



DER STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

MEETING NOTES

Thursday 16th June (1:00pm-3:00 pm AEDT)

Chair: Neil Gibbs (Online Power)

Attendees: Aden Barker (WA Department of Energy); Anthea Harris (ESB); Anthony Cooper (Business Australia); Ben Barnes (AEC); Bruce Thompson (GreenSync); Chris Alexander (ESB); Clinton Rodda (Jet Charge); Declan Kelly (Flow Power); Dushan Seneviratne (RACV Solar); Emma Fagan (Tesla); George Huang (AER); Grant Stepa (Distributed Energy Services); Isabel Durie (AER); Jess Christiansen (RACV Solar); Jo Witters (ESB); Jon Sibley (ARENA); Jonathon Dore (Ausgrid); Kurt Winter (AGL); Lachie Simpson (Telstra); Mark Byrne (TEC); Matthew Hyde (AEMO); Neil Gibbs (Online Power); Penelope Crossley (USYD); Phil Blythe (ESB); Rosie Elkins (AEMO); Ross De Rango (Electric Vehicle Council); Ryan Wavish (Simply Energy); Sam Lynch (KPMG); Simon Moore (Business NSW); Tess Fitzgerald (KPMG); Trent Morrow (AEMO); Vince Duffy (SA Department of Energy and Mining).

Apologies: Alida Jansen Van Vuuren (Ausgrid); Andrew McConnell (AusNet); Andrew Mears (Switchdin); Andy McCarthy (RACV Solar); Ben Wilson (Engie); Brad Smart (Energy Policy WA); Brian Spak (Energy Consumers Australia); Bryn Williams (SAPN); Cara Teoh (FTI Consulting); Chris Murphy (Telstra); Christian Rasmus (AER); Darren Gladman (Clean Energy Council); Dean Spaccavento (Reposit Power); Dor Son Tan (ENA); Ed Chan (AEMC); Emma Fishburn (FTI Consulting); Greg Hannan (United Energy); James Hyatt (Enel); James Sturch (Solar Edge); Jenny Gannon (Energy Queensland); Jessica Curtis (AEMC); Lance Hoch (Oakley Greenwood); Lee Brown (AEMO); Miriam Wishart (AER); Robert Clear (AER); Steven Humphries (AEMO); Taron Brearley (WA Department of Energy); Tennant Reed (Australian Industry Group); James Minto (Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water); Cameron Mackinstosh (Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water).

Working group protocol

Attendees at this meeting must not enter into any discussion, activity or conduct that may infringe, on their part or on the part of other members, any applicable competition laws. For example, members must not discuss, communicate or exchange any commercially sensitive information, including information relating to prices, marketing and advertising strategy, costs and revenues, terms and conditions with third parties, terms of supply or access.

Topic	Key points/action items
Introductions & Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anthea Harris delivered an Acknowledgement of Country and opened the meeting. Recognition of current issues in wholesale markets.



Regroup on session 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neil Gibbs recapped on what was covered in session 3.• Notes from session 3 will be distributed shortly.
Electric Vehicles Issues Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phil Blythe (ESB) presented the EV Policy Issues Paper Summary to the Stakeholder Working Group.• Confirmation that paper will be released. Currently going through internal approvals before doing so.• Question on whether standards will go through Standards Australia. View that eventually they would, but the interim approach needs to be determined.• A view that tariff structures being a major impediment. Worth a discussion about what best practice looks like.• Reliability is a challenge in public charging network. Creates frustration for customers when not available and this could impact rollout of EVs.• A good outcome may be that all chargers are OCCP compliant.• Agreement with dot point on the need for interoperability standards.• We are learning a lot from other jurisdictions (e.g. USA) and what price point is needed to incentivise people.• Consistency across the States would be helpful. No unique local variations.• Link to NERA load flex study was shared, which came up with \$3-5bn NPV savings for flexible charging (excluding network savings). https://arena.gov.au/assets/2022/02/load-flexibility-study-technical-summary.pdf• Link shared on analysis of sliding rate during early years of EV uptake: https://rmi.org/insight/dcf-rate-design-study/
Customer Insights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris Alexander (ESB) and Marianne Lourey (ACIL Allen) presented on Customer Insights.• A question raised on if it is possible to unpick people's sense of trust from what is in their interest, or are they so linked this is not possible?• Question on prioritisation of energy within a business was raised, and the recognition that there may be other things higher up in priority list. Response that if the cost of energy is low, then priority will be low.• A question on the types of groups that had trust, e.g. community groups, etc. Are there influencer groups? Can we accelerate trust? Response that installers were a key source of trust.• Key issue of consistency across the industry was raised.• George Huang (AER) presented draft materials on use cases and energy-as-a-service for workshop next week (Wednesday June 22). Requested SWG feedback.
Scheduled Lite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trent Morrow, Rosie Elkins and Ana Garcia Castro (AEMO) presented on Scheduled Lite.• A view that incentives need to be framed in terms of visibility.• Thinking of this solution, need to think about what it also doesn't solve. Response that Scheduled Lite is a vehicle for visibility, and other initiatives may provide something more granular.• If opt-in, there needs to be a clear value proposition for a business to make the case to comply, otherwise could be challenging. Possible for AEMO to break



	<p>down the value of the different incentives? And will need to be able to compare the benefits (compared to BAU) when compared to the costs of doing the build-out and ongoing compliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A question on whether AEMO sees this as a way of capturing distributed solar in energy dispatch alongside other forms of generation. In the future it could be competing with large solar and wind during times of low midday demand. i.e. if it is not dispatched it needs to be kept off by the aggregator.• Link was provided to Scheduled Lite consultation paper: https://www.aemo.com.au/initiatives/trials-and-initiatives/scheduled-lite• AEMO seeking feedback by July 14th.
Meeting Close and Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jo Witters confirmed invites have been issued for upcoming meetings but some may shift to accommodate school holidays.• Next meeting: Thurs June 30th 1-3pm (AEST) - is likely to be cancelled (to be confirmed)• Anthea Harris thanked people for their contributions and closed the meeting.
Recorded actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neil Gibbs to distribute meeting notes from SWG #3.• Clinton Rodda and Phil Blythe to have an offline discussion on EV charger reliability.• SWG to provide thoughts to Phil Blythe on issues raised regarding EV charging for Issues Paper.• AER's draft pack with use cases and energy-as-a-service to be circulated. Feedback to be provided by SWG.