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GRID INNOVATION CHARGED BY BATTERIES AND DECENTRALISED ENERGY

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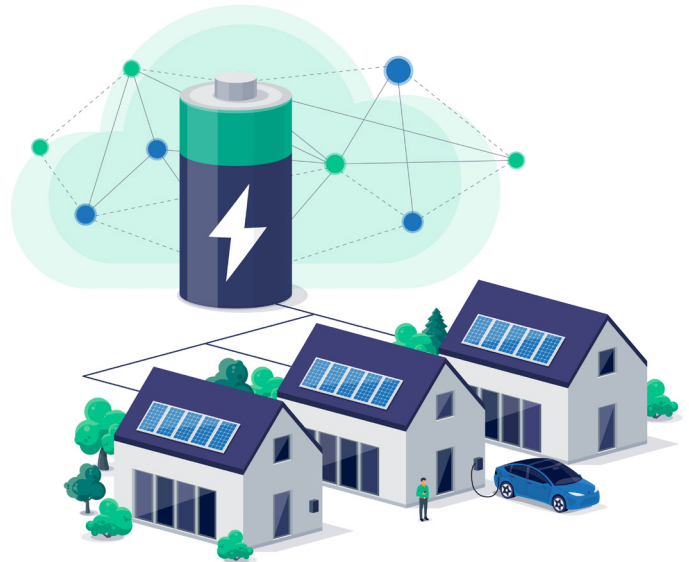
Reimagining Australia's energy grids for a more decentralised future

The role DNSPs could play in the transition has flown under the radar.

But what if (with clever orchestration of DER, batteries and more), local grids could play a major role in delivering reliable, affordable, low carbon energy, with significantly less new infrastructure build?

The **BESS & DNSP Innovation (Future Grid Summit 2025)** will answer that question, and more, exploring just how innovative approaches and new tech can help transform the grid.

This isn't a talkfest. It's where regulators, network leaders, policymakers, and technologists tackle the real barriers to transformation from access and pricing reform to AI-driven forecasting, market integration of batteries and EVs, and resilient grid design.



WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND:

Get ahead of reform (not caught behind it)

Gain first-hand insights into evolving market design, access reform, and pricing policy from the AEMC and AEMO

See how AI is already reshaping grid operations

Learn how networks are applying AI to optimise grid operations, forecast demand, manage DER and more

Understand what solar at scale really means for the grid

Unpack the operational and market implications of Australia's world-leading rooftop and C&I solar penetration, and how to manage it

Explore how better orchestration of CER can support the grid

From EV charging to virtual power plants and data centres, see how the grid is adapting to new demands and distributed opportunity

Discover resilience strategies that go beyond 'build more'

Examine practical approaches to embedding climate resilience using microgrids, dynamic line ratings, and smart DER coordination



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Chief Executive Officer
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Dani Alexander
Chief Executive Officer
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Chief Operations Officer
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Jason Krstanoski
Acting Executive General
Manager of Network
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Shayne Kumar
Head of Energy
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AGENDA DAY 1 | Wednesday 3 December

- 08:00 Registration and Tea and Coffee
08:50 Opening Remarks from the Chair
Amandine Denis-Ryan
Chief Executive Officer
IEEFA Australia

REGULATION & MARKET DESIGN

- 09:00 **Redesigning the rules: How regulation can enable a smarter, fairer energy system**
Rainer Korte
Commissioner | **Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)** and Director | **CIGRE Australia**
- 09:30 **Market design in transition: What's changing and why it matters**
Victoria Mollard
Executive General Manager - Economics and System Security
Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)
- 10:00 Panel: **Unlocking innovation through smarter market and policy design**
Moderator: **Renate Vogt**
General Manager - Regulation
CitiPower Powercor
- Panelists:
Dominic Adams
Chief Operations Officer
Energy Networks Australia
- Andrew Richards**
Chief Executive Officer
Energy Users Association of Australia
- David Feeney**
General Manager - Wholesale and Environment
Australian Energy Council
- Walter Schutte**
Executive GM, Customer and Energy Markets
Squadron Energy
- 10:40 Morning Tea & Networking

DEPLOYING AI

- 11:10 **Optimising energy generation with AI-driven insights**
Paulo Gottgroy
Head of Data Science and Analytics
Mercury NZ
- 11:40 Panel discussion: **Real-time grid coordination: Leveraging data, AI and automation across a decentralised system**
Moderator: **Shreejan Pandey**
Director - Monash Energy Institute
Monash University
- Panelists:
Gordon Dunsford
Executive General Manager - Digital
Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)
- Paulo Gottgroy**
Head of Data Science and Analytics
Mercury NZ
- Fiona Orton**
General Manager - Innovation & Energy Transition
Transgrid
- 12:30 Lunch & Networking
- 13:30 Fireside Chat: **Unlocking the role of large C&I demand response in Australia's decarbonisation pathway**
Facilitator: **Stephanie Bashir**
Principal
Nexa Advisory
- Special Guest: **Shayne Kumar**
Head of Energy
NextDC

ELECTRIFICATION AND UNLOCKING GRID INNOVATION

- 14:10 **Home electrification and the grid: how CER and behavioural demand response can significantly benefit the grid**
Jeremy Brook
Head of Home Energy Transition
AGL
- 14:40 Afternoon Tea
- 15:10 **Unlocking the grid potential of EVs**
Eloise Taylor
Investment Manager and Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) Expert
Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)
- 15:40 **Unlocking medium-duration storage for a renewable grid**
Alex Wonhas
Chief Executive Officer
Ampyr Energy
- 16:10 Panel: **Rethinking the role of batteries in a resilient, distributed grid**
Moderator: **Rakesh Martyn**
Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Hachiko
- Panelists:
Alex Wonhas
Chief Executive Officer
Ampyr Energy
- Chris Wallin**
Commercial Program Manager
Yarra Energy Foundation
- Scott Carden**
Head of Engineering
The NRMA
- 17:00 Closing remarks from the chair
17:05 Networking drinks

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AGENDA DAY 2 | Thursday 4 December

08:15 Registration and welcome tea and coffee

08:50 Opening remarks from the chair



Dani Alexander
Chief Executive Officer
UNSW Energy Institute

CUSTOMER EMPOWERMENT

09:00 Consumers as grid partners: **Reimagining participation, pricing and value**



Andrew Davis
Executive Digital, Strategy and Customer
TasNetworks

09:30 Fireside chat: **How DNSPs can help solve the challenges of the grid, while simultaneously delivering benefits at a community level**

Facilitator:



Dani Alexander
Chief Executive Officer
UNSW Energy Institute

Special Guests:



Marc England
Chief Executive Officer
Ausgrid



John Cleland
Chief Executive Officer
Essential Energy

10:10 **Local Level: Strengthening grid legitimacy through community engagement**



Vida Cheeseman
Head of Corporate Communications
Endeavour Energy

10:40 Morning Tea

MANAGING RENEWABLES AT SCALE

11:10 **What will it take to scale virtual power plants?**



Caitlin Trethewy
Head of Virtual Power Plant Operations | Trading
AGL

11:40 **Flexibility, electrification and storage - strategies to support customers in a high renewable energy future**



Tom Bakker
Head of Future Networks and Markets
Endeavour Energy

12:30 Lunch & Networking

URBAN DECENTRALISATION & REZS

13:10 Panel Discussion - **Powering Cities: How local governments and community facing businesses can lead the clean energy transition**

Moderator:



Dani Alexander
Chief Executive
UNSW Energy Institute

Panellists:



The Hon. Lawrence Springborg AM
Mayor Officer
Goondiwindi Regional Council



Kate Peddle
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Danny Moore
General Manager - Commercial and Retail Strategy
Momentum Energy

14:00 **Case Study: ASL's role in Australia's energy transition**



Melanie Koerner
General Manager - Systems Planning and REZ Authorisations
ASL

14:40 Afternoon Tea

15:30 **Case Study: The Illawarra REZ - Lessons in grid coordination and regional collaboration**



Chloe Hicks
Executive Director, Strategy and Policy
Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo)

RESILIENCE AND RISK PLANNING

15:40 **A transmission network for the future: Enabling energy transition through resilience and coordination**



Robbie Aherne
General Manager - System Resilience
Transgrid

16:10 **Designing for electricity resilience: balancing grid hardening with consumer DER**



Jill Cainey
Director
Erne Energy

16:40 Closing remarks from the chair and conference adjourns.

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