

Keeping you up to date on

# Demand Management activities



**Welcome to the June 17 issue of Ausgrid's Demand Management e-newsletter.**

In this edition we share with you deadlines for some important regulatory changes in the works, an update on the Powering Sydney's Future project and an early taste of the results from Ausgrid's customer engagement activities.

- Upcoming Direction Forum on 29 June for the new Demand Management Incentive Scheme and Innovation Allowance (DMIS/DMIA)
- Draft report published for the AEMC's Distribution Market Model
- Draft rule published by AEMC for Replacement expenditure planning arrangements (RIT-D)
- Draft DAPR Template published by AER
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**Happy reading**

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## **New Demand Management Incentive Scheme and Innovation Allowance Mechanism - Update**

The AER will be holding a Directions Forum via video conference on Thursday 29 June to allow stakeholders to provide further guidance and direction to the AER on the development of the draft scheme and allowance mechanism. To help influence an important change in how networks are incentivised to invest in non-network solutions, you can register with the AER by Friday 23 June by emailing [DM@aer.gov.au](mailto:DM@aer.gov.au).

► [For further information, please refer here](#)

## **Distribution Market Model – Draft Report**

On 6 June, the AEMC published their draft report on the Distribution Market Model project. The purpose of the project is to examine how distributed energy resources might drive an evolution to a more decentralised provision of electricity and what changes are needed to enable this evolution. The project is an important step in guiding the AEMC on how best to facilitate the coming changes and how investment in distributed energy resources can be optimised and coordinated to deliver better outcomes for all consumers. Stakeholders are invited to submit feedback or arrange individual meetings with the AEMC on the draft report by 4 July.

► [For further information, please refer here](#)

## **Draft rule published by AEMC for replacement expenditure planning arrangements**

On 11 April, the AEMC published a draft rule determination for replacement expenditure planning arrangements. The draft rule extends the RIT-D reporting requirements to replacement expenditure and expands the annual planning report to include all planned network asset retirements and de-ratings. Submissions closed on 6 June. Submissions from Ausgrid and others can be viewed on the AEMC's website.

► [For more information on the Rule Change, please refer here](#)



## Distribution Annual Planning Report (DAPR) Template

On 19 June, the AER distributed their draft template to improve the consistency and utility of the Annual Planning Reports produced by distribution networks. A brief teleconference was held on 20 June with stakeholders with the final template scheduled to be published on 30 June.

The AER has stated the view that the template is a 'living' document and expects to amend as required to improve outcomes. Ausgrid strongly supports the introduction of the template and looks forward to working closely with stakeholders and the AER. The final template will be published on the AER's website at [www.aer.gov.au](http://www.aer.gov.au).

## Powering Sydney's Future Project RIT-T

In May 2017, TransGrid and Ausgrid published the Project Assessment Draft Report for the Powering Sydney's Future project. This report determined that non-network solutions can help manage load at risk and defer the network investment by one year. Submissions on the draft report are due 23 June. Get in quick or send a request to submit a late submission to Transgrid at [PSFConsultations@transgrid.com.au](mailto:PSFConsultations@transgrid.com.au).

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## Ausgrid's Customer at the Centre Project

Ausgrid is currently undertaking its largest customer focus project to date with support from Newgate Research.

Just recently completed, the first phase included a series of focus group discussions and in-depth 'deliberative' forums with around 200 residential and business customers including customers with home solar and battery storage and vulnerable customers.

Lessons learned are already helping inform future stages of the research, guiding other research priorities and leading to changes in Ausgrid's future plans. Results will be published soon and we will inform you when available.



We would like to learn more about which Demand Management topics or areas of interest you the most.

If you have not already done so, please take the time to take our [quick poll](#) to have your say.

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