

Appendix A Format for submissions

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Question	Comment
Q1. What is your view of the potential competition, reliability and efficiency benefits of more participation?	Q1. Greater participation and an environment that fosters participation should increase competition provided the costs associated with participation are not uneconomical. If the current inefficient costs of participating can be removed then greater participation should follow.
Q2. What is your view of the opportunities to promote competition and more participation in the electricity industry?	
Q3. What other issues might inhibit efficient mass participation? Please provide your reasons.	Q2. The opportunities are vast provided the right environment is created that supports participation through transparency, timely access to data and accountability.
Q4. What is your view of the opportunities for network businesses to obtain external help to provide aspects of the network service using competition or market mechanisms?	Q3. In our view the key issue facing participation is the timely and efficient access to data. This is for both industry participants and defined non-participants. The formats for accessing and transferring data (including personal data) need to be standardised, electronic and instantaneous. This may require a pre-authorisation and auditing for certain group. But multiple formats/processes between parties wanting to share information will not work or achieve the outcome of greater participation and increased competition.
Q5. What do you think are the main challenges to be dealt with to increase the use of competition in supplying network services? What are your reasons?	
Q6. What is your view on whether open access is required and what would be the elements for an effective open access framework?	
Q7. How effective are the existing arrangements for open access? What are the problems?	Q4. – Q5. – Q6. – Q7. – Q8. – Q9. – Q10. –
Q8. What type of distributor behaviours and outcomes should the Authority focus on to understand whether changes are required to support open access?	Q11. As technology evolves definitions of participants and non-participants will become increasingly blurred. Services will evolve to meet client needs and innovation will likely be reduced when access to data is inefficient and the process to change the access data is protracted.
Q9. What changes to existing arrangements might be	

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<p>required to enable peer-to-peer electricity exchange?</p> <p>Q10. What are the costs and the benefits of enabling peer-to-peer electricity exchange?</p> <p>Q11. What is your view of the possibility for, and impact of, any current or future blurring of participant type? What are your reasons?</p> <p>Q12. What types of participation are or might be prevented because the party is not recognised as a participant? What are the potential impacts?</p> <p>Q13. What challenges might new forms of generation, such as virtual power plants, or small and dispersed generators, face in entering the market?</p> <p>Q14. What changes might be required to the rule book to facilitate the emergence of virtual power plants or demand response?</p> <p>Q15. Would the functioning of the market for hedges and PPAs and the availability of finance be improved if there were greater transparency of long-term prices and greater standardisation of terms and conditions for long-term contracts?</p>	<p>Q12. I believe the question is not so much about the definition of participant or non-participant rather the question should be 'how can the owners of data transfer that data to who they chose efficiently and securely irrespective of the participation status?'</p>