

# Quarterly Report

January - March 2026

<b>From:</b>	Wholesale Energy Market Dispute Resolution Adviser – Resolution Institute WEMDRA
<b>Dates covered:</b>	January – March 2026

## SECTION 1: DISPUTES AND SCHEDULING ERRORS

PERIOD	MATTERS NOTIFIED	STAGE 1	STAGE 2: DISPUTES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION PANEL (DRP)
July – September 2025	Nil	Nil	National Gas Rules (NGR) Matter - transitioned from Resolve Advisors and subsequently withdrawn
October – December 2025	Unintended Scheduling Result notified August 2025	Unintended Scheduling Error - October 2025 under Rule 135H of the NGR	Nil
January – March 2026	Nil	Nil	Unintended Scheduling Error - October 2025 under Rule 135H of the NGR

## SECTION 2: EXPLANATION OF STAGES AND MATTERS IN PROGRESS

### 2.1 EXPLANATION OF STAGES

#### MATTERS NOTIFIED

*Details of these matters are Confidential between the WEMDRA and the parties.* This can be a matter notified to WEMDRA for compensation, or triage and discussion before initiating another stage. Additionally, it can be a matter discussed for guidance, or exploration about a potential claim. The latter category appears on the list at the discretion of WEMDRA.

## STAGE 1

Stage 1 encourages the exploration and joint resolution of the disputes by direct commercial negotiation, or assistance through a facilitated, or non-binding expert process. In Stage 1, a Dispute Management System (DMS) notice has been served by one party to another under Chapter 8 of the National Electricity Rules, or part 15C of the National Gas Rules.

## STAGE 2

Stage 2 is geared towards a binding decision by a panel of one or more experts. In Stage 2, a dispute has not been resolved in Stage 1 and is escalated to a dispute panel of between 1-3 people selected by WEMDRA in consultation with the parties or where the rules provide that the matter go directly to a Dispute Resolution Panel for determination or awarding of compensation. Stage 2 can also be an adviser led process.

## 2.2 MATTERS IN PROGRESS

- An unintended scheduling result (**USR**) that occurred on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (Declared Wholesale Gas Market) has been investigated and a report was published by AEMO in August 2025. The matter was formally submitted to the WEMDRA in October 2025, and a Stage 1 meeting was facilitated by the WEMDRA with AEMO and the parties impacted by the error in November 2025.
- This was subsequently referred to Stage 2 in January 2026 and a single member DRP consisting of Tom Clarke was established with the agreement of the AEMO and three affected participants. A draft determination has been shared for finalisation and publication in the next quarter (April 2026).

## SECTION 3: ADMINISTRATION FOR THE QUARTER

In this quarter, we acknowledge changes to the DRP panel, including the departure of longstanding member Greg Thorpe, whose recent passing marks the loss of a highly respected practitioner with decades of contribution to energy markets, governance and dispute resolution. We also note the transition of Ruth Higgins SC from the panel following her appointment as Australia's Solicitor-General, the nation's second law officer and principal legal adviser to government, effective June 2026.

Their service and expertise have been greatly valued, and we thank them for their significant contributions to the panel.

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Next quarter, the WEMDRA will work with the market participants to ensure that all dispute management contacts are up to date on the WEMDRA database and website.

Kind Regards



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