



This checklist summarises what proponents need to include in a request for a trial rule change. Proponents should refer to our [guide on how to make a rule change](#) and the [principles that apply to trials](#) when making a request.

Please note that the AEMC encourages proponents to engage with us before submitting a rule or trial rule change request.

### 1. Proponents must provide details of the proposed trial

- A description of the proposed trial project.
- A description of the proposed trial rule. You may include rule drafting, but this is optional.
- Identification of any confidential information for the trial project.

### 2. The need for a trial rule must be stated

- Why you need a trial rule to carry out the trial project. This includes why the trial project is unable to proceed under the existing regulatory framework and cannot be dealt with under a trial waiver.
- Whether a trial waiver has been applied for / granted / or denied by the AER.
- A summary of any engagement you have undertaken with the AER, AEMO or any jurisdictional regulator for the trial project.

### 3. The trial description must explain how the innovative trial principles are met

The trial rule must target:

- innovation opportunities**, that may contribute to the development of regulatory or industry experience, and have an explanation of the **cost-benefit analysis** to consumers and market participants.
- how it might **contribute** to the **development of regulatory and industry experience** (a knowledge sharing plan may be included).
- the impact on **consumers** from the trial needs to be described including consumer consent for participation, the period of the trial, the location of the trial, consumer protections and dispute mechanisms during the trial, and how consumers will transition back to their supply arrangements at the end of the trial.
- the impact on **AEMO's operations** must be considered, and the trial proposal should describe how any risks to the safety, reliability and security of the energy supply will be avoided or mitigated

The proponent must:

- have **risk** mitigation and avoidance strategies that address the safety, reliability, and security of the energy supply (a risk management plan may be included).
- demonstrate the **operational and financial ability** to undertake the trial.

### 4. Trial project management processes

The proponent must also describe:

- The approach to consumer engagement and dispute management for participants.
- The trial project's closure process.
- Details of the project timeline and the proposed reporting framework for the project, including how and when progress reports will be provided.