

FN-25-20 Fortnightly report 10 October 2025

This report summarises items that may be of interest to the Minister for Energy and Associate Minister for Energy but do not require a formal briefing. Further information can be provided on request. Substantive items and decision papers will be provided by briefing.

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1. Upcoming publications and advice

Survey findings on barriers to developing new power generation	
Strategic outcome	Secure and resilient
Purpose	The Authority is publishing findings from our latest survey on barriers to generation investment. These are broadly in line with previous surveys, although solar developers now rate the consenting process as significantly more difficult. Securing offtake arrangements are another challenge, as is dealing with demand uncertainty. Overseas Investment Act requirements are no longer considered a major barrier. Actions ¹ are underway to improve transparency for potential investments, remove barriers where we can and protect consumers and competition.
Action and timing	Intended publication: 10 October 2025

Updates to the System Operator's information gathering powers	
Strategic outcome	Secure and resilient
Purpose	The Authority is introducing Code changes to allow the System Operator to permanently collect accurate thermal fuel information. More accurate forecasting will reduce the risk of supply disruptions or periods of high prices for consumers.
Action and timing	Intended publication: 31 October 2025

2. Consultation: Current and future

Task Force 2ABC consultation papers: Distributor rebates for peak grid injection and time-of-use retail pricing	
Strategic outcome	Affordable
Purpose	The Authority will consult on changes to better identify the small businesses eligible for a rebate from distributors for exporting energy at peak times (TF2A).

¹ Actions include the Authority's battery energy storage systems regulatory roadmap, improved access to firming for offtake arrangements via the standardised flexibility and Taskforce work, and the work to improve connection processes for and visibility of distributed generation.

	<p>The Authority will also consult on a technical change to clarify larger retailers' obligations in offering time-of-pricing (TF2BC).</p> <p>The changes will reward consumers who export energy during peak times and enable access to cheaper electricity during off-peak times.</p>
Action and timing	<p>2A consultation: 3 weeks, 28 October - 17 November</p> <p>2BC consultation: Early - late November</p>

Improving prudential security arrangements: issues and options paper

Strategic outcome	Affordable
Purpose	<p>The Authority will consult on changes to prudential arrangements that will reduce small independent retailers' costs, potentially by 10 to 14 per cent, and better reflect the risk they pose to the market.</p> <p>The proposed changes would make it easier for small independent retailers to operate. This will increase competition and lead to more choice for consumers.</p>
Action and timing	Consultation: 6 weeks, mid-October - late-November

Current consultation	Consultation period
Distribution network information visibility	5 September - 17 October
Improving visibility of distributors' connection pipelines	3 October - 3 November
Mandating half-hourly data use for smart meter reconciliation	10 October - 21 November
Maximising benefits from local electricity generation – export limits	8 October - 18 November
Consumer mobility: Improving consumer bills and standardising product data	8 October - 5 (billing) and 18 (product data) November

Future consultation	Consultation period
Level Playing Field non-discrimination obligations	14 October - 25 November
Establishing an Emergency Reserve Scheme: Code amendment consultation	16 October - 6 November



