

ENERGY MARKET TRANSFORMATION BULLETIN FOUR – NATIONAL BATTERY STORAGE REGISTER COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Background

At the 14 December 2016 COAG Energy Council meeting, Ministers agreed in principle to develop a national energy storage register subject to a cost-benefit analysis. The purpose of such a register would be to enhance power system and network security, and protect the safety of consumers, line workers and installers. This decision to undertake a cost-benefit analysis came after a consultation process that began in August 2016.

In March 2017, the Energy Council's Energy Market Transformation Project Team (EMTPT) commissioned the consultants Jacobs to develop a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed register. This analysis compares a register hosted by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) or the Clean Energy Regulator (CER) with a 'business-as-usual' base case scenario.

Consultation

A critical part of the project is to consult stakeholders on the draft cost-benefit analysis report. On 22 May 2017, the Energy Council released the draft report [here](#) and a consultation paper [here](#) on the draft cost-benefit analysis findings, which are available on the Energy Council website at www.coagenergycouncil.gov.au.

Stakeholders are invited to review the draft report and consultation paper. EMTPT officials are seeking stakeholders' feedback on the questions outlined in the consultation paper, to inform and refine the cost-benefit analysis and to ensure costs and benefits are accounted for as accurately as possible.

All stakeholder submissions will be published on the Energy Council website unless stakeholders have indicated that a submission should remain confidential, either in whole or in part.

Please send your submissions to:
energycouncil@environment.gov.au
by **COB (AEST) Friday 9 June 2017**.

Those who wish to provide hard copies by post may do so by addressing their submissions to:

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For further information on the national battery storage register and other projects in the Energy Market Transformation work program, please visit this [webpage](#) on the Energy Council website.