



## The publication of the final inter-network test program concludes consultation by AEMO on this document.

AEMO published the draft inter-network test program document on 1 December 2023 for Project EnergyConnect (PEC) Stage 1 and the increase in the power transfer capability over the Heywood Interconnector (HIC), for consultation with Registered Participants in accordance with the requirements of clause 5.7.7(p) of the National Electricity Rules<sup>1</sup>.

AEMO did not receive any submissions during the consultation period.

During AEMO's subsequent internal review, and to address further feedback received from transmission network service providers (TNSPs), AEMO made the following minor modifications to the inter-network test program:

- Included detailed requirements for the first synchronisation of the Buronga – Bundey 330 kilovolts (kV) line.
- Added details confirming that the National Electricity Market Dispatch Engine (NEMDE) will limit the maximum HIC flow to maintain PEC flow within +/- 50 megawatts (MW) range, during the first synchronisation and until completion of the Hold Point 3 (PEC first synchronisation) of the test program, and outlining how the system impact will be minimised.
- Removed the reactive power step change test on the Murraylink high voltage direct current (HVDC) interconnector from the test program, as it was confirmed that the required reactive power step change could not be achieved.
- Added details outlining how any negative inter-regional settlements residue arising from the inter-network testing of HIC will be allocated to the proponents of HIC (AEMO Victorian Planning (AVP) and ElectraNet) and details of how any negative inter-regional settlements residue arising from the inter-network testing of the PEC Stage 1 will be allocated to the proponents of PEC (ElectraNet and Transgrid).
- Revised timing of the PEC Stage 1 inter-network test commencement date due to delays to PEC Stage 1.

Market notices will be issued giving notice of the completion of commissioning of the interconnector and the intention to start inter-network tests.

<sup>1</sup> See the consultation web page at <https://aemo.com.au/consultations/current-and-closed-consultations/project-energyconnect-stage-1-and-hic-capacity-release---inter-network-test-program>.