

Stage 2 gas reforms

To improve the reliability and supply adequacy of the East Coast Gas System

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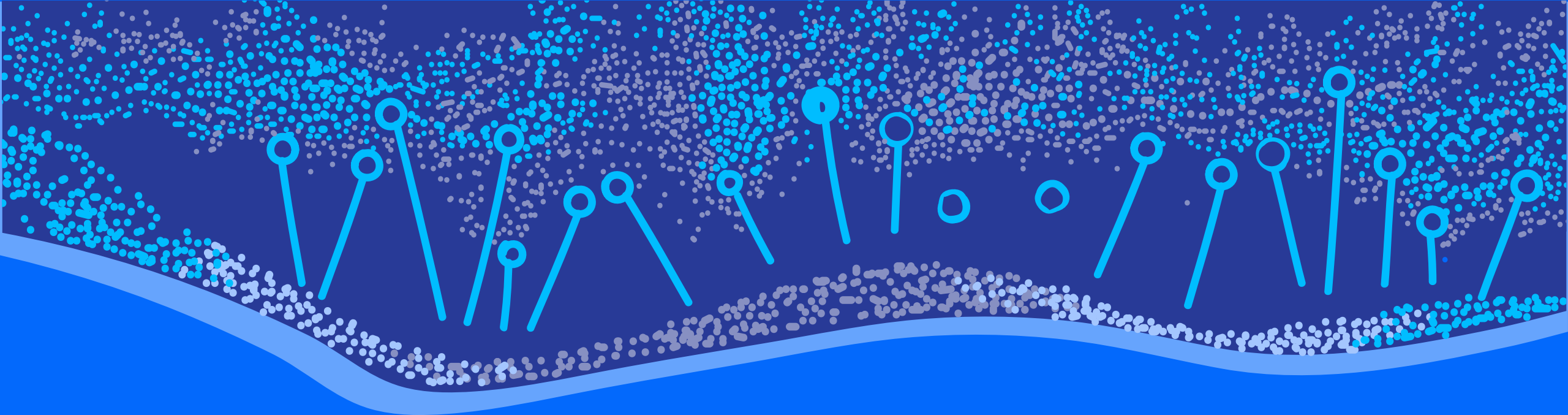
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AEMC Gas work program – current workstream snapshot

FUTURE OF GAS NETWORKS:



Gas networks in transition

Gas connections

Gas disconnections and abolishments

ECGS STAGE 2 RSA REFORMS:

Enhancing reliability and supply adequacy arrangements

Projected assessment of system adequacy (PASA)

Notice of closure for gas infrastructure (NOC)

Supplier of last resort (SoLR)

OTHER GAS RULE CHANGES:

Gas cyber security

Allowing AEMO to accept cash as credit

Extension of the DWGM Dandenong LNG interim arrangements

ADVISORY WORK:

Commonwealth Review of Gas Market Code

ECMC LT RSA (Investment support + GSOO planning)

Reliability and Supply Adequacy reforms

Stage

1

reforms:

Came into effect on 4 May 2023

- Expanded AEMO's functions to:
 - Monitor and communicate risks or threats to the reliability or adequacy of gas supply
 - Respond by using new directions and/or trading functions if AEMO deems it necessary to prevent, reduce, or mitigate the threat

Stage

2

reforms:

Four rule change requests from Energy Ministers to:

- Enhance Stage 1 reforms and help facilitate more timely and efficient market-led responses
- Guide AEMO in utilising new functions



ECGS Stage 2 reforms



Where are we now?

Rule changes

ECGS notice of closure for gas infrastructure (NOC)

ECGS projected assessment of system adequacy (PASA)

ECGS Enhancing reliability and supply adequacy arrangements (ERSAA)

ECGS supplier of last resort mechanism (SoLR)

Next publications

Final determination
June 2026

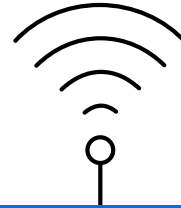
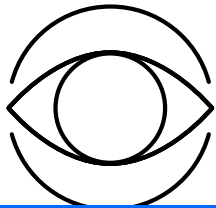
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Rule change complete



A more complete reliability framework



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**Better
visibility**

- Earlier notice of closures
- Improved outage and risk visibility
- Emerging shortfalls identified sooner

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**Stronger
market signals**

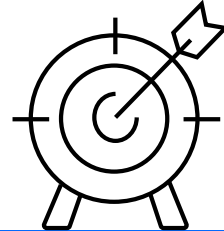
- Clearer, more timely information
- Better decision-making by participants
- More confidence to respond

3

**Credible
backstops**

- Defined last resort tools (SoLR)
- Proportionate intervention framework
- Clear triggers for action

Stage 2 reforms: what this means



1

**Reliability
has changed**

- Not just long-term planning
- Now a day-to-day operational challenge

2

**Clear
philosophy**

- Good information
- Clear signals
- Disciplined intervention

3

**Not the end
of the story**

- Part of broader reform program
- Links to long-term adequacy and investment
- Will continue to evolve



A more transparent, resilient and transition-ready gas system





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