



MEUG near-term calendar from 19 January 2026 – public

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Security of Supply									
TP	Fortnightly System Operator informal forum		27 Tu		10 Tu		24 Tu		10 Tu
TP	HVDC planned outages: None advised	TBA							
TP	Simulated storage trajectories No forecasts cross the Watch curve, commentary up for December 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 ; consultation on 2026 SoSA: Reference Case Assumptions and Sensitivities, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
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	Ongoing							
TP	Consultation on Part 8 Code Amendment – Connected Asset Commissioning, Testing and Information Standard (CACTIS), subs closed, 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	Ongoing					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)	TBA					26 Th		
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	Future system operation project: Decision to develop a cross-agency future system operation roadmap – aim to publish first half of 2026 (details here)	TBA							

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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 underfrequency event, feedback now due 30 Jan		30 F						
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 end March	Ongoing							
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 (July – September 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, next steps TBA	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, subs closed, subs published here , final decision paper here	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 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.						1 Su		
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 requested by 30 Jan		30 F						
MBIE	Review of Electricity Market Performance : Government announcements on 1 Oct – see detail 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, 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	Consultation on Our future is digital, subs closed, all subs published here , EA ran workshops in Sept, 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 : Authority published a framework for monitoring effectiveness of the Obligations, see here	Ongoing							
EA	Consumer mobility : hosting a series of workshops (details here), 9 workshops across Nov – Feb ; will consult on a revised proposed for multiple trading relationship in late Jan 2026 (see here)	Ongoing							
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	23 F		5 Th		20 F		6 F	
	Monthly MEC meeting: First MEC meeting for 2026 scheduled for 10 Feb				10 Tu				
Transmission and distribution services									
EA	Distribution pricing : Consultation on distribution generation pricing principles, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Distribution connection pricing reform : Consultation 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	Network connections project : decision paper released here , decision paper released - Code finalised to make connecting to networks faster and easier; calling for nominations for Network Services Technical Group with nominations due 10 Feb (see here)	Ongoing			10 Tu				
EA	Transmission Pricing Methodology : decision paper published here – technical amendments to improve TPM	Ongoing							

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EA	Consultation on Exploring network visibility, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
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, technical webinar held 11 Dec, 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	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 to launch operational review of TPM (here), details here , called for nominations for TPM Operational Review Working Group, nominations closed 16 Jan, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on draft decision for Transpower's Redclyffe (RDF) major capex project proposal, subs due 30 Jan and cross subs by 13 Feb 2026		30 F		13 F				
ComCom	Consultation 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 Notice of Intention 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 here , cross subs due 22 Jan	22 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	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		29 Th						
Cocom	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							
TP & EDB	Consultation on Energizing Queenstown – joint project between TP, Aurora and PowerNet, feedback closed, summary of subs here , next steps TBA	TBA							
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 : 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 \$33.60 (Jarden, 16 Jan), ETS 2026 auction dates confirmed here , next auction on 3 March 2026	Ongoing						3 Tu	
MfE / EA	Industrial allocation : 2025 EAF released here ; Authority consulting on discussion paper looking at gas price data, subs due 26 Jan		26 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 opens on both Bills, subs due 13 Feb				13 F				
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							
	Consultation on corporate PPA template, feedback now due 23 Jan	23 F							
	Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue) , 2026 sitting calendar here ; election date announced – 7 Nov		27 – 28		10 – 12	17 – 19		3 – 5	10 – 12

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	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
	Sector conferences / events: 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				10 Tu				
	Public holidays: Wellington anniversary – 19 Jan, Auckland anniversary – 26 Jan, Waitangi Day - 6 Feb	19 M	26 M	6 F					

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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