



## MEUG near-term calendar from 19 January 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>		27 Tu		10 Tu		24 Tu		10 Tu
TP HVDC planned outages: None advised	TBA							
TP <a href="#">Simulated storage trajectories</a> No forecasts cross the Watch curve, <a href="#">commentary</a> up for December Energy Security Outlook	Ongoing							
TP <a href="#">New Zealand Generation Balance</a> (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update <a href="#">here</a> – Dec 2025 report)	Ongoing							
TP Grid on Summer ratings from 1 Dec 2025 to 15 Mar 2026 (see <a href="#">CAN 24 Nov 2025</a> )	Ongoing							15 Su
TP <a href="#">Security of Supply Assessment</a> (SOSA): Final 2025 SoSA published <a href="#">here</a> ; consultation on 2026 SoSA: Reference Case Assumptions and Sensitivities, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP <a href="#">Review of the System Operator Security of Supply Forecasting and Information Policy (SOSFIP)</a> : 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 <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
TP <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Part 8 Code Amendment – Connected Asset Commissioning, Testing and Information Standard (CACTIS), subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , published summary of subs and recommendations <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP <a href="#">Consultation</a> on initial engagement paper – System Operator strategy, subs due 27 Feb	Ongoing						27 F	
EA <a href="#">Future security and resilience (FSR) project</a> . Authority has refreshed the FSR indicators – see <a href="#">here</a> , workshop on reactive power and voltage coordination – 26 Feb (details <a href="#">here</a> )	TBA						26 Th	
EA <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Promoting reliable electricity supply – Code amendment proposal on common quality-related information, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBC	TBA							
EA Future system operation project: Decision to develop a cross-agency future system operation roadmap – aim to publish first half of 2026 (details <a href="#">here</a> )	TBA							

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EA	Future system operation project: Decision to develop a cross-agency future system operation roadmap – aim to publish first half of 2026 (details <a href="#">here</a> )	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Frequency-related Code amendment proposals, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Draft determination of cause: 11 July 2025 underfrequency event, feedback now due 30 Jan		30 F						
EA	<a href="#">Battery energy storage systems</a> : decision paper / regulatory roadmap for battery energy storage systems published <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Wholesale market arrangements for battery energy storage systems, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Promoting reliable electricity supply: A voltage-related Code amendment proposal, 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> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Improving visibility of significant distributed generation and load projects, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
<b>Spot / hedge markets</b>									
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Evolving market resource co-ordination: Tiebreaker provisions, subs and cross subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , summary and response to subs document <a href="#">here</a> , will include the solution in next Policy Statement review, with consultation starting Q1 2026 and completion by June 2026.	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Strengthening price discovery in the forward electricity markets, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Stress test disclosures</a> : applies to consumers grid connected or who buy from Clearing Manager; next disclosure due end March	Ongoing							
EA	Hedge market and <a href="#">over the counter (OTC) market</a> : Decision to introduce new info disclosure requirements for OTC – see <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Pricing in a renewables-based system</a> : Authority released latest quarterly update (July – September 2025) on progress with MDAG recommendations <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
<b>Energy Competition Task Force and Government market review</b>									
EA / ComCom	Action 1A: Consider requiring gentailers to offer firming for Power Purchase Agreements: <a href="#">Published</a> an update paper; Code change decision TBC	TBA							

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EA / ComCom	Action 1B: Introduce standardised flexibility products: <a href="#">consultation</a> on Regulating the standardised super-peak hedge contract, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA; <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Standardised super-peak hedge contract: clause 2.16 information notice, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , 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: <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Level playing field proposed Code amendments, subs closed, Workshop on retail price consistency assessments (RPCAs) held 9 Dec, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA / ComCom	Action 2A: Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers export electricity at peak times: Decision paper published <a href="#">here</a> ; guidance resources <a href="#">available</a> ; <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers supply electricity at peak times, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , final decision paper <a href="#">here</a>	20 Tu							
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 <a href="#">here</a> ; guidance resources <a href="#">available</a>	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	Action 2D: Reward industrial consumers for providing short-term demand flexibility: <a href="#">Decision</a> made to introduce Emergency Reserve Scheme, code amendments come into force 1 March, implement by Q4 2026.						1 Su		
EA / ComCom	<a href="#">Consultation</a> 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 requested by 30 Jan		30 F						
MBIE	<a href="#">Review of Electricity Market Performance</a> : Government announcements on 1 Oct – see detail <a href="#">here</a> ; Frontier related Cabinet papers and briefings released <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
<b>Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme</b>									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: EA work programme calendar out to July 2026 <a href="#">here</a> ; SRC meeting papers – <a href="#">23 October 2025</a> ;	TBA							
EA	Quarterly update held 3 Dec (recording <a href="#">here</a> ) –next update TBC	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on 2026/27 Levy-funded appropriations, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Power Innovation Pathway</a> – regulatory support to be provided to 8 high-value initiatives	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Code amendment omnibus #6, subs due 23 Feb					23 M			

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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="#">Consultation</a> on Maximising benefits from local electricity generation, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Our future is digital, subs closed, all subs published <a href="#">here</a> , EA ran workshops in Sept, summary of workshops <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	Ongoing							
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> : Authority published a framework for monitoring effectiveness of the Obligations, see <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
EA	Consumer mobility: hosting a series of workshops (details <a href="#">here</a> ), 9 workshops across Nov – Feb ; will consult on a revised proposed for multiple trading relationship in late Jan 2026 (see <a href="#">here</a> )	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Improving consumer choice</a> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Improving electricity billing in New Zealand, subs closed, subs published, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Proposed Code amendments to improve access to product data, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Improving prudential security arrangements, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Requiring the use of half-hourly data for reconciliation, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
<b>MEUG meetings / events</b>									
	MEUG fortnightly opt-in meeting	23 F		5 Th		20 F		6 F	
	Monthly MEC meeting: First MEC meeting for 2026 scheduled for 10 Feb				10 Tu				
<b>Transmission and distribution services</b>									
EA	<a href="#">Distribution pricing</a> : Consultation on distribution generation pricing principles, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Distribution connection pricing reform</a> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Removing barriers for new connections, webinar held 17 Nov, cross subs due 5 Feb 2026 (proposal); subs due 4 Feb and cross subs 23 Feb (proposals A and B)			4, 5			23 M		
EA	<a href="#">Network connections project</a> : decision paper released <a href="#">here</a> , decision paper <a href="#">released</a> - Code finalised to make connecting to networks faster and easier; calling for nominations for Network Services Technical Group with nominations due 10 Feb (see <a href="#">here</a> )	Ongoing			10 Tu				
EA	<a href="#">Transmission Pricing Methodology</a> : decision paper published <a href="#">here</a> – technical amendments to improve TPM	Ongoing							

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TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Ōtāhuhu–Whakamaru A and B Lines reconductoring project, subs closed, summary of subs <a href="#">here</a> , submitted proposal to Commission for approval (see <a href="#">here</a> )	Ongoing							
TP	<a href="#">Te Kanapu</a> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> on phase 2: potential scenarios, subs closed, technical webinar held 11 Dec, next steps TBA	Ongoing							
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Resilience at Redcliffy substation, TP submitted major capex proposal to ComCom on 12 June, application <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">HVDC Link upgrade programme</a> : major capex proposal submitted to ComCom	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="#">Upper South Island Upgrade Project</a> : TP have applied to ComCom for approval of USI project (see <a href="#">here</a> )	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Waikato and upper North Island (WUNI) stage 2 project short-list, subs due 25 Feb						25 W		
TP	Transmission pricing methodology ( <a href="#">TPM</a> ): Transpower to launch operational review of TPM ( <a href="#">here</a> ), details <a href="#">here</a> , called for nominations for TPM Operational Review Working Group, nominations closed 16 Jan, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on draft decision for Transpower's Redcliffy (RDF) major capex project proposal, subs due 30 Jan and cross subs by 13 Feb 2026		30 F		13 F				
ComCom	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Draft decision on Transpower's Upper South Island Major Capex Project (MCP) Proposal, subs due 17 Feb, cross subs due 3 March					17 Tu		3 Tu	
ComCom	Published a <a href="#">Notice of Intention</a> for Potential amendments to Transpower Capital Expenditure IMs – Transpower major capex incentive provisions; intend to publish proposed amendments and a draft decision reasons paper in Jan 2026	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on Draft decision package on the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure – Related party transaction threshold, subs closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , cross subs due 22 Jan	22 Th							
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, next steps TBA	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							

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ComCom	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Draft decision for the Nelson Electricity and Network Tasman merger price-quality path amendments, subs close 29 Jan		29 Th						
Cocom	<a href="#">EDB Reopeners: Consultation</a> on draft decision on Unison (Cyclone Gabrielle catastrophic event) reopeners – subs closed, next steps TBA; <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Reconsideration of DPP4 default price-quality path for Wellington Electricity – Central Park 2 unforeseeable large project, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	<a href="#">Innovation Allowances for EDBs</a> (INTSA): Current applications from Vector (2) and Orion; approved two INTSA applications from Powerco and Unison ( <a href="#">here</a> )	Ongoing							
TP & EDB	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Energizing Queenstown – joint project between TP, Aurora and PowerNet, feedback closed, summary of subs <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
<b>Greenhouse gas topics relevant to electricity policy</b>									
MBIE	Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage ( <a href="#">CCUS</a> ): Govt decisions on key elements of CCUS framework <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	<a href="#">Advancing New Zealand's energy transition</a> : Next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	<a href="#">Hydrogen</a> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Regulatory proposals for natural and orange hydrogen development, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
MfE:	<a href="#">NZ ETS</a> Key dates, events and announcements <a href="#">here</a>	TBA							
MfE	<a href="#">Emissions reduction plans</a> : ERP2 released <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
MfE	NZUs at \$33.60 (Jarden, 16 Jan), ETS 2026 auction dates confirmed <a href="#">here</a> , next auction on 3 March 2026	Ongoing						3 Tu	
MfE / EA	<a href="#">Industrial allocation</a> : 2025 EAF released <a href="#">here</a> ; Authority consulting on discussion paper looking at gas price data, subs due 26 Jan		26 M						
<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> opens on both Bills, subs due 13 Feb				13 F				
MBIE	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on draft Geothermal Strategy for NZ, subs closed, summary of subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	<a href="#">NZ Energy Quarterly</a> July to September (Q3) 2025 quarterly report <a href="#">here</a> next update 12 March 2026	Ongoing						12 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							
	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on corporate PPA template, feedback now due 23 Jan	23 F							
	<a href="#">Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue)</a> , 2026 sitting calendar <a href="#">here</a> ; election date announced – 7 Nov		27 – 28		10 – 12	17 – 19		3 – 5	10 – 12

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	<b>Training:</b> <a href="#">Energy Link online training</a> 2026 dates <a href="#">here</a> – courses 3/4 March and 11/12 March, Uni of Auckland Summer School in Energy Economics – 16 – 18 Feb (register <a href="#">here</a> ); Brightstar energy courses <a href="#">here</a>					<b>16 – 18</b>		<b>3 – 4</b>	<b>11 – 12</b>
	<b>Sector conferences / events:</b> BusinessNZ Back to Business Cocktail party – 10 Feb, Energy Resources Aotearoa Annual Energy Sector Breakfast – 10 Feb, Downstream conference 31 March – 1 April 2026, EA/ERGANZ event – 21 April				<b>10 Tu</b>				
	<b>Public holidays:</b> Wellington anniversary – 19 Jan, Auckland anniversary – 26 Jan, Waitangi Day - 6 Feb	<b>19 M</b>	<b>26 M</b>	<b>6 F</b>					

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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