

## Stakeholder submissions on Draft Market Readiness Strategy v0.2

#	Stakeholder comment	AEMO response
1	Section 1.3.3, Scope of the Market Readiness Strategy — This section states that “other regulatory obligations” including safety are out of scope. Whilst we agree that changing safety regulations is not within AEMO’s POC scope, the scope must consider whether each participating jurisdictions has made the necessary changes to their safety regulation and to highlight any misalignments.	<p>Sections 1.3.3 (Scope of the Market Readiness Strategy) and 5.1 (POC Readiness Working Group) have been amended to permit affected participants to raise and lead discussions at Readiness Working Group meetings on matters that are outside the Strategy’s scope but relevant to their operational readiness, using specific examples.</p> <p><u>Conclusion:</u> Sections 1.3.3 and 5.1 of the Strategy have been amended, as per the above edits.</p>
2	Section 1.4, Principles for Market Readiness — This should include a principle stating that if a decision is made to delay a major milestone (e.g. redeveloping the B2B e-hub) or a procedure change until after 1 December 2017, then that milestone/change would continue to be tracked for the purpose of readiness.	<p>As a general project management activity, tracking of key milestones (including any changes) will continue for as long as the AEMO POC Implementation Program is in place.</p> <p>Existing readiness principle #1 states that AEMO and NEM participants will perform all necessary activities such that each party will be in a position to comply with their respective obligations under the revised market arrangements from the “go-live” date, and that the focus of market readiness is to coordinate preparatory activities, provide visibility of readiness issues and to appropriately plan for contingencies. That is, contingency planning is already embedded in this principle where potential risks to readiness emerge.</p> <p><u>Conclusion:</u> Tracking of key milestones (including any changes) is a normal part of AEMO’s project management activities, and existing readiness principle #1 recognises the importance of contingency planning.</p>
3	Both the Strategy and Section 4 of the Industry Readiness Reporting Plan must clearly include in their detailed scope “redeveloping the B2B e-hub”. This is a Rules obligation on AEMO and directly impacts the ability of Participant’s to test market systems. Therefore a separate AEMO-only readiness item of “New B2B e-hub ready for testing” is required. Just because the new B2B e-hub is meant to be backwards compatible, it does not mean that it will be – hence it should be tested. The industry cannot allow the current B2B hub to be used as a test-harness.	<p>The Strategy already notes the four (4) POC related rule changes that are in scope – this includes updating the electricity B2B framework and related development of the B2B e-hub. That is, AEMO will be developing its systems to be ready for the start of industry testing in August 2017 (as per the existing timeline set out in the Strategy). The industry testing period will run from August to October 2017, and detailed activities will be defined in the Industry Testing Plan which AEMO will develop in collaboration in industry.</p> <p>Any potential risk to AEMO’s readiness for the start of industry testing in August 2017 will be evident from any changes in “colour” (green/amber/red) as reported in AEMO’s monthly readiness assessment report, specifically for the reporting categories: “The development and build of appropriate market systems for your business” (section 5.1); and “The internal testing of market systems for your business” (section 5.2). However, for completeness, the monthly readiness assessment report has been updated with an additional reporting line: “Delivery of the redeveloped B2B e-hub for industry testing” (section 5.6).</p>

		<u>Conclusion:</u> Monthly readiness assessment report updated with an additional reporting line: “Delivery of the redeveloped B2B e-hub for industry testing” (section 5.6).
4	Suggest the training sessions are called “PoC Information Sessions” rather than training, to get engagement from the right stakeholders.	OK. Strategy updated. Now refers to “Participant Information Sessions” instead of “education and training activities/workshops”.  <u>Conclusion:</u> Strategy updated throughout document (particularly Chapter 7), as per the above edit.
5	Could AEMO please clarify the purpose and intended audience for each training workshop (i.e. participant information session).	<p>The intended audience and purpose of the participant information sessions is summarised in Chapter 7 of the Strategy. With the exception of the first overview information session (targeting general expertise staff), the information sessions target subject matter experts. The description of the information sessions in the Strategy is deliberately high-level in order for the content to be developed after receiving feedback from the Readiness Working Group. That said, the purpose of each session will be to highlight participants’ regulatory obligations (e.g. what currently happens; what is changing; what stays the same; where to get more information).</p> <p>Six participant information sessions <u>only</u> are planned to be delivered by AEMO over the next year. The sessions are <u>not</u> planned to be run as an AEMO “roadshow” and several times across the country, as implementation of the POC changes represent changes to an <i>existing</i> market, as opposed to implementation of a <i>new</i> market (e.g. as was done for new markets in the past, including the gas Short Term Trading Market).</p> <p>The information sessions will be available to interested participants and attendance is not compulsory. It is envisaged AEMO will advertise the information sessions by email to the Readiness Working Group. In turn, each Readiness Working Group member may wish to either coordinate attendance (preferred) or forward the email to the relevant persons inside their organisation. Subject to venue size, places per organisation may be limited. AEMO may give consideration to running some information sessions multiple times if attendance is over-subscribed, or facilitate the delivery of additional information sessions where identified during the course of the implementation program. It is also noted AEMO’s presentation material will be available to participants to incorporate into their more detailed in-house staff training programs.</p> <p><u>Conclusion:</u> See Chapter 7 of Strategy for an overview of the Participant Information Sessions.</p>
6	Member feedback received at the Readiness Working Group meeting on 5 August 2016.	See meeting notes, 5 August 2016, for a summary of the feedback provided by Members of the Readiness Working Group.  <u>Conclusion:</u> This feedback has been incorporated into the Strategy v0.3, as per the meeting notes.