



MEUG near-term calendar from 20 April 2026 – public

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Security of Supply									
TP	Fortnightly System Operator informal forum	21 Tu		5 Tu		19 Tu		2 Tu	
TP	HVDC / Transmission planned outages : Constraints due to central North Island transmission outages caused some south to north price separation last week. With these outages continuing into this week and relatively high levels of NI generation, this dynamic is reasonably likely to continue occurring.	Ongoing							
TP	Simulated storage trajectories No forecasts cross the Watch curve, commentary up for March Energy Security Outlook	Ongoing							
TP	New Zealand Generation Balance (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update here – March 2026 report)	Ongoing							
TP	Grid on shoulder ratings from till 10 May (see CAN 8 March 2026)			10 Su					
TP	Security of Supply Assessment (SOSA): Final 2025 SoSA published here , expect to commence consultation on a draft of SOSA 2026 in April	TBA							
TP	System Operator Rolling Outage Plan: Final 2025/26 plan here ; draft annual outage plan 2026/27 here	TBA							
TP	Consultation on initial engagement paper – System Operator strategy, subs closed, all subs published here , next phase of consultation in mid-2026	TBA							
EA	Future security and resilience (FSR) project . Authority has refreshed the FSR indicators – see here	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Parts 1, 7 and 8 Common quality requirements review, subs due 12 May				12 Tu				
EA	Consultation on Draft determination of causer: 11 July 2025 under frequency event, feedback closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Wholesale market arrangements for battery energy storage systems, 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 closed on Improving visibility of significant distributed generation and load projects, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							

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Spot / hedge markets									
TP	Consultation on Evolving market resource co-ordination: Tiebreaker provisions, summary and response to subs document here , will include solution in next Policy Statement review, with consultation starting Q1 2026 completed 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 June	Ongoing							
EA	Hedge market and over the counter (OTC) market : Decision to introduce new info disclosure requirements for OTC – see here ; Hedge disclosure certificates due by 30 June	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							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1B: Introduce standardised flexibility products</i> : Consultation closed on Standardised super-peak hedge contract: clause 2.16 information notice, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1C: Prepare for virtual disaggregation of the flexible generation base</i> : Outline published in Feb 2025	TBA							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1D: Investigate level playing field measures such as non-discrimination rules as a regulatory backstop</i> : Consultation closed on Non-discrimination obligations: RPCA, uncommitted capacity & other matters, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 2A: Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers export electricity at peak times</i> : final decision paper here	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 here ; guidance resources available	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 2D: Reward industrial consumers for providing short-term demand flexibility</i> : Decision made to introduce Emergency Reserve Scheme, code amendments in force, implement by Q4 2026; Feedback closed on standardised demand flexibility product.								

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MBIE	Review of Electricity Market Performance : Government announcements here ; Frontier related Cabinet papers and briefings released here ; MBIE detail on LNG procurement here ; Govt aiming to have a preferred provider confirmed by mid-2026	Ongoing							
Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: EA work programme calendar March to July 2026 here ; EAAG meeting – 28 April (Wellington); SRC meeting papers – 23 February 2026; SRC advice to Authority – 10 March 2026 ; next consumer wananga event – 17 June		28 Tu						
EA	Quarterly update held 21 April	21 Tu							
EA	Consultation on 2026/27 Levy-funded appropriations, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Code amendment omnibus #6, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on collecting energy margin information, 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 : Consultation closed on Evolving multiple trading relationships and switching, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Improving consumer choice : Consultation closed on Electricity Information Exchange Protocol 14A – Retailer product information, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Prudential security : Consultation on Improving prudential security arrangements Code amendment, subs due 24 April	24 F							
MEUG meetings / events									
	MEUG fortnightly opt-in meeting			8 F	15 F		29 F		12 F
	Monthly MEC meeting: Online meeting on 29 April; AGM scheduled for 23 June		29 W						
Transmission and distribution services									
EA / ComCom / EECA	Consultation on joint open letter - Ensuring consumers benefit from efficient investment in non-network solutions, feedback closed, MEUG sub here , next steps TBA	TBA							

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EA	Distribution pricing : Consultation on distribution generation pricing principles, subs closed, subs and cross subs published here , next steps TBA	Ongoing							
EA	Distribution connection pricing reform : Consultation on Reducing barriers for new connections: WACC estimate for connection charge reconciliation, subs and cross closed, sub published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Reforming network pricing for distributed generation to promote efficient investment, subs now due 19 May, cross subs due 3 June					19 Tu		3 W	
EA	Network connections project : progress tracker – shift to 10kW export limits; new rules to encourage more solar here	Ongoing							
EA	Transmission Pricing Methodology : update here	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Exploring network visibility, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Consultation 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 here , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Consultation on Ōtāhuhu–Whakamaru A and B Lines reconductoring project, submitted proposal to Commission for approval (see here); ComCom draft decision expected in April	Ongoing							
TP	Te Kanapu : Consultation #3 closed– Future direction – our energy scenarios , webinar to be held 5 May (details here), next steps TBA	TBA		5 Tu					
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	Consultation on Waikato and upper North Island (WUNI) stage 2 project short-list, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Consultation on HVDC undersea cable decommissioning, subs due 8 May, webinar held on 20 April	20 M		8 F					
TP	Transmission pricing methodology (TPM): Transpower launched operational review of TPM (here), Consultation on TPM Operational Review Workstream 1, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on HVDC Link Upgrade, subs due 29 April, cross subs by 13 May		29 W		13 W				

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ComCom	Input methodologies: Consultation on Draft decision on the common cost of capital input methodologies review (fibre and regulated suppliers under Part 4), subs closed, cross subs due 6 May; published notice of intention for potential amendments to the Input Methodologies for EDBs, Gas Pipeline Services, Gas Transmission Services and Transpower on the treatment of government grants related to income			6 W					
ComCom	Consultation on Amendment to DPP4 default price quality path – Quality incentive adjustment correction, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on draft decision for Transpower’s Redclyffe (RDF) major capex project proposal, subs and cross subs closed, all subs published here , decision expected within next fortnight	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on Proposed amendments to Transpower Capex Input Methodologies Determination, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on Draft decision on Transpower’s Upper South Island Major Capex Project (MCP) Proposal, subs and cross closed, subs and cross subs published here , TP asking ComCom to defer its final decision; TP now intends to submit an updated MCP proposal by May	TBA							
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							
Comcom	EDB Reopeners: Consultation closed on draft decision on Unison (Cyclone Gabrielle catastrophic event) reopener –next steps TBA; Unforeseeable large project reopener application (Moa Point) received from Wellington Electricity here , expect to consult on draft decision Q2 of 2026	TBA							
ComCom	Innovation Allowances for EDBs (INTSA): Current applications from Vector, Horizon, Powerco (2), Orion, Unison; approved INTSA application from Vector	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	Ongoing							
MBIE	Energy strategies for New Zealand : Next steps TBA	TBA							
MfE:	NZ ETS Key dates, events and announcements here	Ongoing							
MfE	Emissions reduction plans : ERP2 released here	Ongoing							
MfE	NZUs at \$48.00 (Jarden, 17 April), ETS 2026 auction dates confirmed here , next auction on 9 June 2026	Ongoing							9 Tu
CCC	NZ ETS : Climate Change Commission’s advice on NZ ETS unit limits and price control settings expected by 23 April	23 Th							

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MfE / EA	Industrial allocation : Authority consulted on discussion paper looking at gas price data, subs closed; EA intend to publish a finalised version of the discussion document, along with all subs on website in April	Ongoing							
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, Select Committee report back due 26 June	TBA							
MBIE	NZ Energy Quarterly October to December quarter (Q4) 2025 here ; next update 11 June 2026	Ongoing							11 Th
MBIE	Offshore renewable energy regime : Offshore Renewable Energy Bill introduced into Parliament (see here), at Committee of Whole House	TBA							
TP	Transpower's customer webinars – 14 May, 23 July, 17 Sept, 19 Nov				14 Th				
DPMC	Consultation on Enhancing the cyber security of New Zealand's critical infrastructure system, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
	Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue) , 2026 sitting calendar here ; election date announced – 7 Nov	21 – 23	28 – 30		12 – 14	19 – 21	26 – 28		
	Training : Energy Link online training 2026 dates here , Brightstar energy courses here – Fundamentals of NZ electricity industry course – 11/12 June			5 – 6					11/12
	Sector conferences / events : EA/ERGANZ event – 21 April, UDL webinar – 23 April (register here); Green Energy Engineering Centre lecture – 29 April , UDL Annual forum – 29/30 April , Competition Matters conference – 14 May , Energy Centre seminar on LNG- 14 May ; Electrify Queenstown event 17 – 19 May, EUAA national conference – 27/28 May	21, 23	29, 30		14, 17	18 – 19	27 – 28		
	Public holidays : Term 2 starts – 20 April, ANZAC Day – 25 April, ANZAC day observed – 27 April	20, 25	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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