

# AUSNET EDPD 2026-2031 COORDINATION GROUP MEETING #8 MINUTES

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Location: Mantra Epping

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Date: March 06, 2024

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Time: 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

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**Coordination Group (CG):**

- Peter Eben (Chair of CG, meeting Chair)
- Helen Bartley (Research and Engagement Panel Lead)
- Kieran Donoghue (Availability Panel Lead) (meeting Secretary)
- Gavin Duffy (Tariffs and Pricing Panel Lead)
- Mark Grenning (Benchmarking and Opex Lead)

Attendees: Dean Lombard (Future Networks Panel Lead)  
Emily Peel (Customer Experience Panel Lead)

**AusNet:**

- Rob Ball
- Charlotte Eddy
- Lucy Holder

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Apologies: Emily Peel (Customer Experience Panel Lead)

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## I. DEBRIEF OF EPPING OFFSITE

The purpose of the meeting was to debrief from the Epping offsite and the CG's first impressions of the indicative draft proposal. Key points included:

- Advocate to government about barriers to AusNet delivering on customer wants.

- How do we close out the loop on the focus questions/the panel's work more broadly? CE confirmed that the Proposal will incorporate focus questions and answers to them.
- It was noted that the focus questions don't lead on their own to broader overarching narrative. So next step is to look at proposal top down and then follow through to how focus questions have been answered.
- Discussion about how overall revenue will evolve, and to what extent a flat real \$/MWh metric is a good target. Not as a cynical "goal seek" exercise, but as a signal of managing affordability concerns.
- What are specific actions taken to recognise affordability? See Ausgrid proposals for example of how this could be presented.
- Bill impact presentation. What is the purpose of this and does it align to the purpose of the proposal. Consider cost to achieve, credibility of inputs, etc. Tariff impacts. Should include examples of a persona who is worse off (because they don't respond to tariffs etc).
- There are lots of third parties to consider, how has Ausnet's proposal managed conflicting perspectives?
- Guidance to AER re reopeners

## **II. ACTIONS AND NEXT STEPS**

### **Action items**

- i. AusNet will pull together responses to Focus Questions (building on what was presented to Panels last time round) and circulate a consolidated document.
- ii. Panel leads to clarify with Panel that they agree that this document reflects their input.
- iii. Availability Panel to be invited to QCV session
- iv. Ausnet to develop an outcomes focussed "elevator pitch" of the 2026-31 proposal..
- v. Ausnet to review bill impact presentation.

**Next meeting – March 14 9am eastern time**