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Non-market sensitive update for DMO 8 final determination

The AER will release the final determination for the Default Market Offer for 2026–27 (DMO 8) on 26 May 2026.

In response to stakeholder feedback on implementation challenges and required changes to calculations in the draft determination, we have developed this guidance and accompanying spreadsheet to confirm non-market sensitive information to assist retailers in developing compliant time of use standing offer and solar sharer offer tariffs by 1 July 2026.

We received limited feedback from stakeholders on these aspects in response to our draft determination and therefore, as it stands, these are our indicative positions pending the final determination. However, retailers are advised to also refer to the Legislative Instrument in the final determination to confirm final tariff structures and pricing for DMO 8, once published.

Network tariffs for time of use DMO tariff caps

- The underlying time of use network tariff structures for time of use DMO tariff caps are set out in the accompanying spreadsheet and address stakeholder feedback on some required changes to the calculations that were identified in the legislative instrument (draft) in the draft determination.

Annual usage amounts

- The annual usage amounts in the accompanying spreadsheet shows how the pattern of supply is applied to the time of use tariff windows in the time of use DMO tariff caps (peak/off-peak/shoulder etc.) to determine:
 - the specific usage amounts attributable to each tariff window across the 2026-27 year
 - the resulting annual cost of each tariff window, which sum to a total annual price of the time of use tariff cap (referred to in the regulations as the Comparison Price).

Demand tariffs

- The indicative position is to not include a DMO tariff cap for demand tariffs, or a maximum demand amount consistent with the draft determination. Retailers should refer to the [ACCC and AER joint compliance bulletin](#) for further information.

Solar Sharer Offer

- The indicative SSO free usage periods are:
 - 11am–2pm local time in New South Wales and South East Queensland
 - 12–3pm local time in South Australia.

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