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NEWSLETTER NEM Reform

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Welcome to our March Program update

The latest news from across the Program to help you navigate the reforms supporting the energy transition. Read on for important updates to help you understand the opportunities and implications of each reform initiative and prepare for implementation.

Since our last issue we've been working closely with many of you to prepare for a big year of reform. In parallel, we are engaging with stakeholders to mobilise reforms out to 2027.

In this edition, we look at our delivery schedule for 2025, including 6 initiative releases. We cover key program updates, upcoming initiative releases, and ways to get involved, including a General Briefing on 5 June for all stakeholders. Keep reading to find out more.

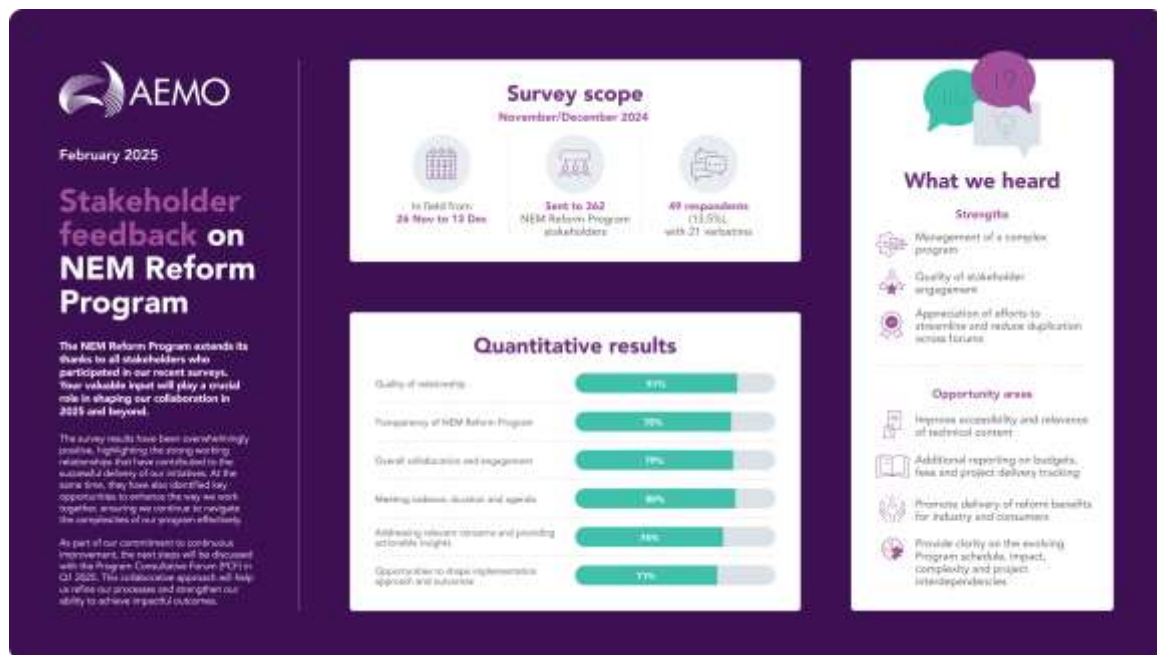
In the spotlight

Stakeholder feedback on the Program

The NEM Reform Program extends its thanks to all stakeholders who participated in our recent surveys. Your valuable input will play a crucial role in shaping our collaboration in 2025 and beyond.

The survey results were overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the strong working relationships that underpin and enable the successful delivery of reform initiatives. Of note is the 81% positive response from stakeholders when thinking about the quality of their relationship with AEMO and strength in managing a complex program.

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General briefing

On 5 June, AEMO's NEM Reform Program is welcoming all stakeholders to a briefing on the program and the upcoming release of the NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap v6.

Please register your interest to attend this session using [this link](#) or scan the QR code.



Inflight initiatives - 2025 delivery

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| 8 Jun 2025 | Frequency Performance Payments (FPP) (Release with rule commencement) |
| 28 Jun 2025 | SCADA Lite |
| 1 Jul 2025 | Enhanced Reserve Information (ERI) & ST PASA Procedure and Recall Period (Release with rule commencement) |
| 31 Jul 2025 | ST PASA rule commencement is (Release with rule commencement) |
| 26 Oct 2025 | Metering Services Review (MSR) |

1 Dec 2025

Metering Services Review (MSR)
(Release with rule commencement)

2 Dec 2025

Improving Security Frameworks (ISF)
(Release with rule commencement)

Frequency Performance Payments (FPP) - 8 June 2025

Incentivising electricity generators and large loads to provide a helpful frequency response.

Q1 achievements

- Final determination for 'Amendment to frequency performance payment cost recovery' (AEMC) published 13 March 2025.
- 3-month readiness checkpoint passed 14 March 2025.
- Data model technical specification released into Pre-production 25 March 2025.

Next steps

Preparations are underway to support industry test via a Market Trial (2 April start). A market trial plan has been developed in consultation with industry.

To attend Q&A sessions scheduled as part of the Market Trial, please email NEMReform@aemo.com.au to be added to the series.

Participants are encouraged to review the [Draft FPP FO Industry Go-Live Plan](#) and provide feedback by 11 April.

Visit the [Frequency Performance Payments](#) webpage for more information.

SCADA Lite - June 2025

Establishing a bi-directional connection to exchange operational information (telemetry and control) between many non-NSP participants and AEMO.

Q1 achievements

- SCADA Lite revised implementation timelines were provided to industry at the February 2025 PCF outlining a service readiness date of 28 June 2025.

Next steps

AEMO will progress testing and implementation plans per the revised schedule, with a go-live checkpoint to be conducted in May 2025.

Expressions of interest for SCADA Lite will commence post launch, with details on usage and engagement being published in the coming weeks. Interested parties should follow updates via the [Implementation Forum](#) and [PCF](#).

Visit the [SCADA Lite](#) webpage for more information.

Enhancing Reserve Information (ERI) – 1 July 2025

Provision of availability of scheduled generators and the state-of-charge of grid scale batteries to participants to enable better decisions when demand is high.

Q1 achievements

- AEMO Internal Development completed 28 Jan 2025.
- Data model technical specification released into Pre-production 25 March 2025.

Next steps

Industry testing on track to commence 21 May 2025. Go Live is 1 July 2025. Participants are encouraged to attend the [Implementation Forum](#) and [PCF](#) meetings and refer to accompanying packs.

Visit the [Enhancing Reserve Information](#) webpage for more information.

ST PASA Procedure & Recall Period – 31 July 2025

Introducing a principles-based approach to administer ST PASA for AEMO to easily assess reliability and security conditions in the NEM.

Q1 achievements

- ST PASA Final Procedure Published on 24 February 2025.
- Data model technical specification released into Pre-production 25 March 2025.

Next steps

Industry testing is on track to commence 21 May 2025. Bidding systems to include Recall Period as at 1 July 2025 with Go Live on 31 July 2025.

Participants are encouraged to review all energy bids for trading dates on or after 31 July and attend [Implementation Forum](#) and [PCF](#) meetings and refer to accompanying packs.

Visit the [ST PASA Procedure & Recall Period](#) webpage for more information.

Metering Services Review – 26 October 2025

The national roll out of smart meters to enhance customer experience, improve data quality and remote access.

Q1 achievements

- Package 1 Final Determination published 2 April 2025.
- Package 2 Issues Paper published 10 February.
- Package 3 Issues Paper to be published early April.

Next steps

Responses to Package 2 Issues Paper were received 24 March.

Participants are encouraged to attend [ERCF](#), [Implementation Forum](#) and [PCF](#) meetings and refer to accompanying packs which outline consultation dates.

Visit the [Metering Services Review](#) webpage for more information.

Improving Security Frameworks (ISF) – 2 December 2025

Increasing transparency of system security needs and incentivising market participants to invest long term in system security provision.

Q1 focus

- Preparation for consultation on Full Security Enablement Procedure.

Next steps

AEMO anticipates starting consultation on the Security Enablement Procedure in early April, with a public forum to be held on 10 April 2025, from 1.00pm-2.30pm (AEST).

Participants are encouraged to watch for the consultation announcement and invite via the [Electricity Wholesale Consultative Forum](#) and ISF TNSP Working Group.

Final High Level Implementation Assessment (HLIA) to be published 16 April 2025.

Visit the [Improving Security Frameworks](#) webpage for more information.

Inflight initiatives - beyond 2025

The following section highlights key initiatives with delivery schedules extending beyond 2025. These initiatives have notable engagement or consultation activity underway through the Program's 2025 delivery schedule.

Market Interface Technology Enhancement (MITE)

Uplifting core market interfacing technologies to create a more secure, efficient and streamlined digital interface between AEMO and market participants.

Q1 achievements

- IDAM and IDX draft implementation timelines provided to industry at the March 2025 Program Consultative Forum
- IDX initial consultations with MITE Working Group finalised.

Next steps

Participants are encouraged to continue to engage with the ongoing MITE consultation process, and consider their involvement in IDX foundation implementation, AEMO to complete IDAM planning phase and confirm implementation timings.

Visit the [MITE](#) webpage for more information.

Integrating Price Responsive Resources into the NEM (IPRR) - 23 May 2027

A voluntary mechanism that allows integration of the growing number of unscheduled energy resources into the National Electricity Market (NEM).

Q1 achievements

- Consultation opened on the development of the Voluntarily Scheduled Resource Guidelines (20 Feb 2025)
- Final HLIA (v1.1) published 20 March 2025
- Three industry forums:
 - High-level implementation assessment (13 Feb 2025)
 - Voluntarily scheduled resource guidelines (28 Feb 2025)
 - Pre-consultation on the Voluntarily scheduled resource incentive mechanism (04 Mar 2025)

Next steps

Consultations on the major new documents *Voluntarily Scheduled Resources Incentive Mechanism* and *Price Responsive Reporting Guidelines* are expected to commence in early April.

Participants are encouraged to look out for consultation announcements via the [Electricity Wholesale Consultative Forum](#) and AEMO's communications newsletter.

Visit the [Integrating Price Responsive Resources](#) webpage for more information.

Flexible trading arrangements (FTA) - 1 Nov 2026

Enabling consumers to better manage their energy usage and participate in the market.

Q1 achievements

- Finalised pre-consultation with Industry.

Next steps

Formal consultation to begins in April 2025. Participants are encouraged to continue to engage with the [ERCF](#), [Implementation Forum](#) and [PCF](#) for the latest information on our

engagement and consultation approach.

Visit the [Flexible Trading Arrangements](#) webpage for more information.

Project EnergyConnect Market Integration (PEC-MI) – July 2026

Improving energy security and lowering prices through the reallocation of automated inter-regional negative settlement residues.

Next steps

AEMC Final Determination date has been extended to 25 September 2025. AEMO will consult on the *Automated Negative Residue Management* procedure in April 2025.

Participants are encouraged to attend [EWCF](#) for further updates and the latest information.

Visit the [Project EnergyConnect Market Integration](#) webpage for more information.

Shortening the Settlement Cycle (SSC) – 9 August 2026

Making participation in the NEM more competitive and providing more choice for consumers by reducing the working capital needed to cover accrued liabilities.

Q1 achievements

- Final HLIA published in February 2025.

Next steps

Formal consultation begins in May 2025. Participants are encouraged to engage with the [EWCF](#) and [PCF](#) for the latest information on our engagement and consultation approach.

Visit the [Shortening the Settlement Cycle](#) webpage for more information.

Get involved in the Program

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