

Local Generation Network Credits

Introduction to the rule change review

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- Timeline for the LGNC rule change review

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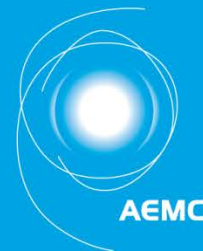
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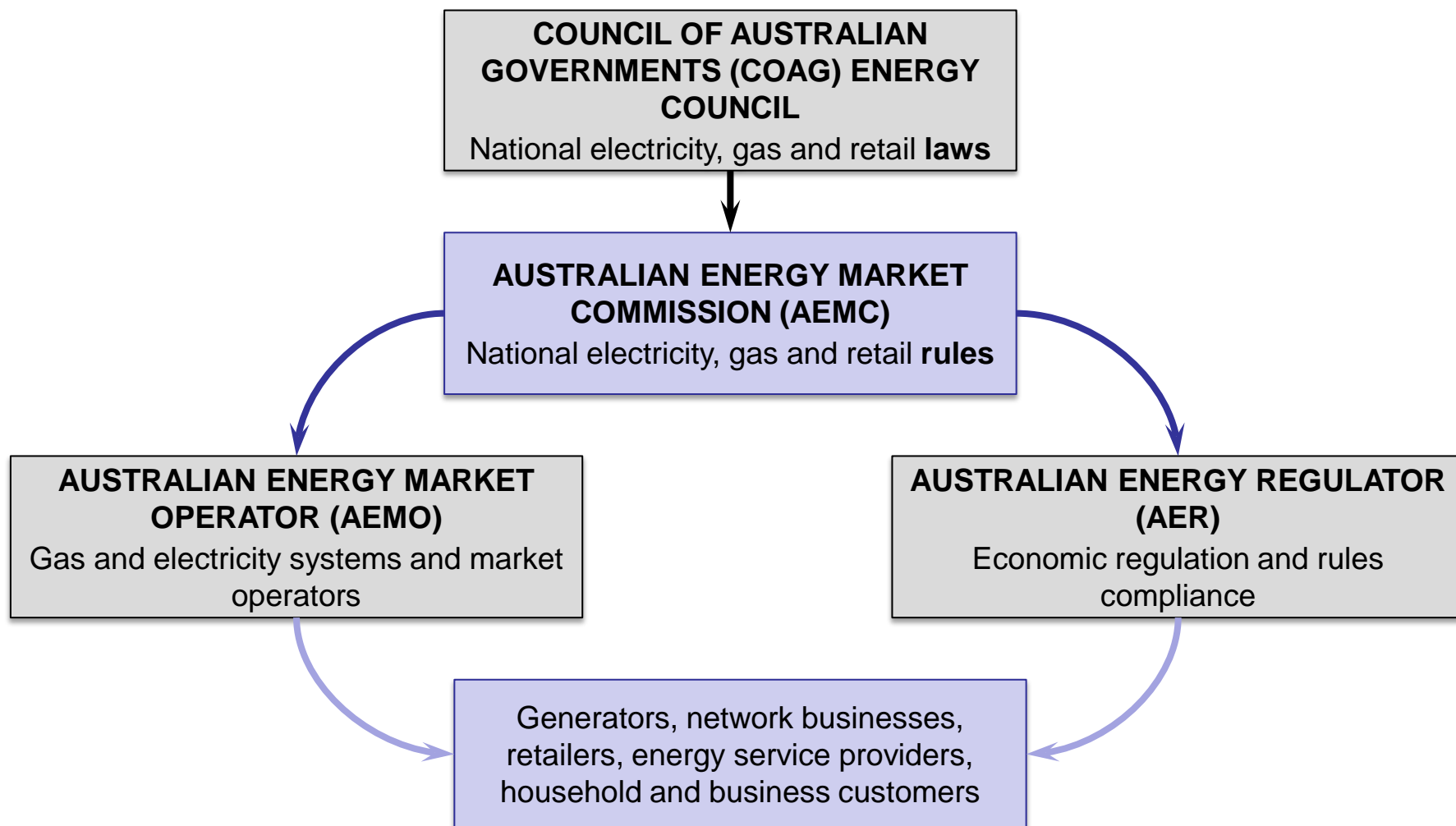
Questions from viewers



The AEMC's role

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Who is the AEMC?



The rule-making test



Price



Quality



Safety



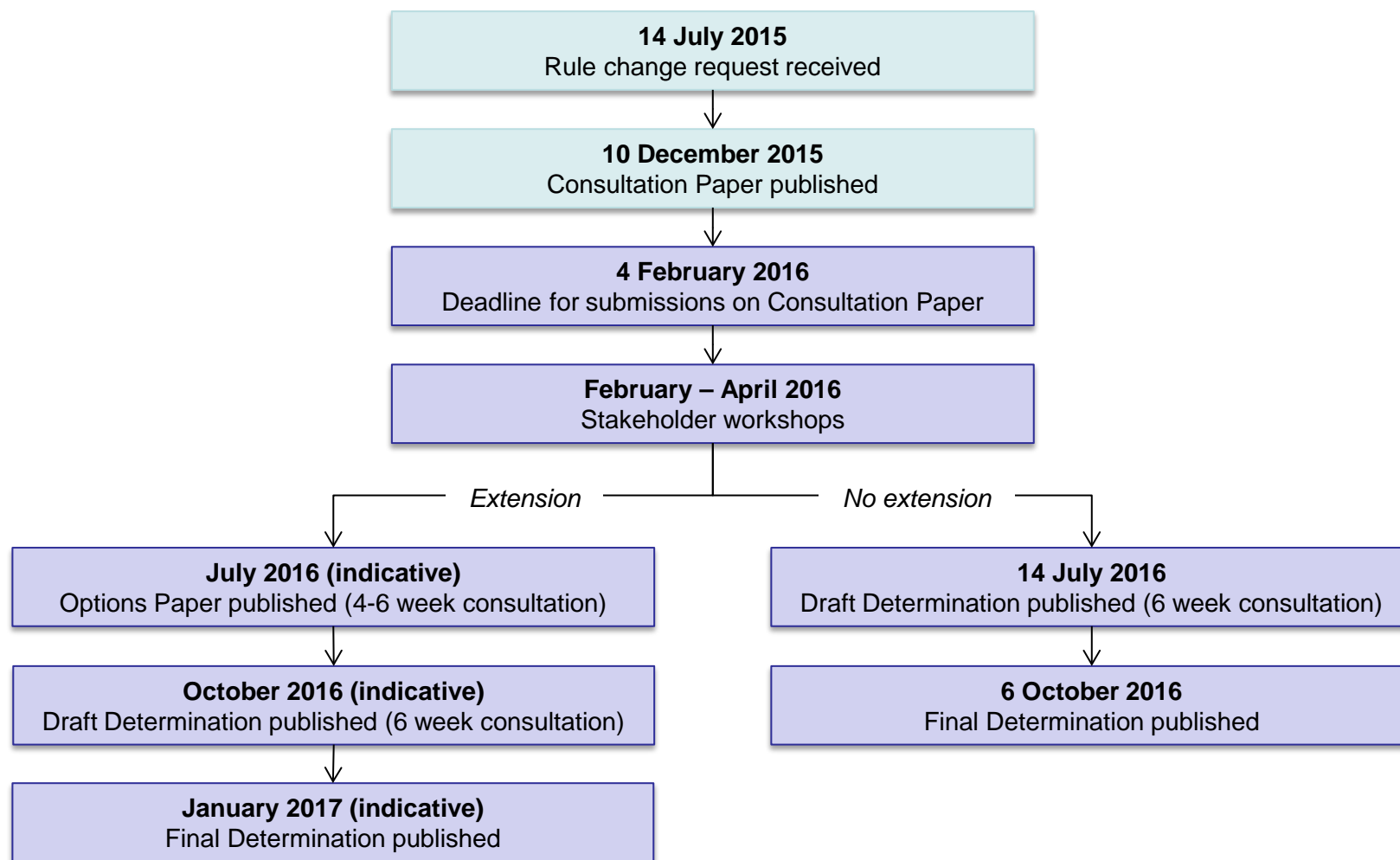
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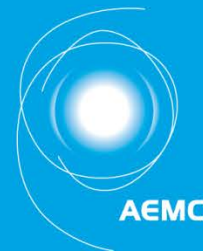


Security
of supply

Long-term interest of consumers

Process for this rule change review

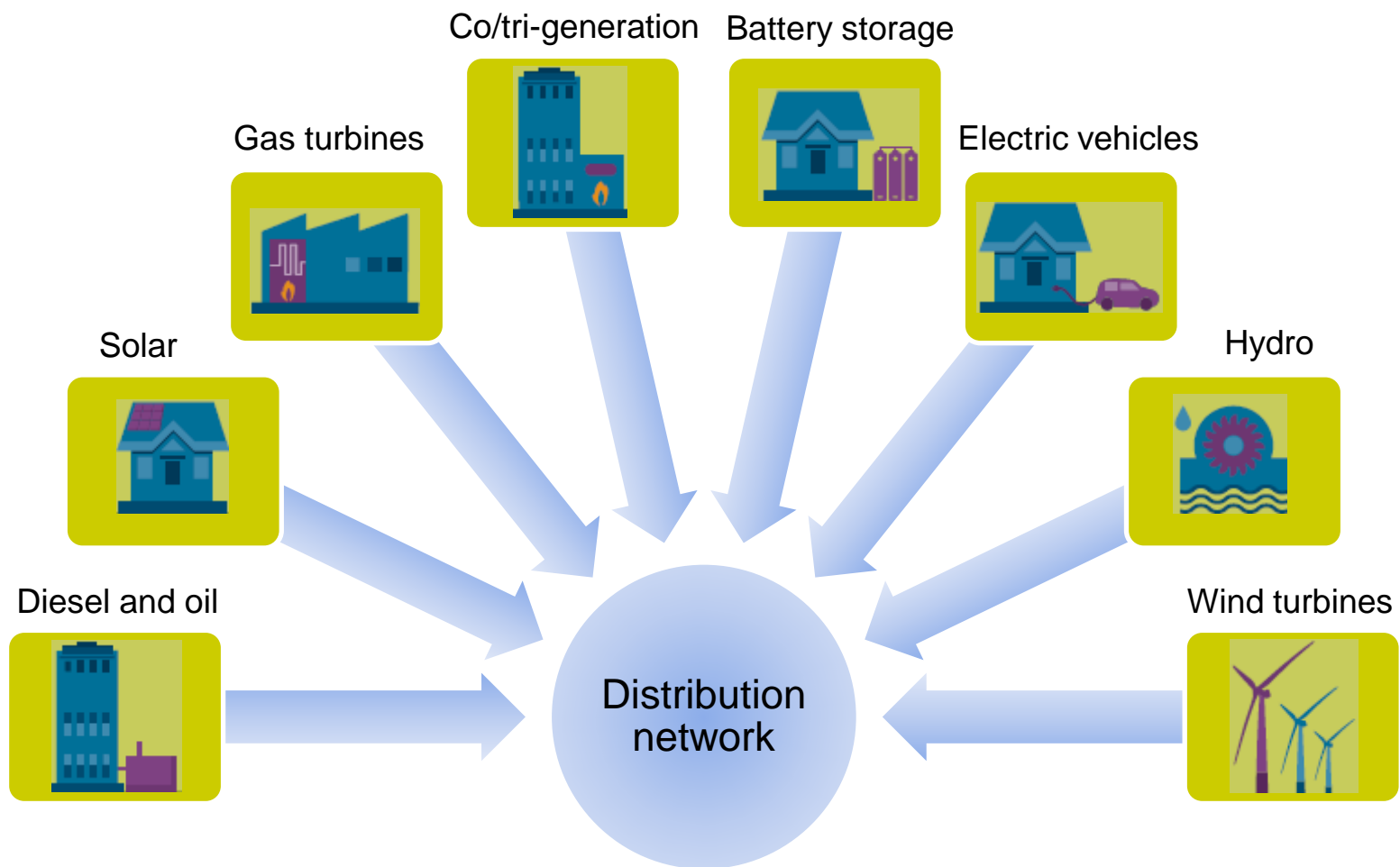




The rule change request and our Consultation Paper

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What is embedded generation?



The electricity system

Centralised electricity generation



Transmission network



Distribution network



Retail



Residential, commercial
and industrial consumers



Current provisions in the NER

Remunerating generators

Network support payments and avoided transmission use of system charges

Cost-reflective distribution network tariffs

Network planning

The distribution network annual planning and expansion framework

Regulatory Investment Tests for Distribution and Transmission (RIT-D/T)

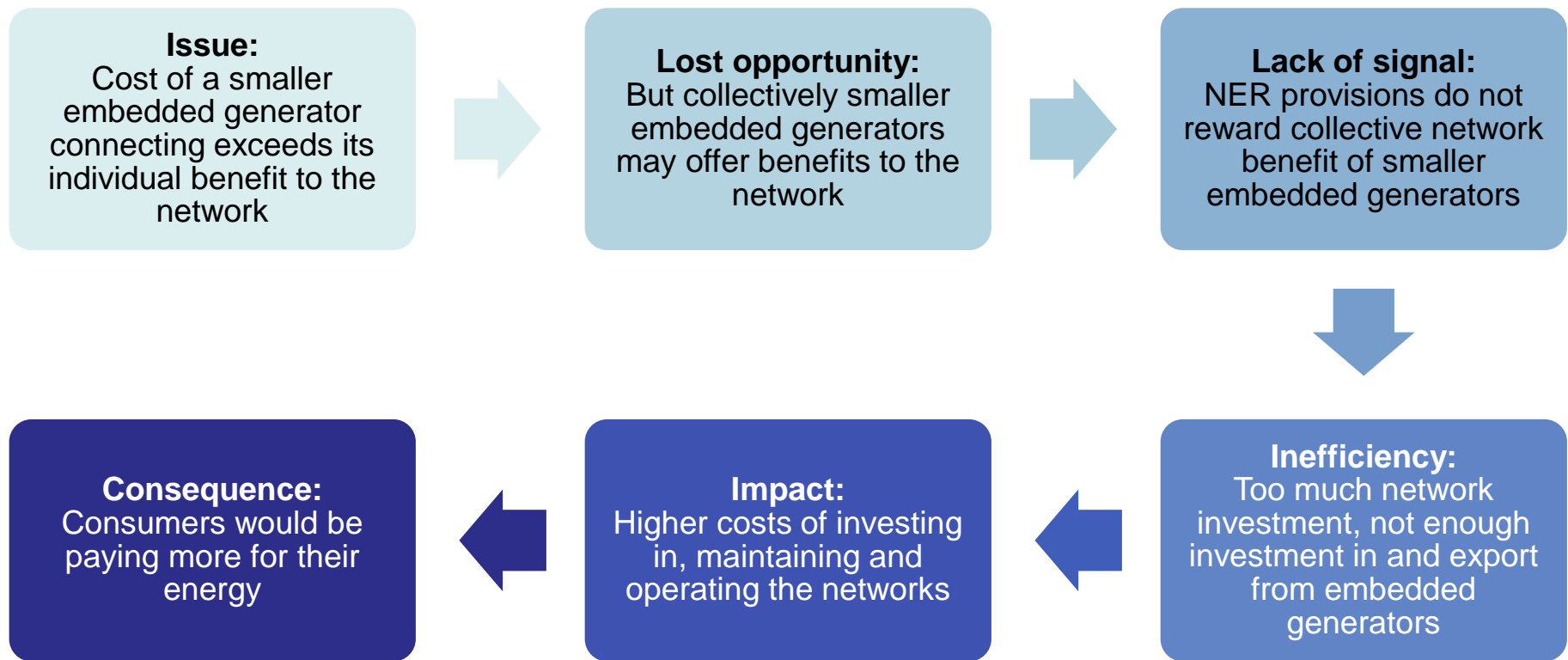
Incentivising network businesses

Capital Expenditure & Efficiency Benefit Sharing Schemes

Demand Management Incentive Scheme & Innovation Allowance

Connection frameworks for embedded generators & small generation aggregators

Perceived issue with the NER



Proposed solution

Benefits of embedded generation

Deferring or down-sizing network investment



Reducing network operating and maintenance costs



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Costs of embedded generation

Capital costs of connecting embedded generators to the grid



Operating costs of catering for embedded generation

How we will assess the proposal


For the proposal to promote the NEO would require it to incentivise:

- Demand being met at the lowest total system cost, given reliability standards
- Prices reflecting those costs
- Efficient investments in network and non-network solutions



Issues we're consulting on now

Is there an issue with the current NER provisions?

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What are the potential benefits of the rule change request?

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How do the benefits compare to the rule change request's costs?

Is there an issue?

- Do the current NER provisions:
 - incentivise efficient planning and investment by DNSPs that minimises overall costs?
 - incentivise efficient investments in and use of embedded generation?
- Do any such issues relate to all embedded generators or only some?



Measuring and allocating the benefits

Potential costs savings may vary by location and type of generator, and the voltage level at which the generator connects

So how to provide the right signals but keep the calculation simple?

The rule change request is for 100% of any estimated cost savings to be paid by the distribution business to embedded generators as LGNCs

So what is the overall saving that consumers benefit from?



How the costs and benefits compare

- What costs would designing, implementing and administering LGNCs impose on network businesses, embedded generators and others?
- To what extent would these costs depend on:
 - the criteria for paying LGNCs?
 - how specific the LGNC calculation is?
 - how often the calculation is updated?
 - how often LGNCs are paid?



How to get involved



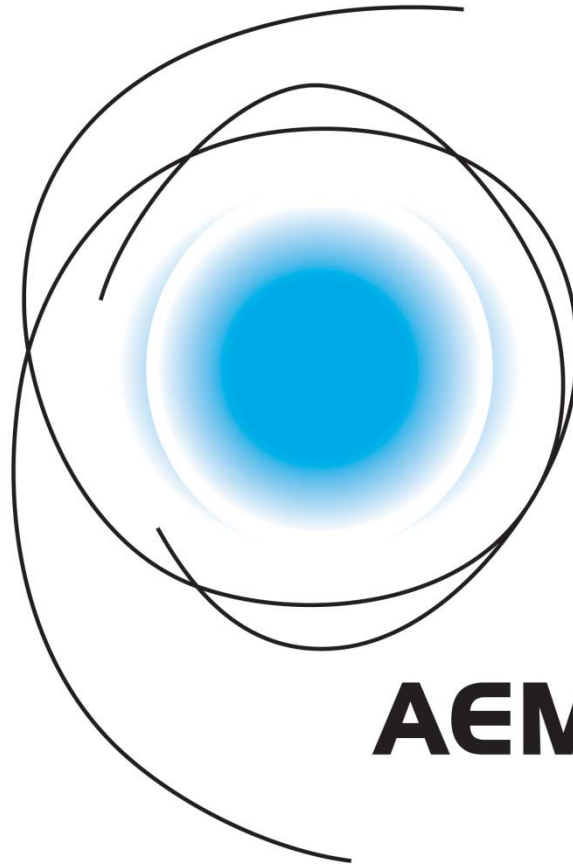
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Consultation Paper due
by 4 February



We will hold workshops
on the project during
February-April

Viewers questions





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