



# Congestion Information Resource Guidelines

Draft Report – Expedited consultation  
for the National Electricity Market

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## Explanatory statement and consultation notice

The publication of this draft report commences AEMO's expedited consultation on the Congestion Information Resource (CIR) Guidelines under the National Electricity Rules (NER).

This consultation is undertaken as required by NER 3.7A(d), following the procedure in NER 8.9.3. AEMO considers that the expedited rules consultation procedure is appropriate because the proposal is non-material for the following reasons: AEMO is proposing to publish network outage statistics report on AEMO website using NOS data which is publicly available. AEMO's draft proposal is to amend the Congestion Information Resource (CIR) Guidelines in the form published with this draft report, with a proposed effective date of 14 February 2025.

### Consultation notice

If any person considers that AEMO should follow the standard (rather than expedited) consultative procedure for this proposal, they can submit a request for AEMO to do so (a **procedure change request**) within 10 business days after publication of this draft report. Any procedure change request must be sent to [ben.blake@aemo.com.au](mailto:ben.blake@aemo.com.au) by 5:00 pm (Melbourne time) on **16 December 2024**. In accordance with NER 8.9.3(b), a request must include reasons why the person considers the proposal is not a 'Non-material Proposal' as defined in NER 8.9.1 – that is, why it would have a significant effect on the NEM or on the activities of a relevant group of registered participants.

AEMO invites written submissions from interested persons on this draft report and the draft proposal to [ben.blake@aemo.com.au](mailto:ben.blake@aemo.com.au) by 5:00 pm (Melbourne time) on **22 January 2025**.

Submissions may include alternative or additional proposals you consider may better meet the objectives of this consultation and the national electricity objective in section 7 of the National Electricity Law. Please include supporting reasons.

Before making a submission (including a procedure change request), please read and take note of AEMO's consultation submission guidelines, which can be found at <https://aemo.com.au/consultations>. Subject to those guidelines, submissions will be published on AEMO's website.

Please identify any parts of your submission that you wish to remain confidential, and explain why. AEMO may still publish that information if it does not consider it to be confidential, but will consult with you before doing so. Material identified as confidential may be given less weight in the decision-making process than material that is published.

Submissions received after the closing date and time will not be valid, and AEMO is not obliged to consider them. Any late submissions should explain the reason for lateness and the detriment to you if AEMO does not consider your submission.

Interested persons can request a meeting with AEMO to discuss any particularly complex, sensitive or confidential matters relating to the proposal. Please refer to NER 8.9.1(k). Meeting requests must be received by the end of the submission period and include reasons for the request. AEMO will try to accommodate reasonable meeting requests but, where appropriate, we may hold joint meetings with other stakeholders or convene a meeting with a broader industry group. Subject to confidentiality restrictions, AEMO will publish a summary of matters discussed at stakeholder meetings.

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# 1. Stakeholder consultation process

As required by National Electricity Rules (NER) 3.7A(d), AEMO is consulting on a review of the Congestion Information Resource (CIR) Guidelines in accordance with the expedited rules consultation procedure in NER 8.9.3.

Note that this document uses terms defined in the NER, which are intended to have the same meanings.

AEMO’s process and expected timeline for this consultation are outlined below. Future dates may be adjusted and additional steps may be included as needed, as the consultation progresses.

**Table 1 Consultation process and timeline**

Consultation steps	Dates
Draft report published	<b>2 December 2024</b>
Procedure change request deadline	<b>16 December 2024</b>
Submissions due on draft report	<b>22 January 2025</b>
Final report published	Expected <b>14 February 2025</b>

AEMO considers that the expedited rules consultation procedure is appropriate for the proposal because it is not expected to have a significant impact on either:

- The NEM wholesale market or power system or
- The activities of the group[s] of registered participants that the proposal relates to.

At any time before the final report is published, and based on information received through submissions to this draft report, any procedure change requests under NER 8.9.3(b) or otherwise, AEMO may decide that the proposal can no longer be considered non-material. If so, AEMO will switch to the standard consultation procedure by publishing a notice under NER 8.9.3(f).

AEMO’s consultation webpage for the proposal is at <https://www.aemo.com.au/consultations/current-and-closed-consultations/2024-congestion-information-resource-guidelines>, which will contain all previous published papers and reports, written submissions, and other consultation documents or reference material (other than material identified as confidential).

## 2. Background

### 2.1. Context for this consultation

The matter for consultation is the CIR Guidelines, to consider and seek stakeholder feedback on the following questions:

- Whether the quality, relevance and frequency of information provided in the CIR remains appropriate.
- What additional information stakeholders consider should be included in the CIR, including explanations of the value to stakeholders.
- What current congestion-related information AEMO could stop publishing in the CIR with no or little loss of value for stakeholders (for example because it is published elsewhere or no longer relevant).
- What stakeholders think about AEMO's proposal to publish network outage statistics report on the AEMO website, as set out in the draft CIR Guidelines published with this notice.

### 2.2. NER requirements

This consultation is being conducted under clause 3.7A(d) of the NER, in accordance with the Rules consultation requirements detailed in rule 8.9 of the NER.

### 2.3. The national electricity objective

Within the specific requirements of the NER applicable to this proposal, AEMO will seek to make a determination that is consistent with the national electricity objective (NEO) and, where considering options, to select the one best aligned with the NEO.

The NEO is expressed in section 7 of the National Electricity Law as:

to promote efficient investment in, and efficient operation and use of, electricity services for the long term interests of consumers of electricity with respect to:

- (a) price, quality, safety, reliability and security of supply of electricity; and
- (b) the reliability, safety and security of the national electricity system; and
- (c) the achievement of targets set by a participating jurisdiction—
  - (i) for reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions; or
  - (ii) that are likely to contribute to reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.

## 3. Draft determination

### 3.1. Draft determination

AEMO has prepared a draft of amendments to the CIR Guidelines reflecting the proposal, as published with this draft report in mark-up format from the current version.

### 3.2. Effective date

AEMO's proposed effective date for the determination is **14 February 2025**.