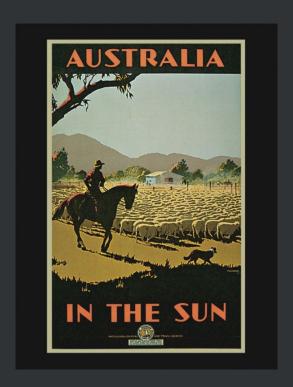


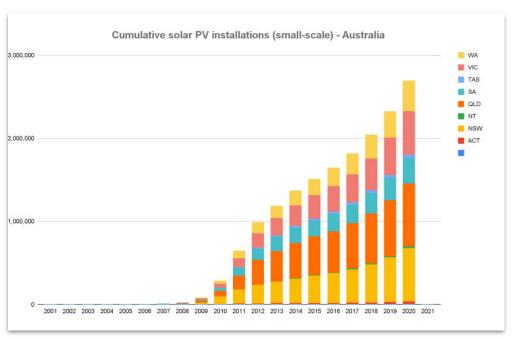
DER Management - Reflections, Lessons, Next Steps





### Postcard from Australia

Australia is at the forefront of a global trend... customers' DER transforming the grid





Over 3 million households now have solar



The number increased by 365,000 in 2021 alone



... A 2GW 'virtual' power station in one year



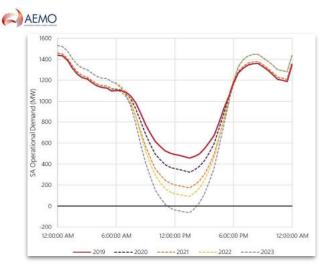
... batteries and electric vehicles to follow

Source: Clean Energy Regulator, Small Scale Installations 2021



# The impacts are material - today

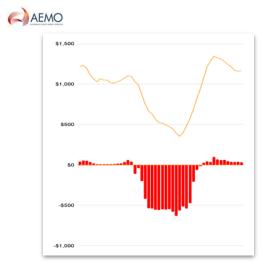
#### Physical: System Min & Max Demand Risk



AEMO assessment: Effect on South Australia's operational demand from increasing solar PV generation (19 Nov 2019 & projected)

- SA Smarter Homes Remote Disconnect in place since 1 Jan 2021
- Service already called on 14th March,
- WA, Qld and Victoria expected to follow within 12-24 months

#### Financial: Spot Price Impact



AEMO: Price & Demand Data Sunday 14th March 2021

- SA NEM & WEM consistently negative spot prices in Autumn and Spring
- Other states starting to experience significantly lower wholesale prices
- FCAS services increasing in value



# **Agencies Recognise the Need to Act**

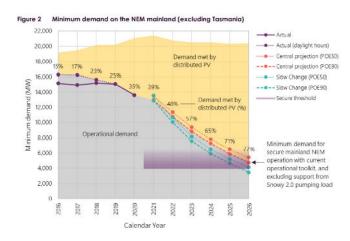
#### **Energy Security Board:**

#### **ESB Market Design Final Advice Recommendation 8**

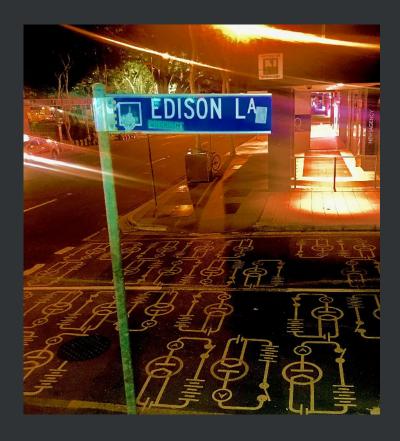
To support system security and improved transparency at times of minimum system load, the ESB recommends Energy Ministers adopt a jurisdictional Ministerial lever for emergency backstop measures, as an *immediate reform*. Enduring measures to address system security challenges associated with low minimum system load are being prepared as part of the Plan.

Energy Security Board (ESB) Post-2025 Market Design Final Advice to Energy Ministers, 26th August 2021

#### **AEMO: ESOO**



"Without additional operational tools, AEMO may no longer be able to operate the mainland NEM securely in all periods from 2025 due to a lack of security services when demand from the grid is so low. These conditions may occur earlier than 2025 under abnormal network conditions, such as network and generation unit outages, possibly associated with bushfires or storms," AEMO CEO Mr Westerman.





## The Journey

Where are we? Where are we going?





#### **Remote Disconnect**

- > Basic export control for minimum demand
- > Potential to increase load (eq. EV, HW)

Since January 2020



#### **Operating Envelopes**

- > Flexible Export Connection Starting December 2021
- > CSIP-Aus



#### **Market Integration**

- > VPP function
- > Auxiliary services (FCAS, Capacity)



**Customer Benefits** 

- > Support to meet compliance
- > Enable OEM technology
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# **Emerging Compliance Requirements**

SA and WA have acted, other states and NEM wide to follow in 12-24 months

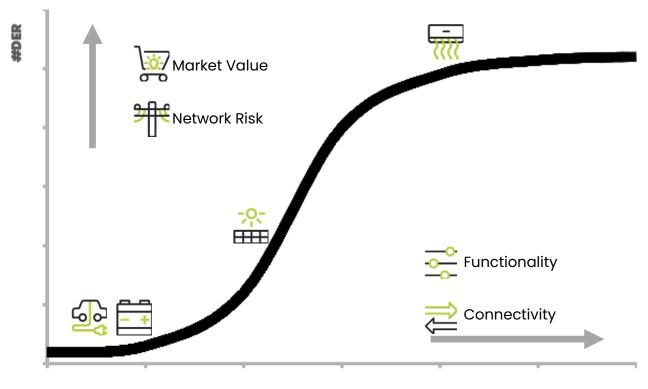






### **DER Volume Creates Value... and Risk**

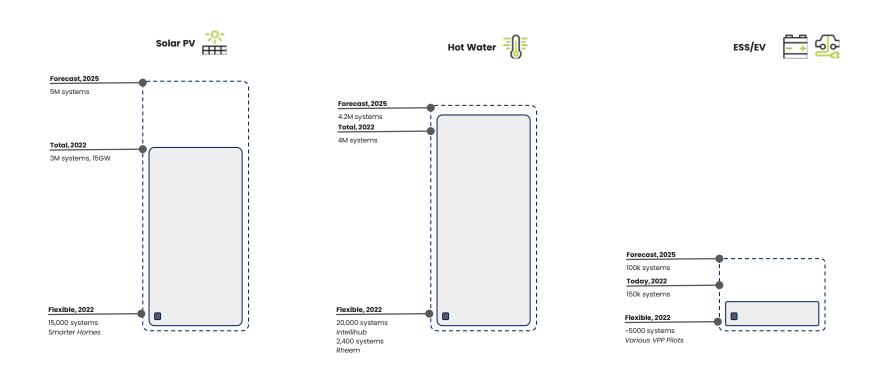
Without liquidity there's no market





### However Most DER Remains Inflexible

DER is increasingly smart, but is not connected for flexibility beyond pilots and trials.







# Getting Started

Avoiding the false dichotomy between connection standards versus market incentives.





#### **Smart DER**

- > Minimum connectivity > Minimum function





#### **Default Registration**

- > Device # and NMI
- > Commissioning and certification





#### **Emergency Response**

- > Emergency Disconnect
- > Dynamic Operating Envelopes





#### **Enable VPP**

- > VPP function in wholesale
- > Provide Auxiliary services (FCAS, Capacity, LV services)

# End.

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