



MEUG near-term calendar from 14 July 2025 – public version

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Security of Supply									
TP	Fortnightly System Operator informal forum		22 Tu		5 Tu		19 Tu		2 Tu
TP	Lower South Island (LSI) security issues (very low lake levels) being monitored: now at 97% (SI total) of average as at 15 July	Ongoing							
TP	HVDC planned outages: None advised	Ongoing							
TP	Simulated storage trajectories No forecasts cross the Watch curve, commentary up for June 2025 ERC update	Ongoing							
TP	New Zealand Generation Balance (NZGB) : forecast over next 200 days; latest update here – July2025 report)	Ongoing							
TP	Automated Under Frequency Load Shedding (AUFLS) Project : project completed	Ongoing							
TP	Grid on winter ratings till 20 October (see CAN 3 May)	Ongoing							
TP	Security of Supply Assessment (SOSA) : Final 2025 SoSA published here	Ongoing							
TP	Review of the System Operator Security of Supply Forecasting and Information Policy (SOSFIP) : Expect to consult on a draft SOSFIP amendment proposal in Sept 2025 and submit a final proposal to the Authority late 2025	Ongoing							
TP	System Operator Rolling Outage Plan: Final 2025/26 plan published here	Ongoing							
TP	Consultation on Draft Ancillary Services Procurement Plan 2025, subs closed, TP have submitted its change proposal and draft Plan to the EA for their consideration. next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Consultation on Credible Event - Review of groups of generating units, subs closed, next steps TBC	TBA							
EA	Future security and resilience (FSR) project . Decision on Part 8 Code amendments here – came into effect 1 May, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Frequency-related Code amendment proposals, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBC	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Battery energy storage systems roadmap, subs due 31 July			31 Th					

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EA	Consultation on Future system operation project - Distribution system operation, subs due 19 Aug, running webinar on 24 July (register here)		24 Th				19 Tu		
EA	Consultation on Promoting reliable electricity supply: A voltage-related Code amendment proposal, subs due 15 July	15 Tu							
EA	Consultation on Promoting reliable electricity supply – Code amendment proposal on common quality-related information, subs due 12 Aug					12 Tu			
EA	Managing peak electricity demand : Decision paper released here , EA to progress six solutions, new outage rules effective from 1 Jan 2025	Ongoing							
EA	Improving visibility of generation investment : EA has issued decision paper - issuing two information gathering notices to collect more data	Ongoing							
EA	Improving the accuracy of intermittent generation forecasts : hybrid forecasting arrangement to take effect 31 July 2025, application form to use own forecast here and guidance here	Ongoing		31 Th					
Spot / hedge markets									
EA	Stress test disclosures : applies to consumers grid connected or who buy from Clearing Manager; next disclosure due end Sept	Ongoing							
EA	Hedge market and over the counter (OTC) market : Improvements to hedge disclosure obligations went live 30 Oct 2024 (here); Consultation on Improving visibility of competition in the OTC contract market, subs closed, all subs published here , next steps TBC	Ongoing							
EA	Pricing in a renewables-based system : Authority released latest quarterly update (April to June 2025) on progress with MDAG recommendations here ; New dashboard highlights flexibility hedge product trends – see here	Ongoing							
EA	Understanding Market monitoring weekly reports , latest trading conduct report –29 June 2025	Ongoing							
Energy Competition Task Force and Government review									
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1A: Consider requiring gentailers to offer firming for Power Purchase Agreements</i> : Published an update paper - Enabling new generation entry – Options for power purchase; Code change decision in June 2025	TBA							

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EA / ComCom	Action 1B: Introduce standardised flexibility products: Trading of product from Jan 2025, auction logs of results available here , consultation on whether to regulate super peak product – Aug 2025	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	Action 1C: Prepare for virtual disaggregation of the flexible generation base: EEAG input in Nov 2024, Outline published in Feb 2025	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	Action 1D: Investigate level playing field measures such as non-discrimination rules as a regulatory backstop: Consultation closed on level playing field measures , subs published here , Decision expected on whether to consult on rule change to introduce mandatory non-discrimination measures— Aug 2025; update/consultation in Sept 2025	TBA							
EA / ComCom	Action 2A: Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers export electricity at peak times: Consultation on Requiring distributors to pay a rebate, subs and cross subs closed, Decision paper published here	16 W							
EA / ComCom	2B Require all retailers to offer time-of-use pricing and Action 2C: Require retailers to better reward consumers for supplying power: Consultation on Improving pricing plan options, subs closed, Decision paper published here	16 W							
EA / ComCom	Action 2D: Reward industrial consumers for providing short-term demand flexibility: Consultation on an issues and option paper, subs closed, Code change decision if or when required, Consultation on Energy reserve scheme – 31 July 2025	TBA		31 Th					
MBIE	Review of Electricity Market Performance : Frontier selected as lead consultation, MEUG met with reviewers on 24 Feb, Ministers received report, expecting announcements or release around September	Ongoing							
Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: EA priority initiatives calendar from May to Oct 2025 here , SRC 29 May 2025 meeting papers available here , next EAAG meeting – 6 Aug, new member sought for Common Quality Technical Group, nominations due 22 July		22 Tu		6 W				
EA	Power Innovation Pathway – regulatory support to be provided to 8 high-value initiatives	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Our future is digital, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Green Paper - Working together to meet the needs of New Zealanders, subs closed, all subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Quarterly online updates: 28 May recording available here , next update TBC	TBC							

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EA	Consultation on Evolving multiple retailing and switching, subs due 29 July			29 Tu					
EA	Improving retail market monitoring : EA will begin publishing aggregated retail data and insights on website end of 2025	Ongoing							
EA	Consumer Care Obligations : published updated guidance here to support retailers with obligations from 1 April.	Ongoing							
EA	Improving consumer choice : decision paper released here , updated guidelines on saves and win-backs here	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Enabling consumer mobility by improving access to electricity product data, subs due 12 Aug					12 Tu			
EA	Consultation on 21 Dec 2024 under-frequency event, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on 26 July 2024 under-frequency event, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
MEUG meetings / events									
	MEUG fortnightly opt-in meeting	18 F		1 Fr		15 F		29 F	
	Monthly MEC meeting: Next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for 18 Aug						18 M		
Transmission and distribution services									
EA	Distribution pricing : Consultation on distribution generation pricing principles, subs and cross subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Distribution connection pricing proposed Code amendment, webinar here , subs and cross-sub closed, all subs published here , all cross subs published here , decisions to be released 18 July – register for webinar here	18 F							
EA	Updating regulatory settings for distribution networks : Indicative work programme published here	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Network connections project – stage one, webinar here , subs and cross subs closed, all subs published here , all cross subs published here , decisions to be released 18 July – register for webinar here	18 F							
EA	Default distributor agreements (DDA) : Current DDA came into effect 25 Nov 2024	Ongoing							
EA	Transmission Pricing Methodology : decision paper here on changes to TPM, with changes effective 1 April 2026	Ongoing							
TP	Consultation on Ōtāhuhu–Whakamaru A and B Lines reconductoring project, subs due 18 July	18 F							
TP	Consultation on Resilience at Redclyffe substation, TP submitted major capex proposal to ComCom on 12 June, media here and application here , next steps TBA	TBA							

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TP	Consultation on short list for HVDC Link upgrade programme, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Consultation on Waikato Regional Interconnection Capacity Project closed, all subs published here , consultation on shortlist in late 2025, submit application to ComCom in first half of 2026	TBA							
TP	Upper South Island Upgrade Project : Further consultation on short list options for SI upgrades, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Transmission pricing methodology (TPM): Transpower ran a TPM post implementation survey, TPM workshops scheduled for 23/24 July		23/24						
ComCom	Input Methodologies: Issues Notice of Intention to begin work on potential amendments to IMs for EDBs, draft decision expected in August 2025.	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on open letter on proposed approach to Aurora's transition to DPP4, subs closed, draft decision expected in July.	TBA							
ComCom	DPP4 and DPP3 Reopeners : Consultation on Vector catastrophic event reopener draft decision, subs due 17 July; Published Unison Network Limited's application for a catastrophic event DPP3 reopener; draft decision for consultation in due course	17 Th							
ComCom	Innovation Allowances for EDBs (INTSA): Applications received from Powerco , Unison and Vector ; approval letter published for Orion INTSA application(here)	TBA							
Greenhouse gas topics relevant to electricity policy									
MBIE	Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS): Govt announced decisions on key elements of CCUS framework (here), next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	Advancing New Zealand's energy transition : energy strategy possibly expected alongside Frontier final report	TBA							
MBIE	Consultation on Regulatory proposals for natural and orange hydrogen development, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
MfE:	NZ ETS Consultation on NZ ETS unit settings and annual regulatory updates 2025, subs closed, next steps TBA; Consultation on the Proposed changes to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme regulations 2025, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
MfE	Emissions reduction plans : ERP2 released here	Ongoing							
MfE	NZUs at \$57.45 (Jarden, 11 July), 2025 auction calendar published – next auction 10 Sept 2025	Ongoing							

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Additional events and government workstreams									
INFRA	Feedback sought on draft National Infrastructure Plan, subs due 6 Aug				6 W				
MFE	Consultation on Infrastructure, development and primary sector national direction, electricity in Package 1, subs due 27 July		27 Su						
MBIE	Consultation on Supporting the uptake of Smart Electric Vehicle charging in New Zealand, subs due 1 Aug			1 F					
MBIE	Consultation on Draft Fuel Security Plan, subs due 25 Aug							25 M	
MBIE	NZ Energy Quarterly Jan to March 2025 quarterly report here , next update on 11 Sept 2025	Ongoing							
MBIE	Offshore renewable energy regime : Offshore Renewable Energy Bill introduced into Parliament on Tues 19 Dec (see here), committee report here , at second reading	TBA							
MBIE	Announcement to reverse oil and gas exploration ban, Crown Minerals Amendment Bill with select committee, report back released 25 Oct (here), at third reading	TBA							
	Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue) , 2025 sitting calendar here	15 – 17	22 – 24	29 – 31		12 – 14	19 – 21		
	Training: Energy Link online training 2025 dates here ; info session for retailers on new mandatory reporting – 31 July	16 – 17	22 – 23	31 Th					
	Sector conferences / events: Energy Trader Forum (Auck) – 23 July, NZ Geothermal week 28 July – 2 Aug in Taupo, Building Nations 2025 conference – 6/7 Aug , ACCC/AER regulatory conference – 7/8 Aug, Gas User's Forum – 8 Aug, NZ Wind Energy Summit – 26 – 28 Aug		23 W	28 – 2	6 – 8			26 – 28	
	Public holidays: Start of term 3 – 14 July	14 M							

TP	Transpower	ComCom	Commerce Commission	MBIE	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
EA	Electricity Authority	CCC	Climate Change Commission	MfE	Ministry for the Environment
SO	System Operator	INFRA	Infrastructure Commission	EECA	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority

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