

Transmission Frameworks Review

Public Forum: First Interim Report

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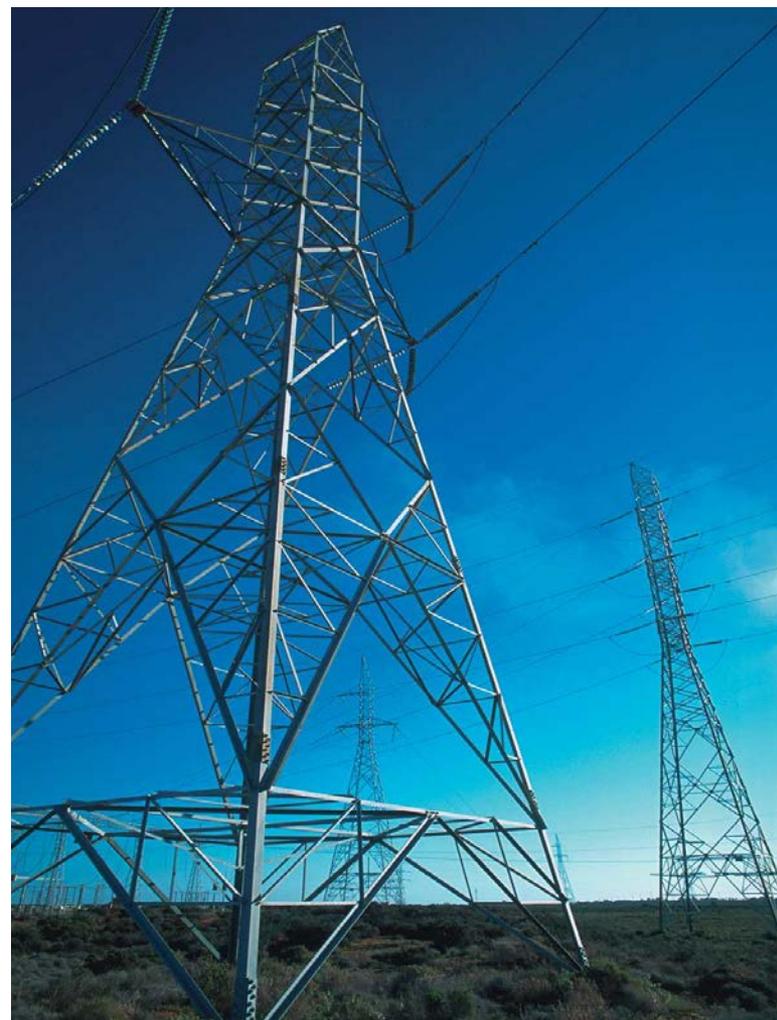
Introduction and context

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Purpose of this review

- MCE directed review
 - followed on from earlier Climate Change Review
- Seeks to ensure that transmission arrangements:
 - are workably efficient
 - promote the minimisation of expected total system costs



Is there a case for reform?

- Future changes to the generation mix may test transmission arrangements
- Views on the efficacy of existing frameworks are mixed
- There is greater consensus on the need to improve connection arrangements
- Further work and evidence is required



This phase of the review

- Five internally consistent policy packages
- A spectrum from minimal change to approaches adopted in other countries
- Connections and planning are separable to some degree
- Feedback is sought on the packages as well as options for connections and planning



Next phase of the review

- First Interim Report is a key opportunity for stakeholder views
- Options will be assessed against the NEO and purpose of review
- It is difficult to quantify the materiality of some issues
- The Commission will consider:
 - Whether alternative arrangements would deliver better outcomes
 - Whether those outcomes are likely to exceed implementation costs



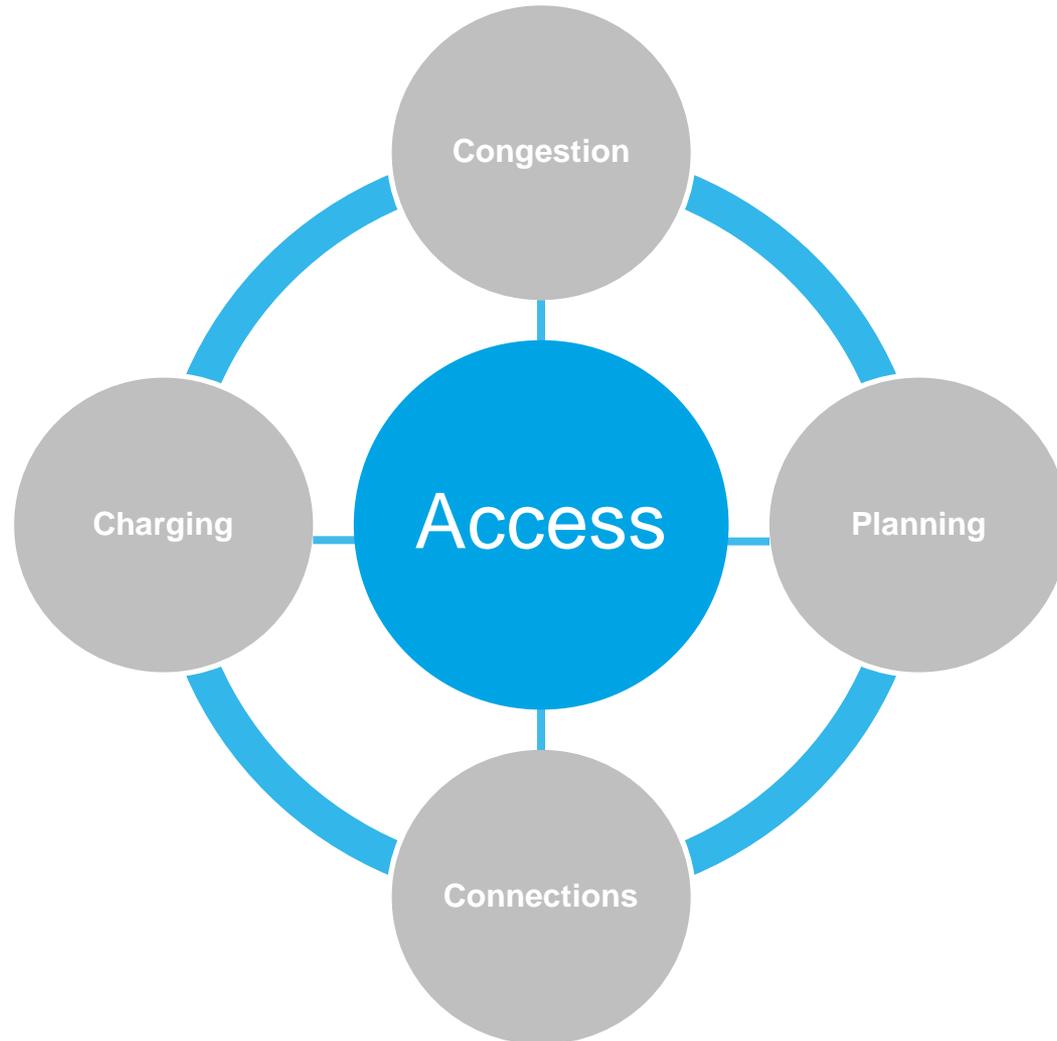


Session 1: Pathways to reform

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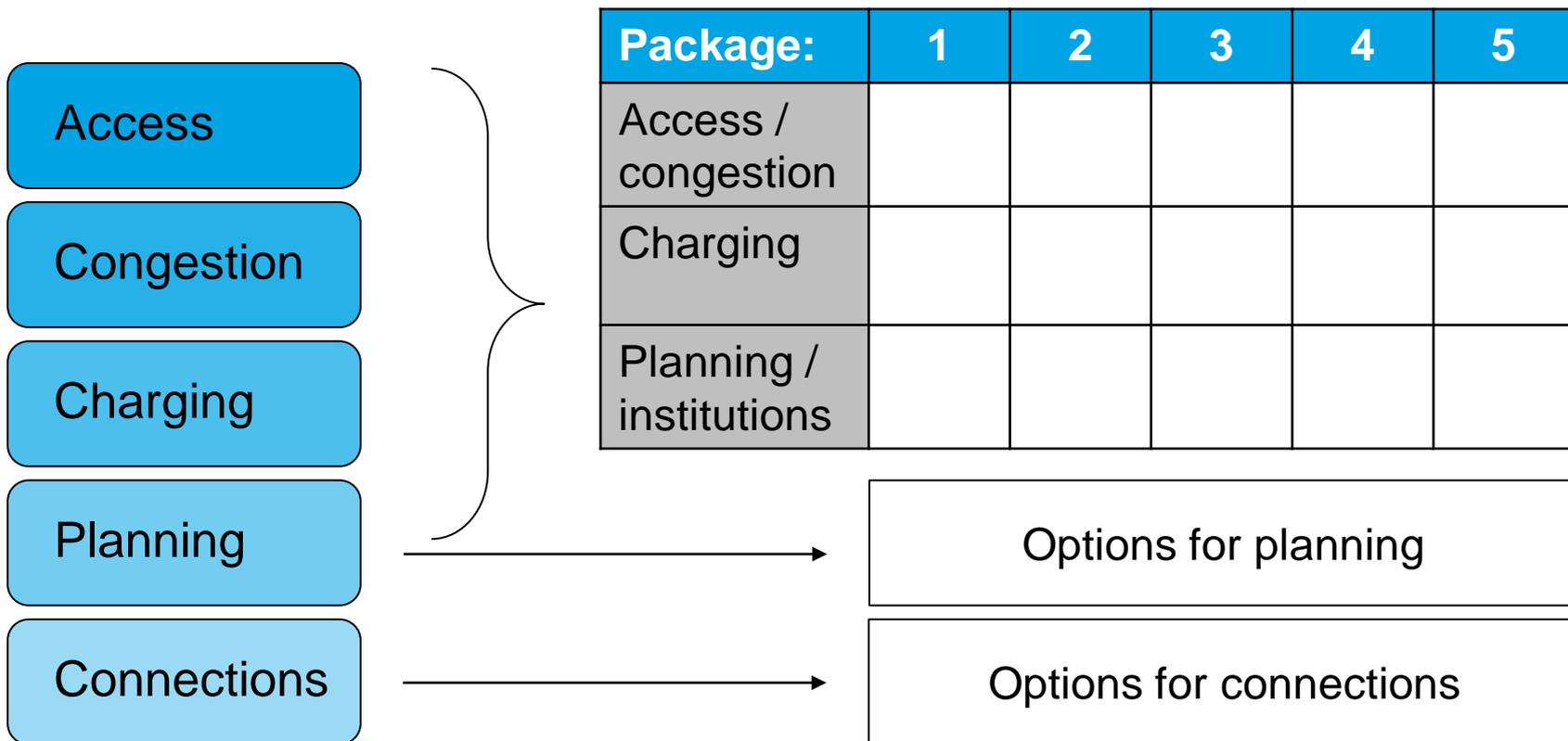
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Access has been a key focus



Five policy packages have been developed

- Five work streams have been synthesised into five internally consistent policy packages and options for improving planning and connections



Packages reflect different approaches to access

- **Package 1:** reflects the existing open access arrangements
- **Package 2:** based on open access but introduces a congestion price
- **Package 3:** applies reliability standards to generation (as for load)
- **Package 4:** financially firm access, based on existing 5.4A provisions
- **Package 5:** influenced by US and UK approaches

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Advantages and disadvantages (1)

Package 1: Open access

- Similar to the status quo, which has been delivering transmission investment to date to meet reliability standards
- Some dynamic and productive inefficiencies may result but magnitude unclear

Package 2: Open access with congestion price

- Addresses disorderly bidding and so improves dispatch efficiency
- Does not resolve unpredictability or magnitude of congestion and so dynamic inefficiencies

Advantages and disadvantages (2)

Package 3: Generator reliability standards

- Provides greater certainty for generators
- No opportunity to opt for different access standard

Package 4: Regional optional firm access

- Improves certainty, generators influence transmission investment decision
- Only one “firmness” standard, potential gaming of compensation payment

Package 5: National locational marginal pricing

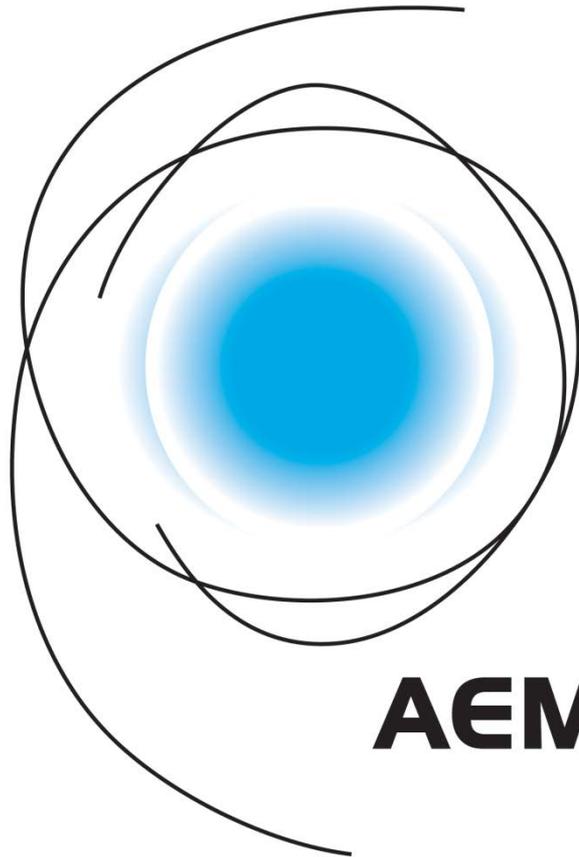
- Choice of fully firm access, national hub aims to promote liquidity and reduces any perceived inter-regional transmission issues
- Very complex, not clear that a single TNSP is feasible

Industry perspective

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- **Steven Orr**, Strategy and Regulation Director, International Power
- [Peter McIntyre](#), Managing Director, Transgrid

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