



Basslink conversion to TNSP 1 July

Industry Testing Kick-off and Q&A session

Friday, 22 May 2026

This session will be recorded for internal
AEMO Minute taking purposes.



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, seas and waters across Australia. We honour the wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past and present and embrace future generations.

We acknowledge that, wherever we work, we do so on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands. We pay respect to the world's oldest continuing culture and First Nations peoples' deep and continuing connection to Country; and hope that our work can benefit both people and Country.

'Journey of unity: AEMO's Reconciliation Path' by Lani Balzan

AEMO Group is proud to have delivered its first Reconciliation Action Plan in May 2024. 'Journey of unity: AEMO's Reconciliation Path' was created by Wiradjuri artist Lani Balzan to visually narrate our ongoing journey towards reconciliation - a collaborative endeavour that honours First Nations cultures, fosters mutual understanding, and paves the way for a brighter, more inclusive future.

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Housekeeping

1. This meeting will be recorded for minute taking purposes
2. Please mute your microphone, this helps with audio quality as background noises distract from the conversation.
3. Use the 'Raise hand' function should you wish to speak to an item.
4. Use the 'Chat' function for any other questions or comments you may have.
5. In attending this meeting, you are expected to:
 - Not only represent your organisation's interests but also the interests of Industry and its customers
 - Have an open mindset
 - Contribute constructively
 - Be respectful, both on the call and in the chat



1. Welcome

Radhika Gupta



Agenda

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Kick-off meeting overview

- Kick-off sessions run prior to every NEM Reform Industry Test
- Primary objective: to provide support to participants for industry testing
- Sessions typically provide the following:
 - Updates on project activities that have an impact on testing, such as deployments
 - Check-in on any prerequisite activities
 - Overview of what's being tested
 - Opportunity for participants to seek clarity on any test cases
 - Opportunity for participants to raise any broader questions on the initiative.
- Sessions are not minuted but we provide participants with a copy of the presentation.



2. Overview of Basslink conversion to TNSP 1 July

Rando Yam



Background: AER Determination and Reclassification

- **Australian Energy Regulator (AER) Final Determination**

On 27 Feb 2026, AER made a final determination on APA's revenue proposal for Basslink for 2026–30 regulatory control period.

- **Basslink Reclassification from MSNP to TNSP**

APA advised AEMO its intent to reclassify Basslink from Market Network Services Provider (MNSP) to regulated Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP) effective 1 July 2026.

- **Coordination and Transition**

AEMO working with APA, VicGrid, TasNetworks, and industry stakeholders to transition Basslink to a Regulated Interconnector from 1 July 2026.

- **Risk Minimisation Objective**

Efforts focus on consistent representation of Basslink as regulated interconnector, while minimising operational and market risks.



Basslink Conversion to Regulated TNSP: Cutover Summary

- **Cutover window:**

Basslink unavailable from late Tue 30 June to 10:30am Wed 1 July to enable APA and AEMO system and application changes.

- **Validation & ramp-up:**

Cutover validation commences 9:00am 1 July.

Low power transfer from 10:30am–12:30pm 1 July, followed by return to full service.

- **Pre-cutover (APA):**

- Submit a single Network Outage Schedule (NOS) booking covering the outage and low-power transfer period (governs AEMO constraints)
- Also submit MNSP bids ~7 days prior, aligned to the NOS booking and agreed capacity.

- **Market impacts:**

Pre-dispatch, PASA and other reports reflect the cutover following MNSP bid submission.

- **Post-cutover:**

APA and AEMO operate in heightened support phase for 5 days post-conversion.

- **Participant communications:**

AEMO will issue market notices at key checkpoints (Cutover commencement and Confirmation of successful return to service, or Remediation updates if required).

Go / No-Go Governance and Deferral Handling

Formal Go / No-Go decisions:

Two formal decision points govern progression of the cutover.

- **Decision 1 – SRA Go/No-Go (30 April 2026):**
APA confirms readiness for AEMO to proceed with SRA readiness for Jul-Sep quarter **[DONE]**.
- **Decision 2 – Final Go/No-Go (early Tue 30 June):**
Confirms whether the full physical cutover timings proceed as planned, is shortened or deferred (informed by forecast NEM system operating conditions for the following 48 hours).

Deferral scenario:

If required due to system conditions, the physical outage and cutover may be shortened or postponed, while all non-physical cutover activities proceed.

Operational handling during deferral:

Basslink remains fully operational until conditions stabilise, and a short outage can be undertaken.

APA control/protection updates and AEMO EMS and constraint changes are deferred, with known technical discrepancies temporarily tolerated.

Communications:

AEMO will notify affected participants of the approach and any updates via market notices.



3. Industry testing for SRA and settlements activities

Rando Yam



Approach for Settlement Residual Auction (SRA)

SRA testing:

- Participants may test SRA bids, offers, and data ingestion in Preproduction from **1–15 June**.
- Preprod to mirror Prod during this June SRA auction window.

AEMO support – during this period AEMO to provide:

- Mock SRA and settlement statements
- Confirmation of the data specifications (if required).
- Responses to any participant queries or concerns.

Outcome:

- Provides a realistic SRA test environment
- Allows testing of SRA bids in parallel with Production
- Gives participants time for familiarisation ahead of finalising SRA bids in Production.

Note: Participants are encouraged to lodge bids early in the auction window to maximise the time available for AEMO to address any issues that may arise.



Industry test Prerequisites

Prerequisites for testing SRA bids in Preprod environment:

- Access to Preprod environment portal.preprod.nemnet.net.au (provided by your Participant Administrator)
- Preprod EMMS Data model installed (to access NEM reports)
- Updated to latest version of EMMS Data model (v5.7)
- Subscribe to NEM Settlements specific reports
- Access to Data Interchange.



4. Communications and Support

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Communications & support during testing

Process	Communication / support from AEMO
New participants access to Preprod environment portal.preprod.nemnet.net.au	Contact AEMO Support Hub
Existing participants access to Preprod and EMMS Data Interchange	Participant Administrator (PA) to provide
Queries or issues during Industry Testing for SRA in Preprod 1-15 June	Email: NEMReform@aemo.com.au



5. Key Links

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Links to key documents

Project webpage

- NEM Reform: [Basslink determination – participant support arrangements](#)

Consultation on new SRA Rules covering Basslink

- [SRA Rule Change and Final Report](#)

Technical specifications

- [December 2025 EMMS Tech Spec](#)

User Guides

- [User guide to Data Model Reports](#)
- [Data Interchange Framework and Glossary](#)
- [Data Interchange Online Help](#)
- [Data Interchange Resources](#) including Electricity Data Model v5.7



6. Q&A



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Appendix A: AEMO Competition Law - Meeting Protocol

AEMO is committed to complying with all applicable laws, including the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA). In any dealings with AEMO regarding proposed reforms or other initiatives, all participants agree to adhere to the CCA at all times and to comply with this Protocol. Participants must arrange for their representatives to be briefed on competition law risks and obligations.

Participants in AEMO discussions **must**:

- Ensure that discussions are limited to the matters contemplated by the agenda for the discussion
- Make independent and unilateral decisions about their commercial positions and approach in relation to the matters under discussion with AEMO
- Immediately and clearly raise an objection with AEMO or the Chair of the meeting if a matter is discussed that the participant is concerned may give rise to competition law risks or a breach of this Protocol

Participants in AEMO meetings **must not** discuss or agree on the following topics:

- Which customers they will supply or market to
- The price or other terms at which Participants will supply
- Bids or tenders, including the nature of a bid that a Participant intends to make or whether the Participant will participate in the bid
- Which suppliers Participants will acquire from (or the price or other terms on which they acquire goods or services)
- Refusing to supply a person or company access to any products, services or inputs they require

Under no circumstances must Participants share Competitively Sensitive Information. Competitively Sensitive Information means confidential information relating to a Participant which if disclosed to a competitor could affect its current or future commercial strategies, such as pricing information, customer terms and conditions, supply terms and conditions, sales, marketing or procurement strategies, product development, margins, costs, capacity or production planning.