



DER STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

MEETING NOTES

Thursday 14th July (1:00pm-3:00 pm AEDT)

Chair: Neil Gibbs (Online Power)


Attendees: Alida Jansen Van Vuuren (Ausgrid); Anthea Harris (ESB); Ben Barnes (AEC); Brad Smart (Energy Policy WA); Bryn Williams (SAPN); Chris Alexander (ESB); Clinton Rodda (Jet Charge); Darren Gladman (Clean Energy Council); Declan Kelly (Flow Power); Dor Son Tan (ENA); Dushan Seneviratne (RACV Solar); Ed Chan (AEMC); Emma Fagan (Tesla); George Huang (AER); Grant Stepa (Distributed Energy Services); Greg Hannan (United Energy); James Hyatt (Enel); James Sturch (Solar Edge); Jenny Gannon (Energy Queensland); Jess Christiansen (RACV Solar); Jo Witters (ESB); Lance Hoch (Oakley Greenwood); Neil Gibbs (Online Power); Penelope Crossley (USYD); Rosie Elkins (AEMO); Ross De Rango (Electric Vehicle Council); Ryan Wavish (Simply Energy); Sam Lynch (KPMG); Tennant Reed (Australian Industry Group); Tom Gibson (Online Power); Helen Vassos (Plus ES); Sarea Coates (AEMO)

Apologies: Aden Barker (WA Department of Energy); Andrew McConnell (AusNet); Andrew Mears (Switchdin); Andy McCarthy (RACV Solar); Anthony Cooper (Business Australia); Ben Wilson (Engie); Brian Spak (Energy Consumers Australia); Bruce Thompson (Greensync); Cameron Mackintosh (Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water); Cara Teoh (FTI Consulting); Chris Murphy (Telstra); Christian Rasmus (AER); Dean Spaccavento (Reposit Power); Emma Fishburn (FTI Consulting); Isabel Durie (AER); James Minto (Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water); Jessica Curtis (AEMC); Jon Sibley (ARENA); Jonathon Dore (Ausgrid); Kurt Winter (AGL); Lachie Simpson (Telstra); Lee Brown (AEMO); Mark Byrne (TEC); Matthew Hyde (AEMO); Miriam Wishart (AER); Phil Blythe (ESB); Robert Clear (AER); Simon Moore (Business NSW); Steven Humphries (AEMO); Taron Brearley (WA Department of Energy); Tess Fitzgerald (KPMG); Trent Morrow (AEMO); Vince Duffy (SA Department of Energy and Mining)


Working group protocol

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Topic	Key points/action items
Introductions & Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anthea Harris introduced the session and welcomed the group, including an Acknowledgement of Country.



Regroup on session 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Gibbs recapped on what was covered in session 4. • Notes from session 3, 4 were distributed and no further comments provided. • A list of upcoming publications and public sessions relating to the ESB DER Workstream were shared with the team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Publishing of the EV charging issues paper ○ Publishing of the Customer Insights Knowledge sharing reporting ○ Publishing of the ESB data strategy initial reforms consultation paper ○ An EOI to participate in the Release 2 Customer Insights Stakeholder Steering Group.
Data Strategy Overview & Discussion of the Draft Consultation Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarea Coates and Jo Witters provided an overview of the DER Data Strategy program, a summary of progress to date, and next steps. • The group raised several questions and queries for consideration for this program of work to consider such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is the breadth of the term ‘data strategy’ – does it cover just consumption related data or will it be broader. ESB noted that the data collated would be on a broad spectrum to support enhanced decision making. ○ It was suggested by the group to test the assumption between AER, AEMO and AEMC if there is any barriers to sharing data between the market bodies. ESB agreed there were likely improvements to be made, and the initial reform proposals would look to address some of the key existing challenges identified. ○ AEMO doesn’t hold the entire breadth of meter data today, will the program look to expand on the data it collects. ESB noted that this program will not be an extension of the existing datasets. ○ On the data services model – discussion regarding whether this will create additional sharing issues between AEMO and the new entity i.e. driven by cybersecurity concerns? ○ How does the timing for this strategy (particularly the data services) tie into the cyber security work? It will be important to land on cyber security approaches before we make any recommendations of sharing large datasets. ○ Compliance, monitoring and enforcement over time noted as a significant gap. ○ The potential compliance role here will be huge and needs to be independent. • A link to the consultation paper released.
Roles & Responsibilities Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Gibbs provided an overview of the outputs generated by the SWG deep dive groups and the next steps being undertaken by the ESB. • Members of the deep dive sessions ‘endorsed the position’ that was achieved in the sessions. • Noted that the significant interest in Community Batteries in Victoria and soon to be nationally. • The Role of the DNSP needs to be contextualised within the realm of future rule changes, and preparedness, to act and enable these changes. • Engagement of installers is “really” important. To date, the industry has failed to adequately engage with this stakeholder group. It cannot be done through



	<p>papers – this work should begin early and have a different approach to engaging installers in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WA stakeholders shared their recent experience in the SWIS through a similar project and shared the resulting information paper that outlines the approach being undertaken, noting the fundamental differences in NEM and SWIS regulation, this may inform thinking for Roles and Responsibilities.
DER Vision – Focus Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neil introduced the Vision exercise and its role to the ESB work. SWG members then spent time adding relevant content to the MURAL board. A few reflections post the activity shared by the group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is important as there are different types of vision out there. It will impact the emphasis on different outcomes – individual or systemic value. Part of the problem is a Vision is only effective as the weight behind it. Cognisant that it may reduce effectiveness if internal to the ESB? If not public, with support from government, it'll struggle to be the North Star. It is critical. A vision will guide where regulation is required and where we think we need to support innovation.
Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neil Gibbs and Jo Witters invited members to an open forum where they could raise any item for discussion relating to DER opportunities, issues, and concerns. Items or reflections raised included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The visioning activity was an interesting exercise for the group. It needs to be a common vision that people accept. It must also have a voice that needs to speak to different stakeholders – language that makes sense and enables collaboration. To add the narrative on urgency and imperative, all the things that need to be in place. E.g. The story on gas market balance and gas substitution is important. Gas market balance requires electrification that we don't have policy yet, no gas projects. No electrification policy to support gas balance. How will the shift from gas be supported by DER? Rather than a vision, preference to set a mission or statement of intent. It will guide the ambition of what we're trying to achieve – interrelated to define: energy asset, DER, CER – each creates a different framework for access and social license. We have a responsibility to communicate – we need to be strategic in how we communicate as an industry to make it work for customers in order to work for the grid. Most importantly, “communicate calmly”.
Meeting Close and Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jo Witters closed the meeting and thanked participants for their contributions. It was flagged again the upcoming publications and EOI for the Steering Group. Next meeting: Friday July 29th 1-3pm (AEST).
Recorded actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute the draft meeting notes for session #5 for consideration and updates. A call for participants to the EOI for the Release 2 Customer Insights SSG. Share a link to the WA DER paper for consideration in the DER Roles and Responsibilities workstream.