

# BESS & DNSP INNOVATION

## (FUTURE GRID SUMMIT 2025)

GRID INNOVATION CHARGED BY BATTERIES AND DECENTRALISED ENERGY

3-4 DECEMBER 2025 | SYDNEY | AUSTRALIA

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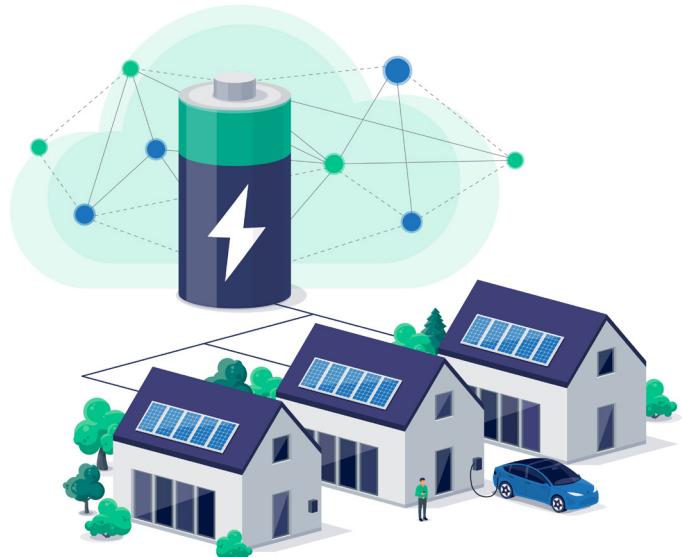
## Reimagining Australia's energy grids for a more decentralised future

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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**Transgrid**



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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**  
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**Andrew Richards**  
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**Walter Schutte**  
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10:40 Morning Tea & Networking

## DEPLOYING AI

11:10 Optimising energy generation with AI-driven insights

**Paulo Gottgroat**  
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**

**Paulo Gottgroat**  
Head of Data Science and Analytics  
**Mercury NZ**

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**

Panellists:

**Dominic Adams**  
Chief Operations Officer  
**Energy Networks Australia**

**David Feeney**  
General Manager - Wholesale and Environment  
**Australian Energy Council**

**Chris Wallin**  
Commercial Program Manager  
**Yarra Energy Foundation**

17:00 Closing remarks from the chair

17:05 Networking drinks

## 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  
**Ampy Energy**

16:10 Panel: Rethinking the role of batteries in a resilient, distributed grid

Moderator:

**Rakesh Martyn**  
Founder and Chief Executive Officer  
**Hachiko**

**Chris Wallin**  
Commercial Program Manager  
**Yarra Energy Foundation**

Panellists:  
**Alex Wonhas**  
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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**



**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 Tretthewy**  
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 Officer  
**UNSW Energy Institute**



**Kate Peddle**  
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**The Hon. Lawrence Springborg AM**  
Mayor Officer  
**Goondiwindi Regional Council**



**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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