

# Unlocking CER Benefits through Flexible Trading Arrangements (FTA) May 2026 Release



FTA industry readiness approach and go-live criteria



# Flexible Trading Arrangements

On August 15, 2024, the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) published the Rule and determination regarding the "Unlocking Consumer Energy Resources (CER) benefits through flexible trading" project. This Flexible Trading Arrangements (FTA) Rule aims to enhance the flexibility of how consumer energy resources, such as solar panels and batteries, are used and traded within the National Electricity Market (NEM). The primary objective is to enable consumers to manage their energy usage more effectively and to participate actively in the market.

The FTA Rule introduces changes to integrate CER into the NEM, allowing consumers or their service providers to manage CER in ways that provide benefits to the customer and to the energy system. It also includes provisions for measuring energy from previously unmetered supply points, street furniture connections (e.g. streetlights, EV chargers).

To support this rule, new metering types – type 8 and type 9 – have been introduced offering cost effective metering solutions to measure secondary settlement points and street furniture connections.

There will be 2 releases for this initiative, reflecting the respective rule effective dates:

- **May 2026 Release - 31 May 2026** for the introduction of type 9 metering arrangements and
- **November 2026 Release - 1 November 2026** for the implementation of flexible trading arrangements.

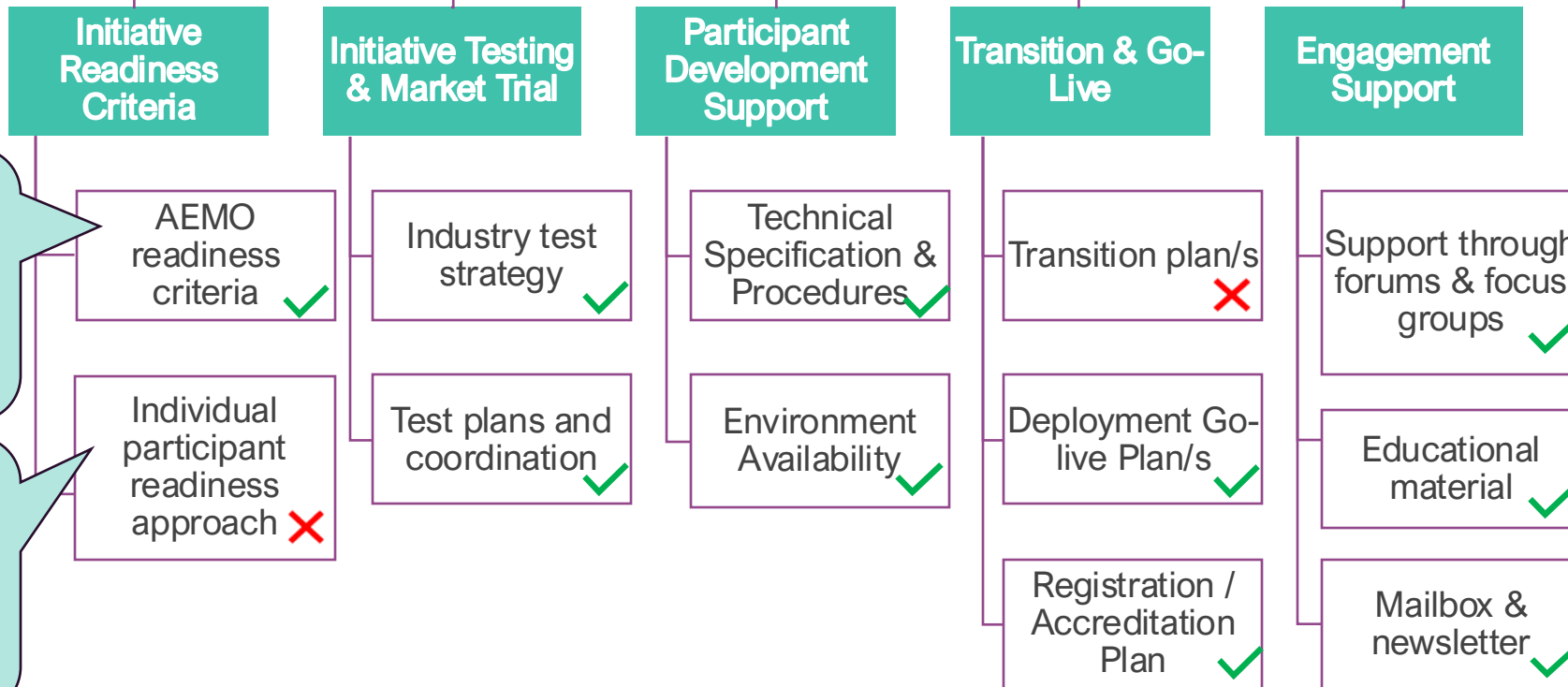
For more information about the FTA initiative, please visit the [AEMO | Flexible Trading Arrangements](#) webpage.

# NEM Reform program industry strategy

## NEM REFORM READINESS STRATEGY (ALL INITIATIVES)

### FTA READINESS APPROACH

FTA readiness approach adopts the standard NEM Reform program framework



Individual participant (or participant category) readiness is NOT a dependency for go-live however, the initiative is dependent on participant accreditation for metering / secondary settlement services to operate

## RISK & CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT ✓

## INITIATIVE READINESS REPORTING ✓ & GO-LIVE CRITERIA MANAGEMENT ✓

# FTA May 2026 Release Go-live criteria

INITIATIVE:	<p><b>FTA May 2025 Release</b> Flexible Trading Arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FTA Introduction of Type 9 Meters supporting a range of use cases, including EV chargers and streetlights.</li> </ul>
<b>GO-LIVE CRITERIA</b>	
AEMO READINESS	<p><b>AEMO technology and systems tested in-line with requirements for participant ability to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update MSATS:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add Type 9 (COMMS9, COMS9CM) meter types, meter manufacturer and model.</li> <li>Update RM30 report for new COMMS9 meter groups.</li> </ul> </li> <li>eMDM updates to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>support COMMS9 meter types.</li> <li>Report changes to RM28 for new COMMS9 meter groups.</li> </ul> </li> <li>CDR/CDP             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type 9 energy values will be provided within the CDR output results.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>AEMO business operations and processes in place to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support introduction of Type 9 Meters within existing processes.</li> <li>Provide accreditation process for Metering Providers (MPs) and Metering Data Providers (MDPs) for each new metering installation type.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>AEMO digital teams ready to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support FTA operations relating to Type 9 Meters</li> </ul>
PARTICIPANT READINESS	<p><b>Participant readiness is not a dependency for go-live.</b> Type 9 metering arrangements will be voluntary, however participating MPs and MDPS will need to be accredited for each new metering installation type. MCs for type 9 metering installations will be able to propose alternative testing and inspection arrangements to AEMO for approval through an asset management strategy. AEMO encourages impacted participants to make timely system/process changes in readiness for 31 May 2026.</p>
CONTINGENCY	Contingency approaches developed during implementation