



## MEUG near-term calendar from 18 May 2026 - public

Promoting  
a robust  
electricity  
market

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<b>Security of Supply</b>									
TP	Fortnightly <a href="#">System Operator informal forum</a>	19 Tu		2 Tu		16 Tu		30 Tu	
TP	HVDC / Transmission planned outages: Transmission outages in the central and lower North Island this week. Some constrained transmission but no material price separation is expected.	Ongoing							
TP	<a href="#">Simulated storage trajectories</a> No forecasts cross the Watch curve, <a href="#">commentary</a> up for April Energy Security Outlook	Ongoing							
TP	<a href="#">New Zealand Generation Balance</a> (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update <a href="#">here</a> – April 2026 report)	Ongoing							
TP	Grid on winter ratings from 10 May 2026 (see <a href="#">CAN 3 May 2026</a> )	Ongoing							
TP	<a href="#">Security of Supply Assessment</a> (SOSA): Final 2025 SoSA published <a href="#">here</a> ; <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Draft Security of Supply Assessment 2026, subs closed, MEUG sub <a href="#">here</a> , cross subs by 21 May	21 Th							
TP	System Operator Rolling Outage Plan: Final annual outage plan 2026/27 <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Draft Policy Statement 2026, subs due 4 June, cross subs by 11 June			4 Th	11 Th				
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on initial engagement paper – System Operator strategy, subs closed, all subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next phase of consultation in mid-2026	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Applications</a> open for co-design panel for the Emergency Reserve Scheme, with nominations closing 20 May	20 W							
EA	<a href="#">Future security and resilience (FSR) project</a> . Authority has refreshed the <a href="#">FSR indicators</a> ; Connected Asset Commissioning, Testing and Information Standard (CACTIS) Code amendment finalised – decision paper and addendum <a href="#">here</a>	18 M							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Promoting reliable electricity supply: Options to address a harmonics issue, subs due 30 June							30 Tu	
EA	Consultation on Wholesale market arrangements for battery energy storage systems: Code amendment, subs due 30 June							30 Tu	
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Common quality and wholesale market arrangements for BESSs and BESS-hybrid stations, subs due 30 June							30 Tu	

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EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Parts 1, 7 and 8 Common quality requirements review, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Managing peak electricity demand</a> : EA progressing six initiatives	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Improving visibility of generation investment</a> : Decision paper on Improving visibility of significant distributed generation and load projects, EA require the first set of data submission by 7 December 2026	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Feedback</a> sought on five-minute settlement discussion paper, feedback due 30 June							30 Tu	
<b>Spot / hedge markets</b>									
EA	<a href="#">Stress test disclosures</a> : applies to consumers grid connected or who buy from Clearing Manager; next disclosure due end June	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Hedge market</a> and <a href="#">over the counter (OTC) market</a> : Decision to introduce new info disclosure requirements for OTC – see <a href="#">here</a> ; Hedge disclosure certificates due by 30 June	Ongoing						30 Tu	
EA	<a href="#">Pricing in a renewables-based system</a> : Authority released latest quarterly update (January – April 2026) on progress with MDAG recommendations <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
<b>Energy Competition Task Force and Government market review</b>									
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1B: Introduce standardised flexibility products</i> : Decision on market making the standardised super peak contract published as part of the review of market making, periodic liquidity assessment	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1D: Investigate level playing field measures such as non-discrimination rules as a regulatory backstop</i> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> closed on Non-discrimination obligations: RPCA, uncommitted capacity & other matters, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , NDO consultation decision published in May, Workstream now incorporates - <i>Action 1A</i> : Consider requiring gentailers to offer firming for Power Purchase Agreements: Workstream also include outline completed as part of Action 1C: Prepare for virtual disaggregation of the flexible generation base	TBA							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 2A: Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers export electricity at peak times</i> : final decision paper <a href="#">here</a> ; updated guidance to be published in May	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	<i>2B Require all retailers to offer time-of-use pricing and Action 2C: Require retailers to better reward consumers for supplying power</i> : Decision paper published <a href="#">here</a> ; guidance resources <a href="#">available</a> ; Category B retailers prepare for requirement to offer time-varying price plans to residential and small business customers with smart meters (commences 1 October)	Ongoing							

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EA / ComCom	<i>Action 2D: Reward industrial consumers for providing short-term demand flexibility</i> : Development of standardised demand flexibility product underway	Ongoing							
MBIE	<a href="#">Review of Electricity Market Performance</a> : Government announcements <a href="#">here</a> ; Frontier related Cabinet papers and briefings released <a href="#">here</a> ; MBIE detail on LNG procurement <a href="#">here</a> ; Decision on LNG terminal TBC	TBC							
<b>Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme</b>									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: EA work programme calendar March to July 2026 <a href="#">here</a> ; SRC meeting papers – 23 February 2026; SRC advice to Authority – <a href="#">10 March 2026</a> ; next consumer wananga event – 17 June; calling for nominations for EAAG – <a href="#">due 27 May</a>		27 W			17 W			
EA	Quarterly update held 21 April (recording <a href="#">here</a> ), next update TBC	TBC							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Code review programme #7, subs due 9 June				9 Tu				
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on collecting energy margin information, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Transitioning to a more digital electricity system</a> : summary of workshops <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Improving information on high-voltage network capacity, subs due 16 June					16 Tu			
EA	<a href="#">Improving retail market monitoring</a> : EA will begin publishing aggregated data and insights end of 2025	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Consumer Care Obligations</a> : published first annual report into compliance with obligations – see <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Consumer mobility</a> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> closed on Evolving multiple trading relationships and switching, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Improving consumer choice</a> : EIEP14A will take effect on 30 October 2026	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Prudential security</a> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Improving prudential security arrangements Code amendment, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
<b>MEUG meetings / events</b>									
	MEUG fortnightly opt-in meeting		29 F		12 F		26 F		10 F
	Monthly MEC meeting: AGM scheduled for 23 June – in person attendance preferred						23 Tu		
<b>Transmission and distribution services</b>									
EA / ComCom / EECA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> closed on joint open letter - Ensuring consumers benefit from efficient investment in non-network solutions, feedback and subs on open letter published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							

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EA	<a href="#">Distribution pricing</a> : Consultation on distribution generation pricing principles, subs closed, subs and cross subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Distribution connection pricing reform</a> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Reducing barriers for new connections: WACC estimate for connection charge reconciliation, subs and cross closed, sub published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Reforming network pricing for distributed generation to promote efficient investment, subs closed, cross subs due 3 June			3 W					
EA	<a href="#">Network connections project</a> : <a href="#">progress tracker</a> – shift to 10kW export limits; new rules to encourage more solar <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Transmission Pricing Methodology</a> : update <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Exploring network visibility, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on New 'load and other' connections: proposed application process, feedback due 7 June			7 Su					
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Tararua Enabling Renewables: Major Capex Proposal; Long List Consultation, subs due 15 June					15 M			
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on proposed updated starting benefit-based investment (BBI) customer allocations (starting allocations) for the Central North Island (CNI) and High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Reactive Support BBIs, subs and cross closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Te Kanapu</a> : Consultation #3 closed– <a href="#">Future direction – our energy scenarios</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Waikato Regional Interconnection Capacity Project closed, consultation on shortlist in late 2025, submit application to ComCom in first half of 2026	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Waikato and upper North Island (WUNI) stage 2 project short-list, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , summary of subs <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on HVDC undersea cable decommissioning, subs closed, all subs published <a href="#">here</a> , summary of subs here, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Transmission pricing methodology (TPM): Transpower launched operational review of TPM ( <a href="#">here</a> ), <a href="#">Consultation</a> on TPM Operational Review Workstream 1, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , first set of changes provided to EA on <a href="#">17 April</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on TPM assumptions book, subs due 29 May, cross subs 5 June, webinar to be held 20 May	20 W	29 F	5 F					
ComCom	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on HVDC Link Upgrade, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , cross subs closed, MEUG cross sub <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Transpower's Ōtāhuhu-Whakamaru listed project draft decision, subs due by 21 May, cross subs by 9 June	21 Th			9 Tu				

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ComCom	Input methodologies: <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Draft decision on the common cost of capital input methodologies review (fibre and regulated suppliers under Part 4), subs and cross subs closed, all subs / cross subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Amendment to DPP4 default price quality path – Quality incentive adjustment correction, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Proposed amendments to Transpower Capex Input Methodologies Determination, subs closed, MEUG did not submit, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	<a href="#">Consultation</a> closed on Draft decision on Transpower’s Upper South Island Major Capex Project (MCP) Proposal, TP asking ComCom to defer its final decision; TP supplied the Commission with an addendum to proposal to provide transparency on next phases of the project given uncertainty over the specific project need date (update <a href="#">here</a> )	TBA							
ComCom	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on draft decision: Proposed amendment to the input methodologies for electricity distribution businesses – accounting for shifted revenue, subs and cross subs closed, final decision <a href="#">here</a>	TBA							
ComCom	DPP5: <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Open letter seeking feedback on approach to DPP5 for EDBs, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
Comcom	<a href="#">EDB Reopeners</a> : Active DPP4 Reopeners – Wellington Electricity & Horizon; Active DPP3 reopeners – Unison	TBA							
ComCom	<a href="#">Innovation Allowances for EDBs</a> (INTSA): Current applications from Vector, Powerco (2), Orion, Horizon published two INTSA approval letters – Horizon, Union <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
<b>Greenhouse gas topics relevant to electricity policy</b>									
MBIE	Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS): Govt decisions on key elements of CCUS framework <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	Ongoing							
MBIE	<a href="#">Energy strategies for New Zealand</a> : Next steps TBA	TBA							
MfE:	<a href="#">NZ ETS</a> Key dates, events and announcements <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
MfE	<a href="#">Emissions reduction plans</a> : ERP2 released <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
MfE	NZUs at \$52.05 (Jarden, 15 May), ETS 2026 auction dates confirmed <a href="#">here</a> , next auction on 9 June 2026	Ongoing			9 Tu				
CCC	<a href="#">NZ ETS</a> : Climate Change Commission’s advice on NZ ETS unit limits and price control settings released <a href="#">here</a> ; 2026 National climate change risk assessment <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
MfE / EA	<a href="#">Industrial allocation</a> : EA expect to publish a determination of the EAF for the 2025/26 financial year in July 2026	Ongoing							
<b>Additional events and government workstreams</b>									
	Introduction of <a href="#">Planning Bill</a> and <a href="#">Natural Environment Bill</a> to replace the RMA, both bills passed first reading, at Select Committee, <a href="#">consultation</a> closed on both Bills, Select Committee report back due 26 June						26 F		

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MBIE	<a href="#">NZ Energy Quarterly</a> October to December quarter (Q4) 2025 <a href="#">here</a> ; next update 11 June 2026	Ongoing			11 Th				
MBIE	<a href="#">Offshore renewable energy regime</a> : Offshore Renewable Energy Bill introduced into Parliament (see <a href="#">here</a> ), at Committee of Whole House	TBA							
TP	Transpower's customer webinars –19 May, 23 July, 17 Sept, 19 Nov	19 Tu							
MinReg	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Residential and small to medium scale solar review, feedback via survey due on 29 May		29 F						
	<a href="#">Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue)</a> , 2026 sitting calendar <a href="#">here</a> ; election date announced – 7 Nov	19 – 21	26 – 28				23 – 25	30 – 2	
	<b>Training:</b> <a href="#">Energy Link online training</a> 2026 dates <a href="#">here</a> , Brightstar energy courses <a href="#">here</a> – Fundamentals of NZ electricity industry course – <a href="#">11/12 June</a>				11/12				
	<b>Sector conferences / events:</b> Electrify Queenstown event 17 – 19 May, Nga Ara Whetu/Green Energy Engineering Lecture – <a href="#">20 May</a> , Carbon and Energy Professionals (CEP) conference – 26/27 May, EUAA national conference – 27/28 May, UDL webinar - <a href="#">28 May</a> , Hawkes Bay Energy Summit – 9 June; Hydrogen speaker series – 12 June (detail <a href="#">here</a> ), Speaker Series & Global Wind Day Celebration – 18 June	18 – 19, 20	26 – 28		9, 12	18 Th			
	<b>Public holidays:</b> Kings birthday – 1 June, Matariki – 10 July			1 M					10 F

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

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