



MEUG near-term calendar from 16 February 2026 – public

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End Week starting Monday		16 Feb	23 Feb	2 March	9 March	16 March	23 March	30 March	6 April
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Security of Supply									
TP	Fortnightly System Operator informal forum		24 Tu		10 Tu		24 Tu		7 Tu
TP	HVDC planned outages: Currently pole 3 of the HVDC is on an outage. There is a bipole outage (full HVDC outage) between 21 and 23 Feb, and otherwise single pole outages from 19 Feb to 2 Mar. HVDC capacity materially reduced over this period and inter-island price separation is likely.	16 - 22	23 – 1	2					
TP	Simulated storage trajectories No forecasts cross the Watch curve, commentary up for January Energy Security Outlook	Ongoing							
TP	New Zealand Generation Balance (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update here – Dec 2025 report)	Ongoing							
TP	Grid on Summer ratings from 1 Dec 2025 to 15 Mar 2026 (see CAN 24 Nov 2025)	Ongoing			15 Su				
TP	Security of Supply Assessment (SOSA): Final 2025 SoSA published here , expect to commence consultation on draft 2026 SOSA in April	TBC							
TP	Review of the System Operator Security of Supply Forecasting and Information Policy (SOSFIP) : Final SOSFIP amendment proposal submitted to EA, who are expected to consider it in Feb, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	System Operator Rolling Outage Plan: Final 2025/26 plan here ; draft annual outage plan 2026/27 here ; TP to hold the 2026/27 Annual Outage Forum on 18 March, 1-2pm	Ongoing				18 W			
TP	Consultation on Part 8 Code Amendment – Connected Asset Commissioning, Testing and Information Standard (CACTIS), subs published here , published summary of subs and recommendations here , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Consultation on initial engagement paper – System Operator strategy, subs due 27 Feb		27 F						
EA	Future security and resilience (FSR) project . Authority has refreshed the FSR indicators – see here , workshop on reactive power and voltage coordination – 26 Feb (details here)		26 Th						

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EA	Consultation on Promoting reliable electricity supply – Code amendment proposal on common quality-related information, subs published here , next steps TBC	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Frequency-related Code amendment proposals, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Draft determination of causer: 11 July 2025 under frequency event, feedback closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Battery energy storage systems : decision paper / regulatory roadmap for battery energy storage systems published here	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Wholesale market arrangements for battery energy storage systems, subs closed, 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 : EA progressing six initiatives	Ongoing							
EA	Improving visibility of generation investment : Consultation on Improving visibility of significant distributed generation and load projects, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
Spot / hedge markets									
TP	Consultation on Evolving market resource co-ordination: Tiebreaker provisions, subs and cross subs closed, subs published here , summary and response to subs document here , will include the solution in next Policy Statement review, with consultation starting Q1 2026 and completion by June 2026.	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Strengthening price discovery in the forward electricity markets, 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 25 March	Ongoing					25 W		
EA	Hedge market and over the counter (OTC) market : Decision to introduce new info disclosure requirements for OTC – see here	Ongoing							
EA	Pricing in a renewables-based system : Authority released latest quarterly update (October to December 2025) on progress with MDAG recommendations here	Ongoing							
Energy Competition Task Force and Government 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							

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EA / ComCom	Action 1B: Introduce standardised flexibility products: consultation on Regulating the standardised super-peak hedge contract, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA; Consultation on Standardised super-peak hedge contract: clause 2.16 information notice, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA / ComCom	Action 1C: Prepare for virtual disaggregation of the flexible generation base: Outline published in Feb 2025	TBA							
EA / ComCom	Action 1D: Investigate level playing field measures such as non-discrimination rules as a regulatory backstop: Consultation on Level playing field proposed Code amendments, subs closed, Workshop on retail price consistency assessments (RPCAs) held 9 Dec	TBA							
EA / ComCom	Action 2A: Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers export electricity at peak times: Decision paper published here ; guidance resources available ; Consultation on Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers supply electricity at peak times, final decision paper 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 ; guidance resources available	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	Action 2D: Reward industrial consumers for providing short-term demand flexibility: Decision made to introduce Emergency Reserve Scheme, code amendments come into force 1 March, implement by Q4 2026; Feedback closed on standardised demand flexibility product.		Tu						
EA / ComCom	Consultation on open letter to stakeholders seeking views on potential competition-based issues in the electricity sector that could assist the development of its 2026 work programme, feedback closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	Review of Electricity Market Performance : Government announcements on 1 Oct (here); Frontier related Cabinet papers and briefings released here	Ongoing							
Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: EA work programme calendar out to July 2026 here ; SRC meeting papers – 23 October 2025 ;	TBA							
EA	Quarterly update held 3 Dec (recording here) –next update TBC	TBA							
EA	Consultation on 2026/27 Levy-funded appropriations, subs closed, MEUG sub here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Power Innovation Pathway – regulatory support to be provided to 8 high-value initiatives	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Code amendment omnibus #6, subs due 23 Feb		23 M						

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EA	Consultation on collecting energy margin information, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Maximising benefits from local electricity generation, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Transitioning to a more digital electricity system : summary of workshops here , next steps TBA	Ongoing							
EA	Improving retail market monitoring : EA will begin publishing aggregated data and insights end of 2025	Ongoing							
EA	Consumer Care Obligations : published first annual report into compliance with obligations – see here	Ongoing							
EA	Consumer mobility : hosting a series of workshops (details here), Consultation on Evolving multiple trading relationships and switching, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Improving consumer choice : Consultation on Improving electricity billing in New Zealand, subs closed, subs published, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Proposed Code amendments to improve access to product data, subs closed, subs published here , next steps	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Improving prudential security arrangements, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Requiring the use of half-hourly data for reconciliation, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
MEUG meetings / events									
	MEUG fortnightly opt-in meeting	20 F		6 F		20 F		3 F	
	Monthly MEC meeting: In person meeting in Wellington on 18 March					18 W			
Transmission and distribution services									
EA	Distribution pricing : Consultation on distribution generation pricing principles, subs closed, next steps TBA	Ongoing							
EA	Distribution connection pricing reform : Consultation on Removing barriers for new connections, webinar held 17 Nov, cross subs closed (proposal C); subs closed and cross subs 23 Feb (proposals A and B)		23 M						
EA	Network connections project : progress tracker – shift to 10kW export limits	Ongoing							
EA	Transmission Pricing Methodology : decision paper published here – technical amendments to improve TPM	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Exploring network visibility, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							

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TP	Consultation on Ōtāhuhu–Whakamaru A and B Lines reconductoring project, subs closed, summary of subs here , submitted proposal to Commission for approval (see here)	Ongoing							
TP	Te Kanapu: Consultation on phase 2: potential scenarios, subs closed, next steps TBA	Ongoing							
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 : major capex proposal submitted to ComCom; draft decision expected in March	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							
TP	Consultation on Waikato and upper North Island (WUNI) stage 2 project short-list, subs due 25 Feb		25 W						
TP	Transmission pricing methodology (TPM): Transpower launched operational review of TPM (here), consultation on workstream #1 in March, next steps TBA	Ongoing							
ComCom	Consultation on Amendment to DPP4 default price quality path – Quality incentive adjustment correction, subs due 20 Feb	20 F							
ComCom	Consultation on draft decision for Transpower's Redclyffe (RDF) major capex project proposal, subs closed, MEUG sub here , cross subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on Proposed amendments to Transpower Capex Input Methodologies Determination, feedback due 20 Feb	20 F							
ComCom	Consultation on Draft decision on Transpower's Upper South Island Major Capex Project (MCP) Proposal, subs closed, cross subs due 3 March			3 Tu					
ComCom	Consultation on Draft decision package on the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure – Related party transaction threshold, subs / cross subs closed, decision paper published here	19 Th							
ComCom	Consultation on draft decision: Proposed amendment to the input methodologies for electricity distribution businesses – accounting for shifted revenue, subs and cross subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on Reconsideration of Aurora Energy Customised Price-Quality path – Error event reopener, subs due 3 March			3 Tu					
ComCom	DPP5: Consultation on Open letter seeking feedback on approach to DPP5 for EDBs, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							

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ComCom	Consultation on Draft decision for the Nelson Electricity and Network Tasman merger price-quality path amendments, subs close 29 Jan, MEUG sub here , next steps TBA	TBA							
Comcom	EDB Reopeners : Consultation on draft decision on Unison (Cyclone Gabrielle catastrophic event) reopener – subs closed, next steps TBA; Consultation on Reconsideration of DPP4 default price-quality path for Wellington Electricity – Central Park 2 unforeseeable large project, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Innovation Allowances for EDBs (INTSA): Current applications from Vector (2) and Orion; approved two INTSA applications from Powerco and Unison (here)	Ongoing							
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	Energy strategies for New Zealand : Next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	Hydrogen : Consultation on Regulatory proposals for natural and orange hydrogen development, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
MfE:	NZ ETS Key dates, events and announcements here	TBA							
MfE	Emissions reduction plans : ERP2 released here	Ongoing							
MfE	NZUs at \$39.75 (Jarden, 13 Feb), ETS 2026 auction dates confirmed here , next auction on 3 March 2026	Ongoing		3 Tu					
MfE / EA	Industrial allocation : 2025 EAF released here ; Authority consulted on discussion paper looking at gas price data, subs closed, MEUG sub here , MEUG met with EA on 16 Feb, next steps TBA	16 M							
Additional events and government workstreams									
	Introduction of Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill to replace the RMA, both bills passed first reading, at Select Committee, consultation closed on both Bills, next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	Consultation on draft Geothermal Strategy for NZ, subs closed, summary of subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	NZ Energy Quarterly July to September (Q3) 2025 quarterly report here next update 12 March 2026	Ongoing			12 Th				
MBIE	Offshore renewable energy regime : Offshore Renewable Energy Bill introduced into Parliament (see here), at Committee of Whole House	TBA							
EECA	Consultation on EECA's 2026/27 levy consultation, subs due 8 March			8 Su					
TP	Transpower's customer webinars – 26 March, 14 May, 23 July, 17 Sept, 19 Nov		26 Th						
	Consultation on corporate PPA template, feedback closed, launch of PPA initiative – 5 March			5 Tu					

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	Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue) , 2026 sitting calendar here ; election date announced – 7 Nov	17 – 19		3 – 5	10 – 12		24 – 26	31 – 2	
	Training: Energy Link online training 2026 dates here – courses 3/4 March and 11/12 March, Uni of Auckland Summer School in Energy Economics – 16 – 18 Feb (register here); Brightstar energy courses here	16 – 18		3 – 4	11 – 12	17 – 18			
	Sector conferences / events: Ngakau Hihiko event (Auckland) – 24 Feb , EECA market update – 26 Feb, Hydrogen Speaker Series : Aerospace & Aviation - 5 March 2026 , Downstream conference 31 March – 1 April 2026, Energy Trader Forum – 15 April (Auckland) EA/ERGANZ event – 21 April, UDL Annual forum – 30 April , Electrify Queenstown event 17 – 19 May		24, 26	5 Th				31 – 1	
	Public holidays: Good Friday – 3 April, Easter Monday – 6 April							3 F	6 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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