



## 2015 Retail Competition Review

### Consultation on approach to the 2015 Retail Competition Review

The AEMC has published a consultation paper setting out the proposed assessment framework for our second review of energy retail competition in National Electricity Market (NEM) states and territories. Stakeholder submissions on our proposed framework are requested by Friday 28 November 2014.

#### Annual competition reviews

The AEMC undertakes NEM-wide competition reviews on an annual basis for the Council of Australian Governments Energy Council, with the first review completed in August 2014. The purpose of these reviews is to assess the state of competition for small customers in retail energy markets in all NEM jurisdictions. This includes retail electricity and gas markets in the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria.

This second NEM-wide competition review provides an opportunity to check whether there have been any significant changes in the competitiveness of energy retail markets since the 2014 review.

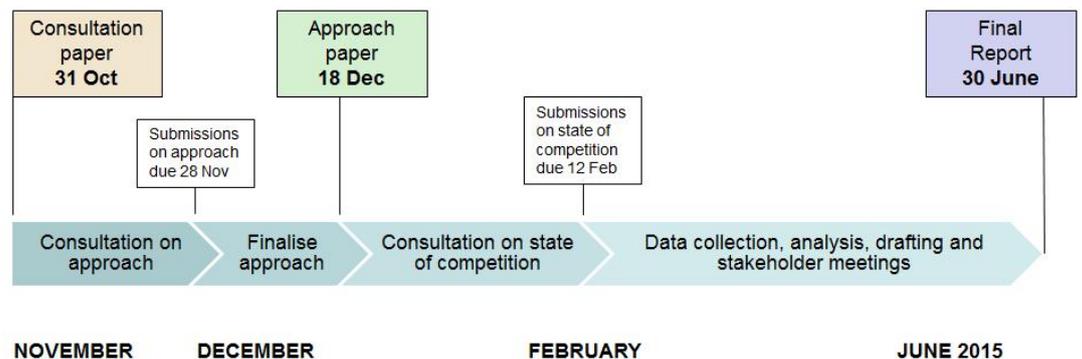
#### Consultation process

The consultation paper published today is the first of two publications for consultation. It sets out the proposed assessment framework for the 2015 review for stakeholder comment. We are proposing to take an approach similar to our last competition review, with some minor changes to some of the information collected.

We plan to publish a second consultation document in December 2014. This will be an approach paper that will confirm our assessment framework for the 2015 review and will ask for submissions on the state of competition in NEM jurisdictions.

The indicative timing for the review is set out in the figure below. We will publish our final report for the review by 30 June 2015.

#### Process for the 2015 retail competition review



**We are seeking stakeholder views on the proposed assessment framework for the 2015 review – submissions are requested by 28 November 2014**

### **Key issues for stakeholder comment**

For this first round of consultation, the AEMC is seeking stakeholder views on the proposed assessment framework for the 2015 review. In particular, we are interested in stakeholder responses to the following questions:

1. Will the framework set out in the consultation paper enable the AEMC to adequately assess the state of competition in NEM jurisdictions?
2. Which elements of the 2014 review would you like to see repeated in the 2015 review?
3. Were there any issues not considered in the 2014 review that you would like the AEMC to consider in the 2015 review that are within the scope of the terms of reference?

Details on how to provide a submission are set out in the consultation paper.

We also invite stakeholders to contact the AEMC if interested in meeting to discuss any aspect of this review.

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