

# Forum meeting record

<b>Forum:</b>	WA Electricity Consultative Forum
<b>Date:</b>	28 June 2023
<b>Time:</b>	1:00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams
<b>Contact:</b>	<a href="mailto:WAgasforum@aemo.com.au">WAgasforum@aemo.com.au</a>

## Attendees:

Name	Company Department
Teresa Smit (Chair)	AEMO
Laura Tomkins (Secretariat)	AEMO
Suzanne Bentley	Alcoa
Aiko Ueno	Alinta
Sam Lei	Alinta
Michelle Nguyen	Alinta
Ben Wu	APA
Michael Hackwill	Aurora Energy Research
Adam Stephen	Bluewaters
Geoff Gaston	Change Energy
Jake Flynn	Collgar
Gill Willmer	Community Electricity
Scott Cornish	Enel X
Li Chester	Enel X
Jenny Laidlaw	EPWA
Daniel Tobeck	EPWA
Noelle Leonard	EPWA
Dora Guzeleva	EPWA

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company Department</b>
<b>Steven Kruit</b>	EPWA
<b>Jay Williams</b>	EPWA
<b>LENG, Loke</b>	EPWA
<b>Gavin White</b>	ERA
<b>Jesse Barker</b>	ERA
<b>Leon D'Audretsch</b>	ERA
<b>Elizabeth Walters</b>	ERA
<b>Irina Stankov</b>	ERA
<b>Kobi Tyrrell</b>	ERA
<b>Kae Choo</b>	EY
<b>Abbas Abbasi</b>	Goldwind Australia
<b>Gordon Sue</b>	IBA
<b>Quentin Jeay</b>	Kleenheat
<b>Vlasta Barac</b>	Metro Power
<b>Timothy Edwards</b>	Metro Power
<b>Timothy Harrison</b>	Monadelphous
<b>Eddy Buckovic</b>	Red Hill Energy
<b>Ovi Dutt</b>	res-group.com
<b>Paul Arias</b>	Shell
<b>Graeme Ross</b>	Simcoa
<b>Andrew Walker</b>	South32
<b>Jasper Sng</b>	South32
<b>Lucy Wu</b>	South32
<b>Lafras Lamont</b>	South32
<b>Tony Juricev</b>	South32
<b>George Martin</b>	Starling energy
<b>Neil Canby</b>	Sunrise Energy Group
<b>Rudy Khong</b>	Synergy
<b>Dominic Regnard</b>	Synergy
<b>Charlotte Laurence</b>	Synergy
<b>Genevieve Teo</b>	Synergy

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Company Department</b>
<b>Matthew Timmings</b>	Synergy
<b>Anna Zohar</b>	Synergy
<b>Sam Stephens</b>	Synergy
<b>Jess Ting</b>	TransAlta
<b>Hari Sridhar</b>	TransAlta
<b>Peter Huxtable</b>	Water Corp
<b>Tinna Needham</b>	Western Power
<b>Judy Hunter</b>	Western Power
<b>Adam Ambrozewicz</b>	Western Power
<b>Valentina Kogon</b>	Western Power
<b>Ross Davies</b>	Western Power
<b>Matthew Veryard</b>	Western Power
<b>Neethu Neethu</b>	Western Power
<b>Cara Smith</b>	Western Power
<b>Dean Frost</b>	Western Power
<b>Martin Maticka</b>	AEMO
<b>Paul Elliott</b>	AEMO
<b>Neetika Kapani</b>	AEMO
<b>Toby Price</b>	AEMO
<b>Tom Butler</b>	AEMO
<b>Andrew Smith</b>	AEMO

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## **1 Welcome and previous meeting minutes**

Teresa Smit (AEMO) opened the meeting at 1:02pm, welcomed attendees to WAECF No. 43.

The minutes from the previous WAECF (3 May 2023) were endorsed. AEMO to publish the minutes as final on the website (action item 1.1).

## 2 WEM market Fees and Charges for FY 2023-24

Martin Maticka (AEMO) provided a summary of AEMO WEM fees for the 2024 financial year, noting the fees are consistent with AEMO's Allowable Revenue (AR6) submission. Martin also noted that in April, AEMO submitted an in-period proposal for additional forecast capital expenditure to deliver the WEM Reform program in full.

## 3 AEMO Operational Updates

### 3.1 Power System Update

Paul Elliott (AEMO) presented a power system update focusing on winter 2023 readiness and provided a review from what has been experienced so far (June 2023).

### 3.2 Reserve Capacity (RC) Update

Neetika Kapani (AEMO) provided an update on Reserve Capacity activities, announcements and key reminders and discussed the proposed deferrals to the 2022 and 2023 Reserve Capacity cycle timetables. These can be viewed on [AEMO's website](#).

Stakeholder feedback: A suggestion was made regarding the deferral of the RC cycle, that the Expressions of Interest also be deferred, to allow those wishing to participate enough time to gather all the information required to apply for RC.

### 3.3 Non-Co-Optimised Essential System Services (NCESS) update

Toby Price (AEMO) provided a verbal update on NCESS activities noting:

- Contractual negotiations for NCESS reliability for 2024- 26 are being finalised. The first announcement was with Neoen for the 200 MW, 800MWh hour battery at Collie. All contract details will be published when finalised.
- Expressions of Interest closed for the procurement process for the coming spring for a minimum demand service to mitigate low load projections with strong response from industry, with the expectation AEMO will progress to a call for NCESS submissions.

Toby finished by encouraging investors to keep progressing projects and to stay tuned over the next couple of months as AEMO refines the forecast and publishes the 2023 WEM Electricity Statement of Opportunities.

Stakeholder comments and feedback:

A discussion took place regarding concerns expressed with how AEMO is going to keep the lights on in future, considering coal retirements. AEMO responded with the ways in which AEMO is currently maintaining system security including using the existing tools and mechanisms under the WEM Rules, including procurement of Supplementary Reserve Capacity and NCESS.

## 4 AEMO Project Updates

### 4.1 WA DER Roadmap update

Tom Butler (AEMO) presented an update on the WA DER program, providing a high-level update on Project Symphony, DER Participation, Technology integration and DER Register. Noting the overall status has been moved to green. The next WA DER market participation forum will be held on 5 July 2023.

### 4.2 WEM Reform Program update

Andrew Smith (AEMO) provided an update on AEMO's WEM Reform Program noting the program is currently at 'Amber' due to the tight schedule compression and multiple critical delivery risks. However, due to insufficient progress with testing, the ability to operate the markets in the event of a systems fail, SCADA integration and training in the control room, the overall status will change to 'Red'. The next WEM Reform Implementation Group will be held on 27 July 2023.

## 5 Other Business

Teresa noted a forum satisfaction survey will be sent to stakeholders after the meeting and encouraged participants to take the time to complete it.

No other business was raised.

## 6 Meeting close

Teresa Smit (AEMO) thanked participants for attending and noted the date for the next WAECF is scheduled for 23 August 2023. She closed the meeting at 1:56pm.

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### Disclaimer

This document provides an overview of the main points of discussion at an industry forum convened by AEMO on 28 June 2023 to provide information and invite perspectives and feedback on matters relating to WA Electricity Consultative Forum). Readers, please note that:

- This document is a summary only and is not a complete record of discussion at the forum.
- For presentation purposes, some points have been grouped together by theme and do not necessarily appear in the order they were discussed.
- The views expressed at the forum and reflected here are not necessarily those of AEMO.