

AER Strategic Plan 2026–2030



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

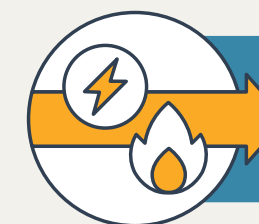
The AER will aim to deliver the following outcomes:



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:

We will support and protect consumers, and increase access to the benefits of the transition to improve energy equity

We will deliver the most reliable, independent energy price comparison website within available resources

We will minimise regulatory burden

We will rigorously regulate electricity and gas wholesale markets and mitigate the use of market power

We will implement an effective domestic gas reservation scheme to deliver a reliable and affordable supply of gas

We will support efficient and timely investment in electricity transmission, built at least cost and operated for the benefit of the system

We will consider the merits of both competition and regulation when determining the scope of distribution services

We will drive more efficient utilisation of electricity distribution networks

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 support electrification while ensuring that gas distribution services remain affordable

We will efficiently deliver regulatory outcomes in support of each jurisdiction's energy priorities

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