AER Strategic Plan 2026–2030

Australian Government

AUSTRALIAN ENERGY REGULATOR

The AER exists to ensure: **Energy consumers are better off, now and in the future**

The AER will be a high performing regulator that:

- Acts independently, with openness and accountability
- Stewards and builds trust in Australia's energy system
- Takes considered risks
- Innovates, adapts and is data driven
- Engages actively with consumers and stakeholders

The AER will aim to deliver the following outcomes:

- Energy will be more affordable
- The lights will stay on
- The energy transition will progress

The AER will focus on the following strategic objectives to deliver the three outcomes:

Energy will be more affordable	The lights will stay on	The energy transition will progress
We will support and protect consumers, and increase access to the benefits of the transition to improve energy equity	We will implement an effective domestic gas reservation scheme to deliver a reliable and affordable supply of gas	We will support investment in gas transmission pipelines, or alternatives, to ensure efficient delivery of gas to markets to support the energy transition
We will deliver the most reliable, independent energy price comparison website within available resources	We will support efficient and timely investment in electricity transmission, built at least cost and operated for the benefit of the system	We will support electrification while ensuring that gas distribution services remain affordable
We will minimise regulatory burden	We will consider the merits of both competition and regulation when determining the scope of distribution services	We will efficiently deliver regulatory outcomes in support of each jurisdiction's energy priorities
We will rigorously regulate electricity and gas wholesale markets and mitigate the use of market power	We will drive more efficient utilisation of electricity distribution networks	

We will be an engaged, skilled and safe workforce, driven by data and technology, to be more efficient and flexible in our use of resources