



**Major Electricity
Users' Group**

MEUG near-term calendar from 15 Sept 2025 – public version

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a robust
electricity
market

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Security of Supply									
TP	Fortnightly System Operator informal forum	16 Tu		30 Tu		14 Tu		28 Tu	
TP	HVDC planned outages: Pole 2/3 outages for maintenance on HVDC cable 6 (see CAN 8 Sept)		22 – 26						
TP	Simulated storage trajectories No forecasts cross the Watch curve, commentary up for August ERC update	Ongoing							
TP	New Zealand Generation Balance (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update here – September 2025 report	Ongoing							
TP	Grid on winter ratings till 20 October (see CAN 3 May)	Ongoing					20 M		
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	Ongoing							
TP	System Operator Rolling Outage Plan: Final 2025/26 plan published here	Ongoing							
TP	Consultation on Part 8 Code Amendment – Connected Asset Commissioning, Testing and Information Standard (CACTIS), subs due 29 Sept			29 M					
EA	Consultation on Review of urgent Code amendment to the System Operator's information gathering powers, subs closed, all subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Future security and resilience (FSR) project . Decision on Part 8 Code amendments here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Promoting reliable electricity supply – Code amendment proposal on common quality-related information, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBC	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Future system operation project - Distribution system operation, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Frequency-related Code amendment proposals, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBC	TBA							

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EA	Consultation on Battery energy storage systems roadmap, subs closed, all subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Promoting reliable electricity supply: A voltage-related Code amendment proposal, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Managing peak electricity demand : Decision paper released here , EA to progress six solutions	Ongoing							
EA	Improving visibility of generation investment : Generation investment dashboard published here	Ongoing							
EA	Improving the accuracy of intermittent generation forecasts : hybrid forecasting arrangement in place	Ongoing							
EA	Workshop on reactive power and voltage coordination, Wellington and online, register here				8 W				
Spot / hedge markets									
ComCom	Consultation on statement of preliminary issues relating Gentailers authorisation for Huntly agreement, subs closed, MEUG sub here , decision by 16 Feb 2026	Ongoing							
TP	Consultation on Evolving market resource co-ordination: Tiebreaker provisions, subs and cross subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Stress test disclosures : applies to consumers grid connected or who buy from Clearing Manager; next disclosure due end Sept			30 Tu					
EA	Hedge market and over the counter (OTC) market : Additional consultation on Improving visibility of competition in the OTC contract market, subs closed, all subs published here , decision to introduce new info disclosure requirements for OTC – see here , first participant submission due 14 Oct; workshop on new requirements to be held 23 Sept (register here)	TBA	23 Tu			14 Tu			
EA	Pricing in a renewables-based system : Authority released latest quarterly update (April to June 2025) on progress with MDAG recommendations here	Ongoing							
Energy Competition Task Force and Market review									
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1A: Consider requiring gentailers to offer firming for Power Purchase Agreements</i> : Published an update paper; Code change decision TBC	TBA							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1B: Introduce standardised flexibility products</i> : consultation on Regulating the standardised super-peak hedge contract, subs due 30 Sept, webinar held 10 Sept (recording here)			30 Tu					
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1C: Prepare for virtual disaggregation of the flexible generation base</i> : Outline published in Feb 2025								

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EA / ComCom	Action 1D: Investigate level playing field measures such as non-discrimination rules as a regulatory backstop: Announcements of next steps to level the playing field here , Consultation on draft Code changes to introduce mandatory non-discrimination obligations – Oct, Consult on a review of market making - Nov	TBA							
EA / ComCom	Action 2A: Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers export electricity at peak times: Decision paper published here	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	2B Require all retailers to offer time-of-use pricing and Action 2C: Require retailers to better reward consumers for supplying power: Decision paper published here	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	Action 2D: Reward industrial consumers for providing short-term demand flexibility: Consultation on Establishing an Energy reserve scheme, subs closed, MEUG sub here , next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	Review of Electricity Market Performance : Ministers received report, expecting announcements or release around September	TBA							
Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: EA priority initiatives calendar out to March 2026 here	Ongoing							
EA	Quarterly update held 21 Aug, recording here , next update TBC	TBC							
EA	Power Innovation Pathway – regulatory support to be provided to 8 high-value initiatives	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Our future is digital, subs closed, all subs published here , EA running workshops on next steps for digitalisation project on 8/11/12/15 Sept –register here	15 M							
EA	Consultation on Green Paper , subs closed, all subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Evolving multiple retailing and switching, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Improving retail market monitoring : EA will begin publishing aggregated data and insights end of 2025, retail market monitoring notice amended here	Ongoing							
EA	Consumer Care Obligations : compliance reports due 30 Sept.	Ongoing		30 Tu					
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 closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBC							

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MEUG meetings / events									
	MEUG fortnightly opt-in meeting	19 F	26 F		10 F		20, 24		7 F
	Monthly MEC meeting: Next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for 29 Oct							29 W	
Transmission and distribution services									
EA	Distribution pricing : Consultation on distribution generation pricing principles, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Distribution connection pricing: technical consultation closed on Distribution connection pricing fast-track measures; online Q&A sessions on 11 Sept, 9 Oct and 13 Nov (register here), Code amendments finalised here				9 Th				
EA	Updating regulatory settings for distribution networks : Indicative work programme published here	Ongoing							
EA	Network connections project : decision paper released here , webinar on processes – 19 Sept; technical consultation on Network connections project (stage one) Code drafting, subs due 7 Oct	19 F			7 Tu				
EA	Default distributor agreements (DDA) : Current DDA came into effect 25 Nov 2024	Ongoing							
EA	Transmission Pricing Methodology: consultation on TPM technical amendments: subs closed and subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Exploring network visibility, subs due 17 Oct, Wellington workshop on 18 Sept	18 Th				17 F			
TP	Consultation on Ōtāhuhu–Whakamaru A and B Lines reconductoring project, subs closed, summary of subs here , preparing application for ComCom to submit later in 2025	TBA							
TP	Te Kanapu: Consultation 1 : Imagining Aotearoa in 2050, subs closed, short sub made via survey and discussed with TP on 18 Aug, Summary of survey responses published here , Te Kanapu Workshop – 29 Oct (Wellington)	TBA						29 W	
TP	Consultation on Resilience at Redclyffe substation, TP submitted major capex proposal to ComCom on 12 June, application here , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	HVDC Link upgrade programme : subs closed on short list, subs published here , webinar held 9 Sept to discuss proposal, major capex proposal submitted to ComCom	TBA							
TP	Consultation on Waikato Regional Interconnection Capacity Project closed, consultation on shortlist in late 2025, submit application to ComCom in first half of 2026	TBA							
TP	Upper South Island Upgrade Project : TP have applied to ComCom for approval of USI project (see here)	TBA							

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TP	Transmission pricing methodology (TPM): Transpower ran a TPM post implementation survey, webinars held in July	Ongoing							
ComCom	DPP5: Consultation on Open letter seeking feedback on approach to DPP5 for EDBs, subs due 7 Oct				7 Tu				
ComCom	Input Methodologies: Issued Notice of Intention to begin work on potential amendments to IMs for EDBs, draft decision expected in August 2025.	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on draft decision paper for Aurora Energy's transition to the 2025 2030 default price-quality path, subs closed, subs published here , cross subs by 23 Sept		23 Tu						
ComCom	DPP4 and DPP3 Reopeners : Published Unison Network Limited's application for DPP3 reopener; draft decision for consultation in due course; Published Wellington Electricity unforeseeable large project reopener	Ongoing							
ComCom	Innovation Allowances for EDBs (INTSA): Ongoing	Ongoing							
TP & EDB	Consultation on Energizing Queenstown – joint project between TP, Aurora and PowerNet, feedback due 19 Sept	19 F							
Greenhouse gas topics relevant to electricity policy									
MBIE	Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS): Govt decisions on key elements of CCUS framework (here), next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	Advancing New Zealand's energy transition : energy strategy 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 \$58.25 (Jarden, 12 Sept), 2025 auction calendar published –Q3 ETs auction received no bids, next auction 3 Dec 2025	Ongoing							
MfE / EA	Industrial allocation : 2025 EAF released here	Ongoing							
Additional events and government workstreams									
MBIE	Consultation on draft Geothermal Strategy for NZ, subs closed, MEUG sub here , next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	NZ Energy Quarterly Jan to March 2025 quarterly report here , June quarter update here , next update 11 Dec	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; Cabinet making changes to legislation – see here	TBA							

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	Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue), 2025 sitting calendar here	16 – 18			7 – 9	14 – 16	21 – 23		4 – 6
	Training: Energy Link online training 2025 dates here ; Brightstar course - The Fundamentals of Renewable Energy & Energy Transition 19/20 Nov; EA Reconciliation Manager user forum – 23 Oct (register here)				8 – 9	14 – 15	21 – 22		
	Sector conferences / events: Oceania Renewable Power Summit – 16/17 Sept. UDL webinar – 18 Sept , EECA market update – 25 Sept , Transpower customer and stakeholder webinar – 15 Oct, Energy Trader Forum – 17 Oct , NZ Geothermal workshop – 11 – 13 Nov	16- 18	25 Th			15, 17			
	Public holidays: school holidays start 20 Sept, term 4 start 6 Oct, Labour Day – 27 Oct	20 Sa			6 M			27 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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