



# Wholesale Demand Response Industry Engagement & Consultation Plan

Ruth Guest, AEMO WDR Business Lead

Emily Brodie, AEMO WDR Stakeholder Engagement Lead

AEMO Consumer Forum, 28 May 2020

# Overview

## We're here to:

Provide early indication of Wholesale Demand Response (WDR) industry consultation approach.

## We'll cover:

- Brief background on AEMO's WDRM implementation
- Proposed consultation approach

# WDRM implementation

A brief background

# WDR Project Background

- AEMO is leading the implementation of the NEM Wholesale Demand Response Mechanism (WDR)
- Final determination expected 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- New market participant category, Demand Response Service Provider (DRSP)
- DRSPs will bid & be dispatched for demand response (as scheduled plant)

## Target go-live date of Oct '21

- In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, AEMO has met with AER, AEMC and representatives across the industry to discuss potential re-prioritisation of current initiatives
- Current market body guidance is to progress to the proposed WDR go-live date of Oct '21
- In the event of a delay,
  - WDR procedures consultation would be a no-regrets action. Where practical, procedures consultation will continue with appropriate flexibility to accommodate participants differing needs
  - Active management of version control amongst all other procedure changes

# WDR Project Background – Key people

Stakeholder  
Engagement Lead

Emily Brodie

WDR Guidelines  
Lead

Greg Ruthven

Project lead

Ruth Guest

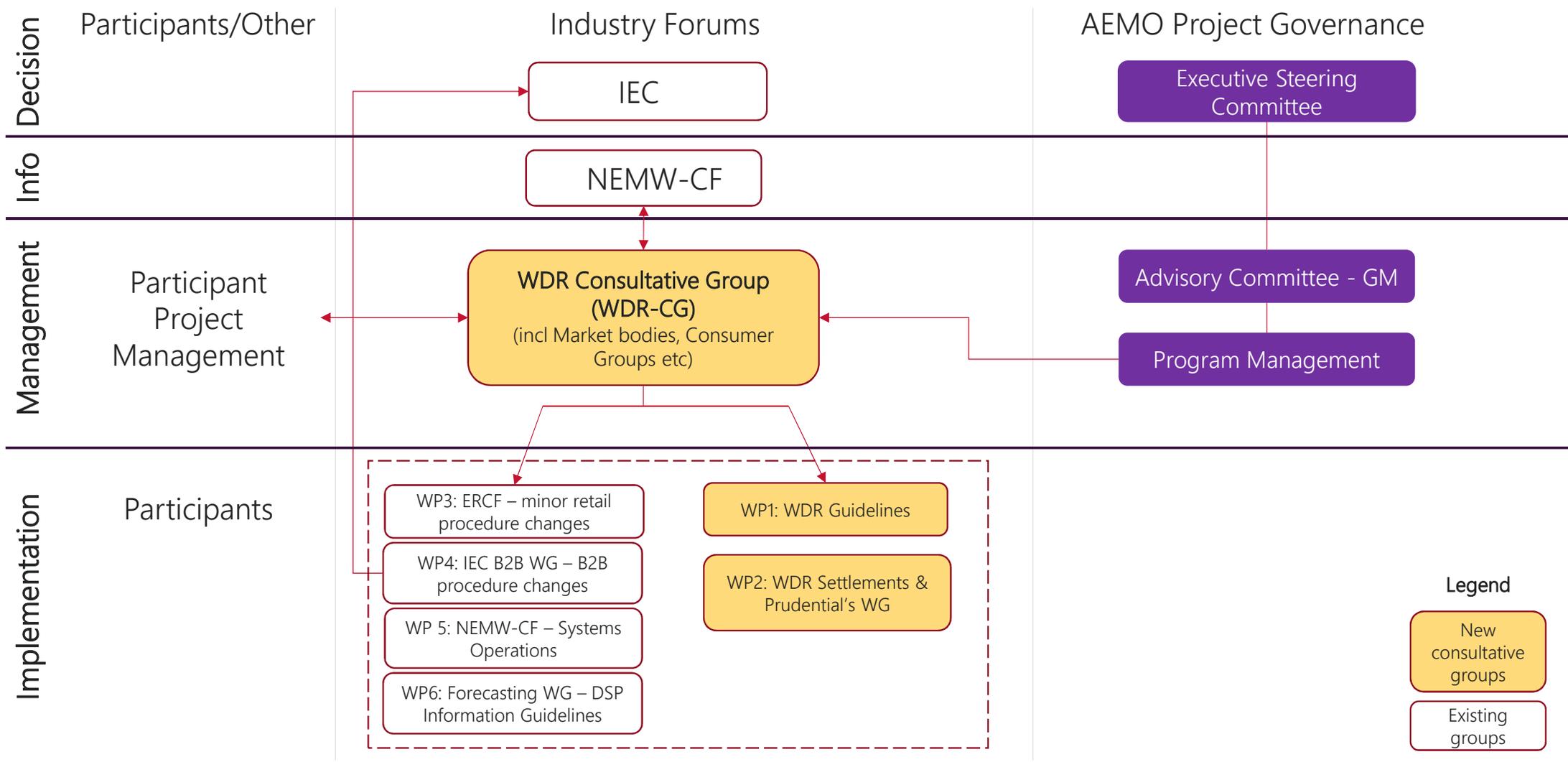
Project Manager

Chris Espinoza

# Engagement approach

- WDR Consultative Group for participants implementing WDR
- Technical working groups with industry experts for addressing specific technical issues
- Targeted engagement for interested parties

# Overview of engagement structure



# Targeted engagement

- Procedure consultations (rules-based)
- Information sessions
- One-to-one meetings (as-needs basis)
- Dedicated mailbox
  - [wdr@aemo.com.au](mailto:wdr@aemo.com.au)
- Dedicated project web pages
  - <https://aemo.com.au/initiatives/trials-and-initiatives/wholesale-demand-response-mechanism>

## Discussion:

Is this forum a suitable place to provide WDRM implementation updates?

Are there other forms of engagement that would be useful for consumer advocates?

# WDR-CG

## Initiation

- Intend to commence WDR-CG in late June
- Meetings will be held monthly.

## Objectives

- To enable effective consultation between AEMO and stakeholders on matters relating to the WDRM's implementation
- To provide stakeholders and AEMO with the opportunity to raise and address issues relating to document changes and development required as a result of the WDRM rule
- To provide stakeholders with an opportunity to share information and insights that will contribute to achieving WDRM objectives

# WDR-CG scope

The following activities are the core scope of the WDR-CG:

- Consider issues and provide feedback for relevant documentation changes e.g. the procedure changes and guideline and methodology development that are required by and as a result of the WDRM rule
- Monitor progress of relevant WDRM documentation changes and development
- Contribute to and provide feedback on the development of WDR system and settlement reconciliation reporting, including consideration of system testing/market trial
- Monitor progress of project milestones
- Provide guidance to and oversight of WDRM technical working groups
- Facilitate discussions on program issues.

Specific technical working groups may be formed as required to contribute to the areas above. For example, to contribute to the development of the WDR guidelines required by the WDRM rule.

# Questions?

[WDR@aemo.com.au](mailto:WDR@aemo.com.au)