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Dear ISP stakeholders

Workshops and Webinar

In February, more than 200 of you attended workshops or participated in a webinar to discuss the Draft 2020 Integrated System Plan (ISP) with AEMO’s ISP team and vote on a range of areas for AEMO to consider in the lead up to publishing the final 2020 ISP mid year. We were delighted with the level of participation, and the amount of feedback and input we received across a broad range of topics, and would like to thank those of you who were involved.

Slides and summaries from the workshops and webinar are now available on the AEMO website. Please click on these links to access materials from the workshops (slides, Q&A station posters, workshop summary) and webinar (slides, webinar summary).

An excerpt from the workshop summary below shows the voting results for the Planning (Network and Non-Network) Options:

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There was strong interest in incorporating climate resilience measures, the impact of changes in transmission costs and assessment of non-network options.

During the webinar, participants were asked to vote on areas that AEMO could prioritise in the lead up to the final ISP, and the voting results are shown below:
These results showed high correlation with those from the face-to-face workshops, and included significant interest in modelling of Marginal Loss Factors. Further details and voting results can be found in the workshop and webinar summaries (see links above).

**ISP Consultation**

Consultation on the Draft 2020 ISP has closed with 53 submissions received from peak energy groups, network owners, retailers, generators, consumer groups, councils, universities and individuals. Submissions can be found on the AEMO consultation website.

AEMO would like to thank each of the organisations that submitted a response. A high level review of the submissions has identified the following main themes:

- Changing energy mix, including the roles of renewables and storage with generator retirements
- The role of transmission infrastructure in a future NEM
- System security, reliability and resilience implications of the ISP
- Investment and cost aspects
- Scenarios and least worst regrets modelling
- Policy frameworks and regulation

The ISP team is now reviewing the feedback from the workshops, webinar and submissions, to identify elements that can be incorporated into current modelling or write up of the Final 2020 ISP, and also elements that may be addressed in the 2022 ISP. The consultation on non-network options
closed on 13th March, and a review of these options will be carried out, with relevant options fed into the modelling sensitivities.

A summary and response to the written submissions for both network and non-network options will be released mid year, along with the Final 2020 ISP.

Regards,

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