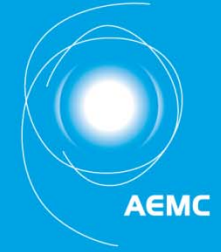


Open access and common communication standards review

Advisory Stakeholder Working Group: Meeting 3

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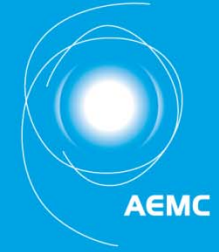


Item 1: Introduction

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Overview

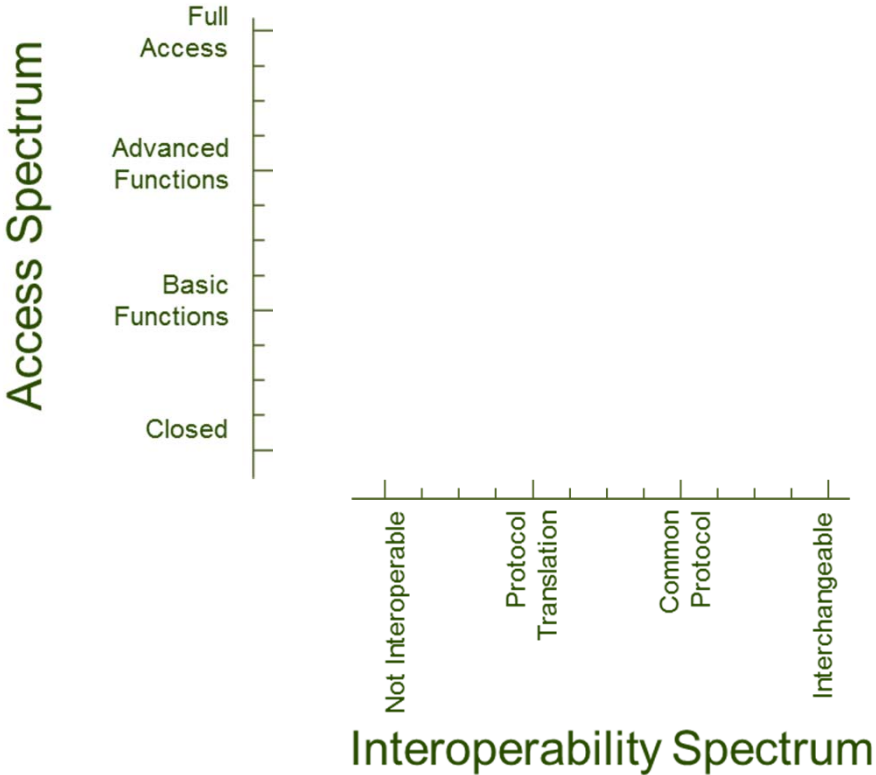
- AEMC recommendations will be guided by principles and assumptions discussed at previous meetings
- Review is to provide advice on an access framework and common communication standards
- Have introduced the access spectrum and the interoperability spectrum to clarify underlying concepts
- The framework should promote customer choice, metering contestability and contestability in DSP and related services
- Review is also to determine the appropriate level of regulation that should apply (if at all)
- The Advisory Stakeholder Working Group is playing a key role as the AEMC develops our advice to SCER



Item 2: Summary of Meetings 1 & 2

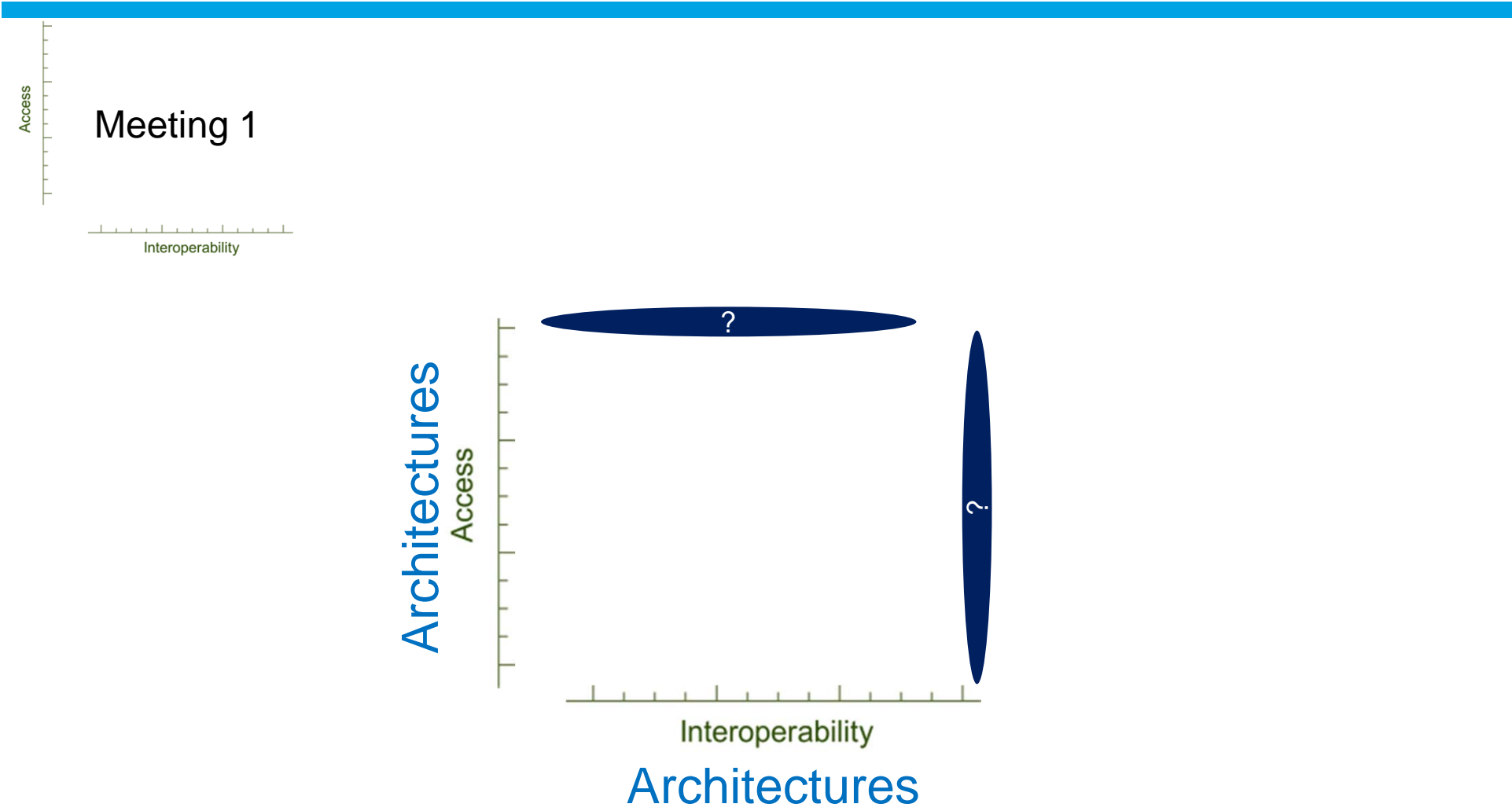
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Summary of Meeting 1

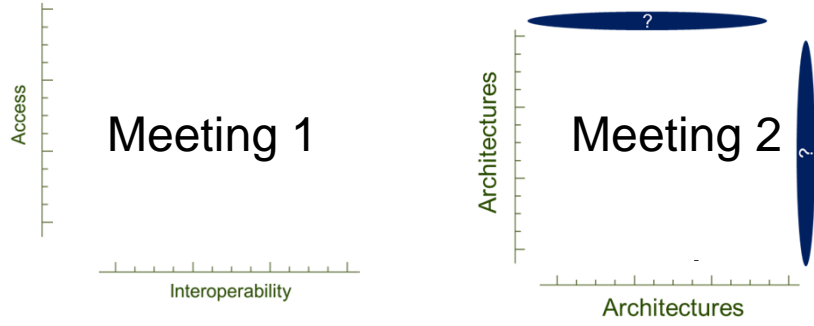


Introduced a framework separating Access and Interoperability

Summary of Meeting 2



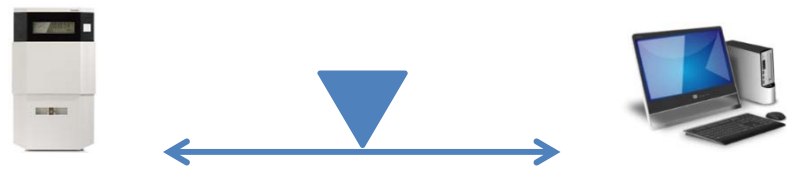
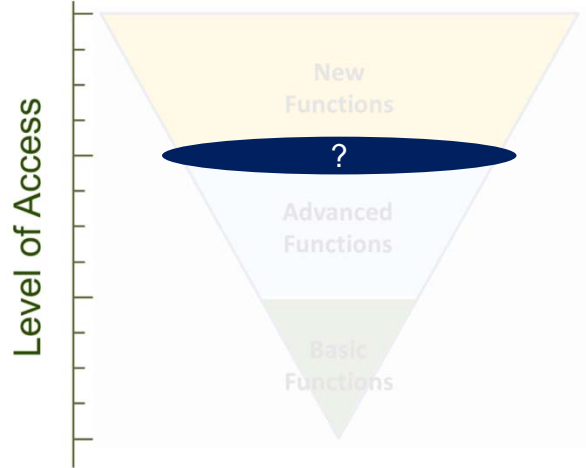
Objective of Meeting 3



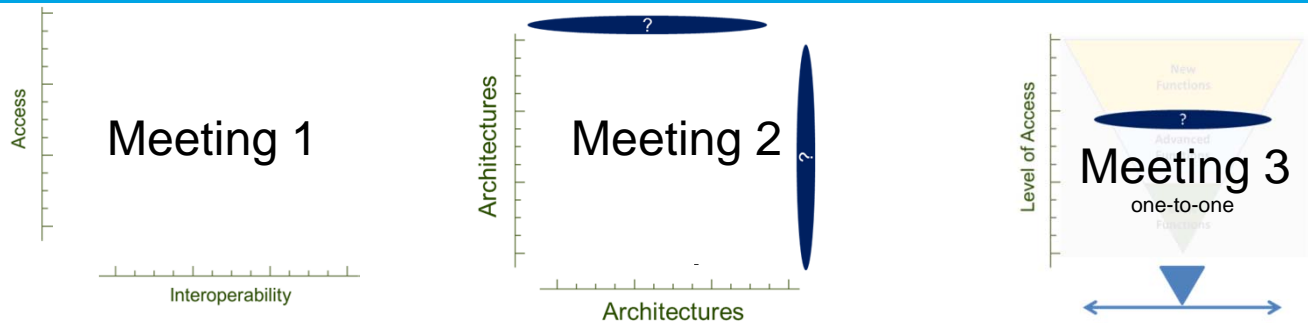
- Introduces Point-of-Entry
- Introduces Level of Access

Explores the relationship between a customer and a retailer (one-to-one)

Identifies potential policy positions for discussion

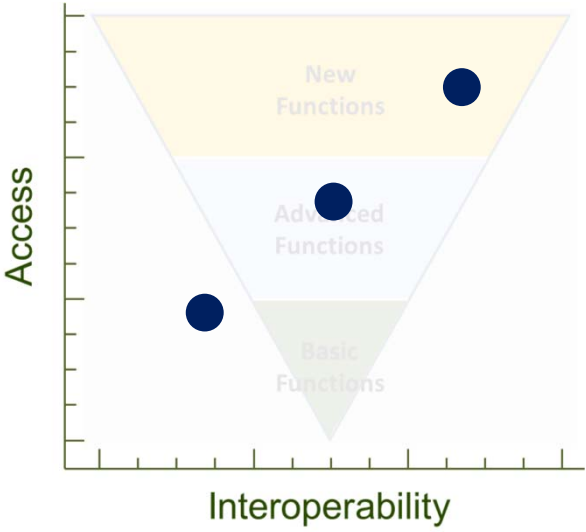


Objective of Meeting 4



Explores the relationship between a customer and multiple parties (one-to-many)

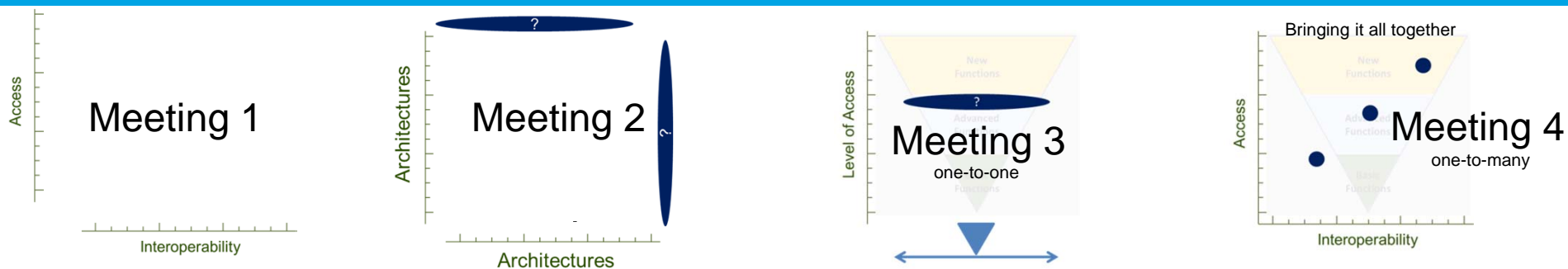
Identify further potential policy positions for discussion



Bringing it all together

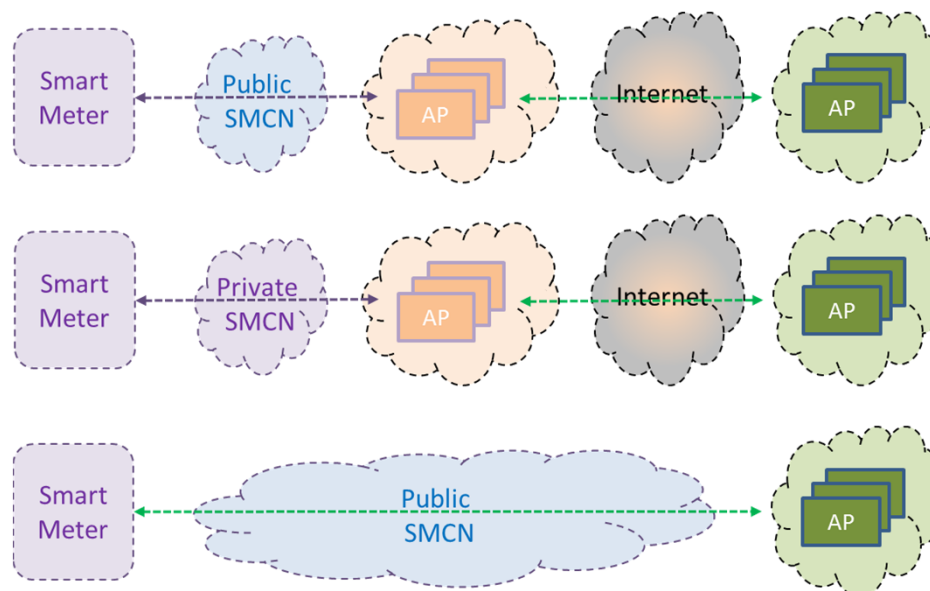
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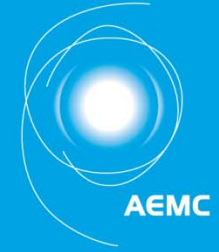
Access and interoperability variables brought together



One-to-many relationships explained by three generic communication pathways between APs and the Smart Meter.

APs will be identified and discussed





Item 4: Regulatory framework – points for discussion

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Regulatory framework

- In assessing the appropriate level of regulation that could be applied, a number of factors require consideration
- The following points are presented for consideration and discussion

Access arrangements

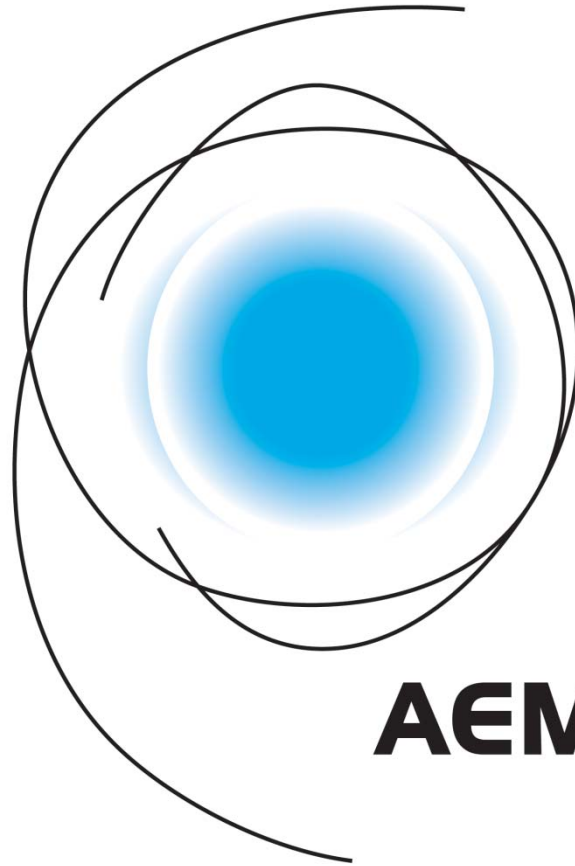
- Follows from discussions at Meeting 2 on the regulatory arrangements for access
- Functions – need to consider the functions of a smart meter for which each accredited party requires access
- Market and regulatory bodies – should access by market and regulatory bodies be treated differently (e.g. AEMO, AER, ombudsmen)
- Categorisation – is it appropriate to group or categorise the functions
- Level of regulation – what is appropriate

Charging arrangements

- Charges will apply – the underlying assumption is that charges will apply to access functions
- Levying charges – charges will be levied at the ‘point of entry’
- Market outcomes – are there sufficient competitive forces to provide efficient outcomes
- Level of regulation – if competitive forces are not sufficient, what would be an appropriate level of regulation
- Regulated entities – should specific consideration be given to regulated entities

Consumer protection

- Risks – what new risks do consumers face
- Existing provisions – are there existing regulatory provisions to minimise or mitigate these risks
- Additional requirements – if existing provisions are not sufficient, what additional consumer protection mechanisms would be appropriate



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