



Transformation Design and Operation Working Group

Terms of reference

August 2019

1. Background

The Energy Transformation Implementation Unit (ETIU) has convened the Transformation Design and Operation Working Group (TDOWG) to consult with stakeholders on the implementation of the Energy Transformation Strategy (Strategy) by the Energy Transformation Taskforce (Taskforce).

The TDOWG will replace the former Market Advisory Committee (MAC) working groups for market design and operation (MDOWG), and power system operation (PSOWG).¹ The MDOWG and PSOWG had originally been established to support the Public Utilities Office and the Rule Change Panel on Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) and constrained access reform projects. The establishment of TDOWG reflects the broader scope of changes to the power system planned under the Strategy.

2. Purpose of the working group

The TDOWG is an expert stakeholder forum intended to support the Taskforce's consultation on proposals relating to the Strategy, with a focus on the projects within the Foundation Regulatory Frameworks work stream of the Strategy.²

The TDOWG is not a decision-making body. Informed by consultation through the TDOWG, the Taskforce will make decisions and recommendations to Government regarding implementation of the Strategy.

3. Working group administration

The ETIU supports the Taskforce as the TDOWG secretariat and Chair. It will convene TDOWG meetings on behalf of the Taskforce and determine the agenda of meetings.

The secretariat will notify stakeholders of TDOWG meetings and distribute related documents via email to the TDOWG mailing list. Stakeholders can register to be included on the TDOWG mailing list at marketdesign.wg@treasury.wa.gov.au.³

¹ Meeting papers for previous MDOWG and PSOWG meetings are available on the Economic Regulation Authority website at <https://www.erawa.com.au/rule-change-panel/market-advisory-committee/market-advisory-committee-working-groups> in the inactive working groups section.

² The Foundation Regulatory Frameworks work stream comprises the Delivering the Future Power System and Improving Access to Western Power's Network projects. These projects address matters relating to electricity market design, power system security and reliability, and the implementation of constrained network access.

³ Stakeholders on the former MDOWG and PSOWG mailing lists will automatically be added to the TDOWG mailing list.

To support the use of TDOWG as an effective consultative mechanism, the secretariat will endeavour to distribute:

- notice of a meeting 10 business days prior to a meeting;
- the agenda for the meeting five business days prior to a meeting;
- relevant meeting papers three business days prior to a meeting; and
- meeting notes distributed no more than five business days following a meeting.

Meeting papers and notes will be published on the Energy Transformation Taskforce [website](#) following each meeting.

4. Meeting attendance

The Taskforce encourages broad industry and stakeholder representation at TDOWG meetings. To facilitate participation from as many organisations as possible, stakeholders may only nominate up to two representatives to attend a TDOWG meeting. Additional representatives may be nominated with the approval of the secretariat.

A representative attending a TDOWG meeting is expected to:

- have suitable knowledge and experience to enable engagement in technical discussions relevant to the specific meeting;
- prepare for the meeting, including by reading meeting papers, previous meeting minutes, and Taskforce decisions relating to the meeting topic; and
- participate in a constructive manner as a general industry representative, rather than solely representing their organisation's interests.

5. Contact details

Market participants and other stakeholders may contact the TDOWG secretariat within the ETIU at marketdesign.wg@treasury.wa.gov.au.