeholder Briefing

AEMO advised that a stakeholder briefing will be conducted on 22 May 2024. Further details are available on slide 69 of the accompanying slide pack.

### Upcoming Engagements

- Taken as read.

## 9 General Questions and Other business

Chris Muffett (Slide 72)

Queries and feedback may be sent to [NEMReform@aemo.com.au](mailto:NEMReform@aemo.com.au).

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<sup>3</sup> [AEMO | NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap](#)