

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Title:	Gas Advisory Board
Meeting Number:	2026_08_27
Date:	Thursday 27 August 2026
Time:	1:30 to 3:00 PM
Location:	Online, via TEAMS

Item	Item	Responsibility	Type	Duration
1	Welcome and Agenda - Conflict of interest - Competition Law	Chair	Noting	3 min
2	Meeting Apologies/Attendance Introduction of new GAB members	Chair	Noting	5 min
3	Action Items	Chair	Noting	2 min
4	2025 Gas Bulletin Board (GAB) WA Zones Review	AEMO	Noting	15 min
5	Review of the Gas Services Information Rules - Project update - Further proposals for coordinating gas and electricity information	GAB Secretariat	Discussion	40 min
6	Overview of Rule Change Proposals	Chair	Noting	1 min
7	2027 GAB Meeting Schedule	GAB secretariat	Noting	4 min
8	General Business	Chair	Discussion	20 min
	Next Meeting: TBC			

Please note this meeting will be recorded.

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- (b) **concerted practices**: a concerted practice can be conceived of as involving cooperation between competitors which has the purpose, effect or likely effect of substantially lessening competition, in particular, sharing Competitively Sensitive Information with competitors such as future pricing intentions and this end:
 - a concerted practice, according to the ACCC, involves a lower threshold between parties than a contract arrangement or understanding; and accordingly; and
 - a forum like the GAB is capable being a place where such cooperation could occur.
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- (d) **anti-competitive conduct (market power)**: any conduct by a company with market power which has the purpose, effect or likely effect of substantially lessening competition.
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- (b) the confidential details regarding a customer or supplier of an Industry Stakeholder;
- (c) any strategies employed by an Industry Stakeholder to further any business that is or is likely to be in competition with a business of another Industry Stakeholder, (including, without limitation, any strategy related to an Industry Stakeholder's approach to bilateral contracting or bidding in the energy or ancillary/essential system services markets);
- (d) the prices paid or offered to be paid (including any aspects of a transaction) by an Industry Stakeholder to acquire goods or services from third parties; and
- (e) the confidential particulars of a third party supplier of goods or services to an Industry Stakeholder, including any circumstances in which an Industry Stakeholder has refused to or would refuse to acquire goods or services from a third party supplier or class of third party supplier.

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Agenda Item 3: Gas Advisory Board (GAB) Action Items

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Shaded	Shaded action items are actions that have been completed since the last GAB meeting.
Unshaded	Unshaded action items are still being progressed.
Missing	Action items missing in sequence have been completed from previous meetings and subsequently removed from log.

Item	Action	Responsibility	Meeting Arising	Status/Progress
112	The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) is to annually provide information and updates to the GAB on the ERA's compliance processes.	ERA	2022_10_27	Open An update was provided at the 5 March 2026 GAB meeting, when it was agreed to return to annual updates. The next update is expected in 2027
123	The ERA is to provide the GAB members with: 1. its Compliance Framework and Strategy that outlines its compliance risk-based approach; and 2. a link to its Market Compliance Reports that outline outcomes from the GSI Rules investigations.	ERA	2026_03_05	Closed Provided to GAB members by email on 6 March 2026

Agenda Item 4: AEMO update on 2025 Gas Bulletin Board (GBB) WA Zones Review

Gas Advisory Board (**GAB**) Meeting 2026_08_27

1. Purpose

Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) to provide GAB members with an update on the 2025 GBB (WA) Zones Review.

2. Recommendation

That the GAB notes the AEMO update on the 2025 GBB (WA) Zones Review and provide any feedback.

3. 2025 GBB (WA) Zones review

Under subrule 82(10) of the Gas Services Information (GSI) Rules, AEMO is required to undertake a review of the Western Australian GBB Zones at least every five years.

AEMO developed a draft report, which presented the preliminary outcomes of the 2025 GBB Zones review and what changes may be required to the current Zones, and whether the information presented by Zones promotes the Gas Services Information objectives (GSI Objectives).

In accordance with subrule 82(11) of the GSI Rules, AEMO sought feedback from stakeholders on the preliminary findings of this review before it was finalised.

Following the public consultation and consideration of stakeholder feedback, AEMO published a [final report](#) on 16 March 2026. The finding was that the current GBB Zones List is retained and that the Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pipeline is added to the description for the Mid-West Zone.

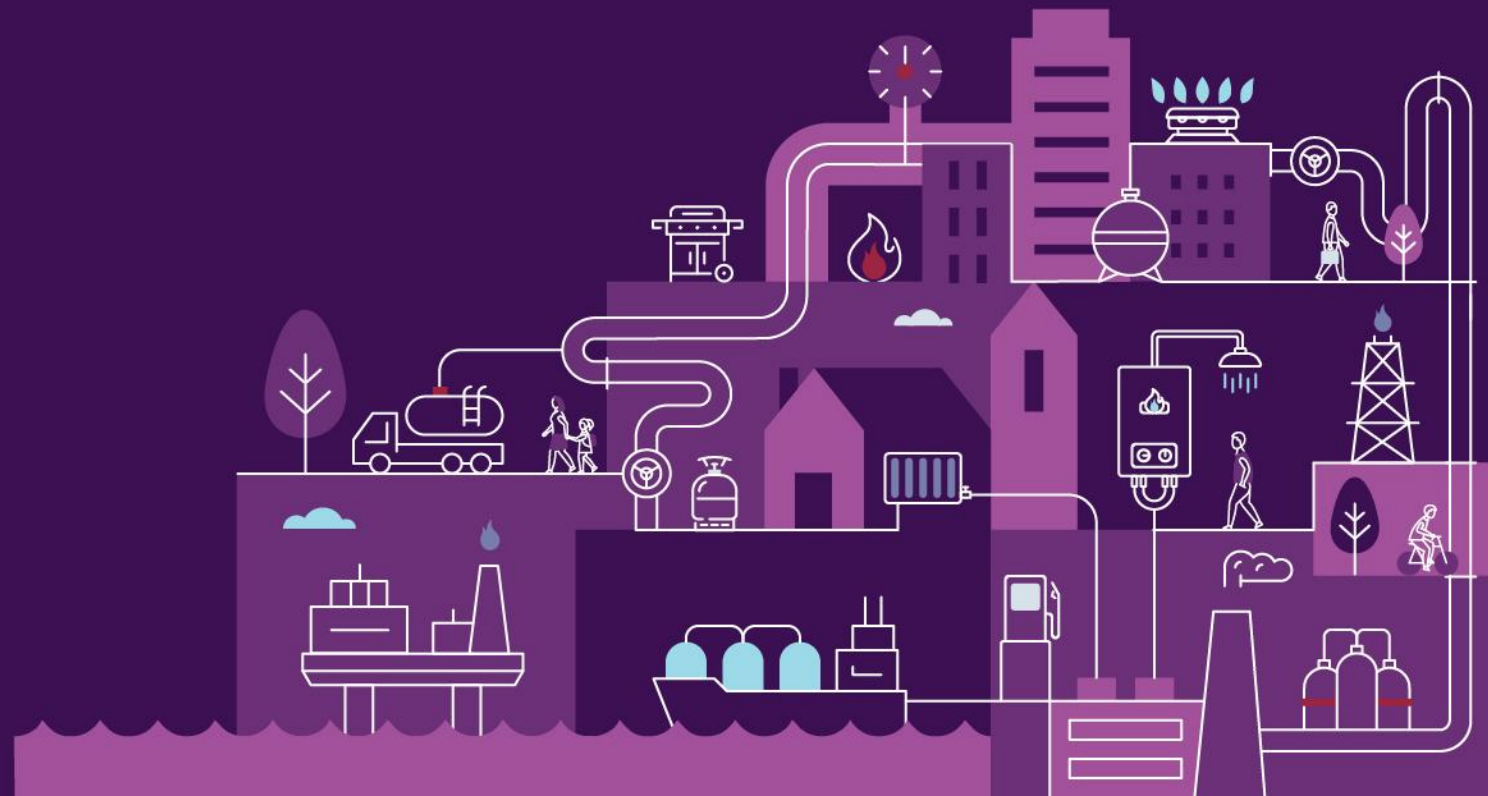
3. Attachment

- (1) Attachment 1 – Presentation of AEMO's update on the 2025 GBB (WA) Zones Review
- (2) Attachment 2 – GBB (WA) Zones Review Final Report



2025 GBB (WA) Zones Review

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GAB August 2026



Agenda

1. What is the GBB Zone Review?
2. How has the WA gas landscape changed?
3. What was the recommendation?

Previous GBB Zone List

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Dampier	The Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) upstream of compressor station (CS) 7, the Burrup Extension Pipeline and the Wheatstone Ashburton West Pipeline.
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What is the GBB Zone Review?

General

- A GBB Zone is a category used for GBB information display.
- AEMO is responsible for developing and maintaining the GBB Zone List.
- AEMO must review the Zones at least once in each five year period.
- AEMO must not make a change to the GBB Zone List unless it is satisfied that the proposed change is consistent with the GSI Objectives.

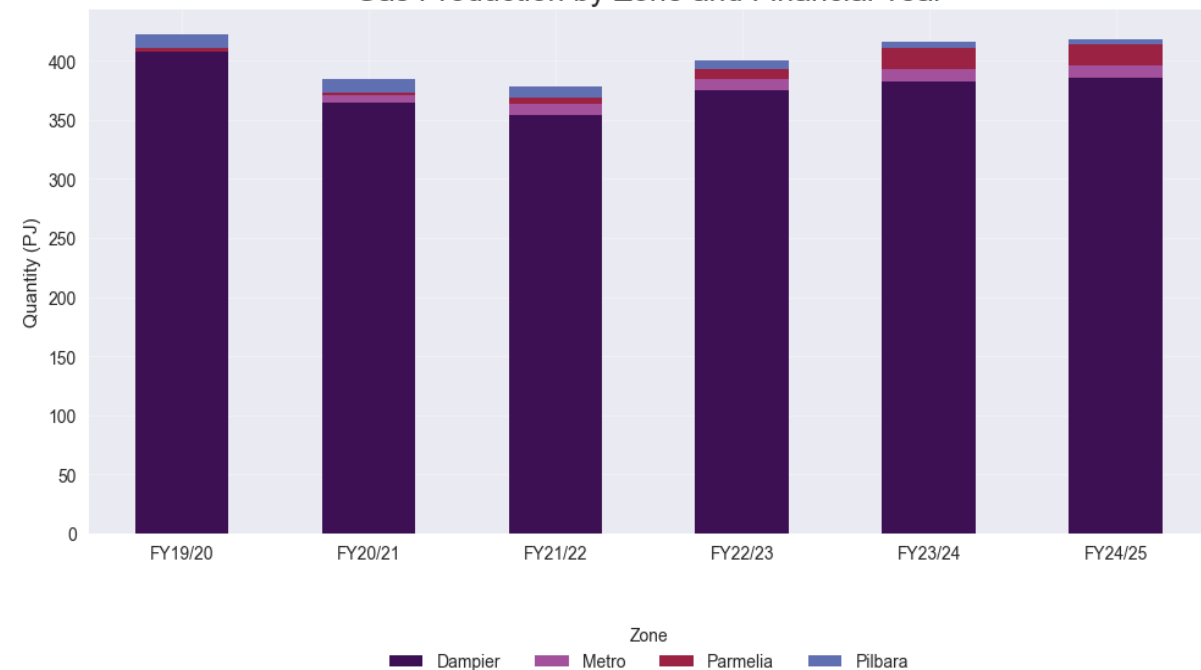
2025 Review

- AEMO published the draft report.
- Presented draft findings at the WA GCF.
- Feedback and submission window.
- Final report published

How has the WA gas landscape changed?

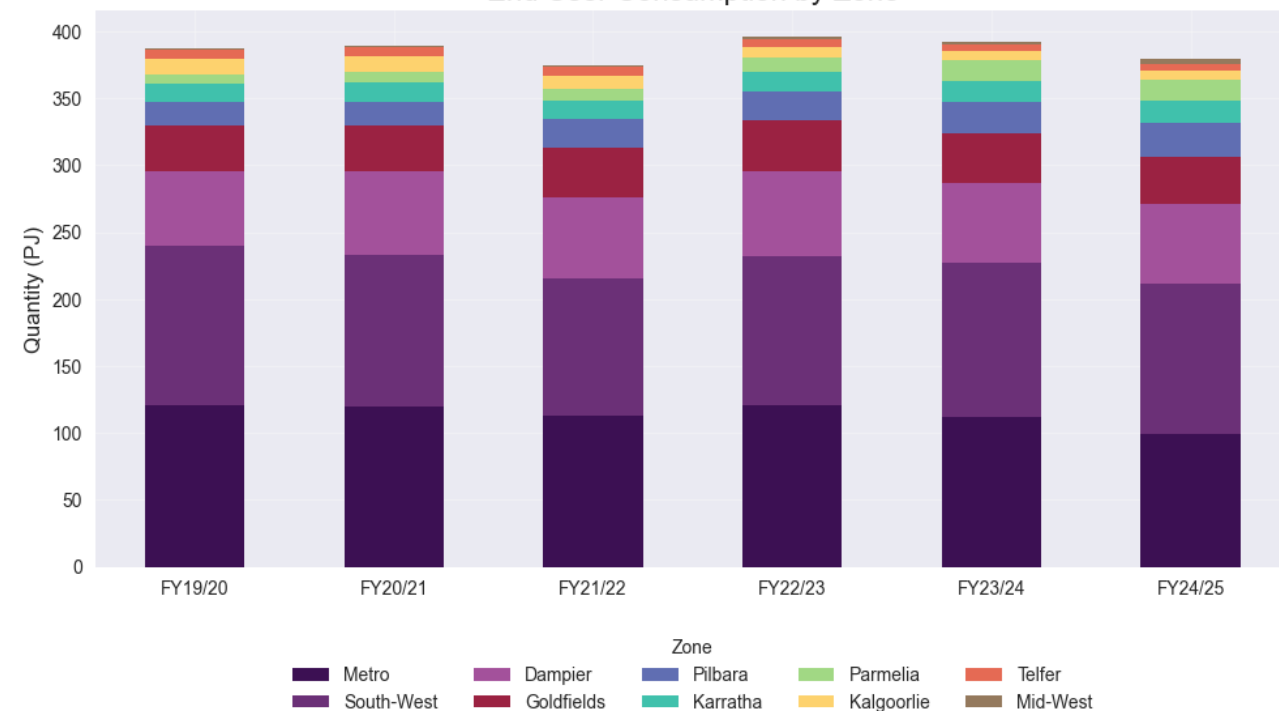
Production

Gas Production by Zone and Financial Year



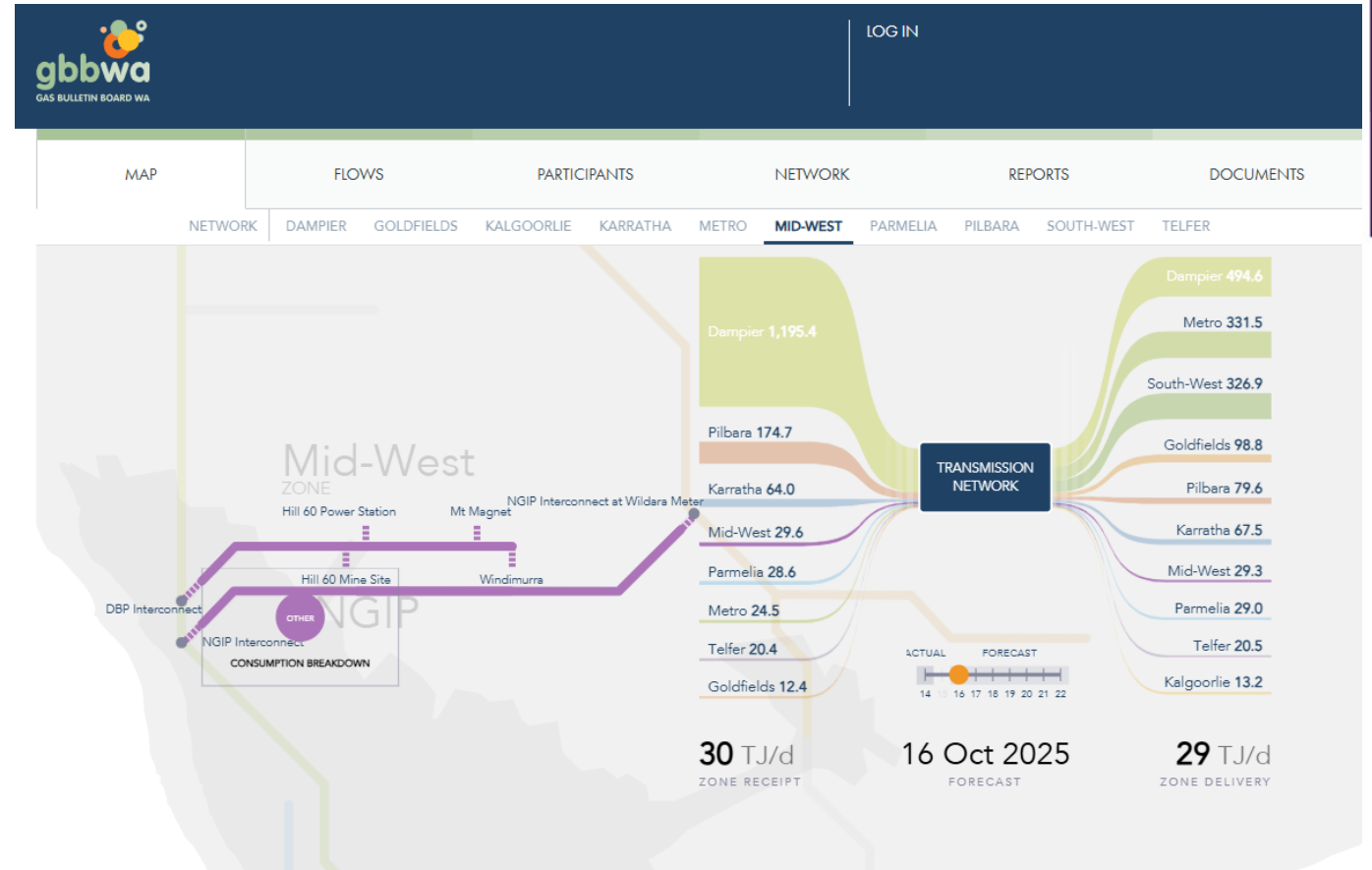
Consumption

End User Consumption by Zone



What was the recommendation?

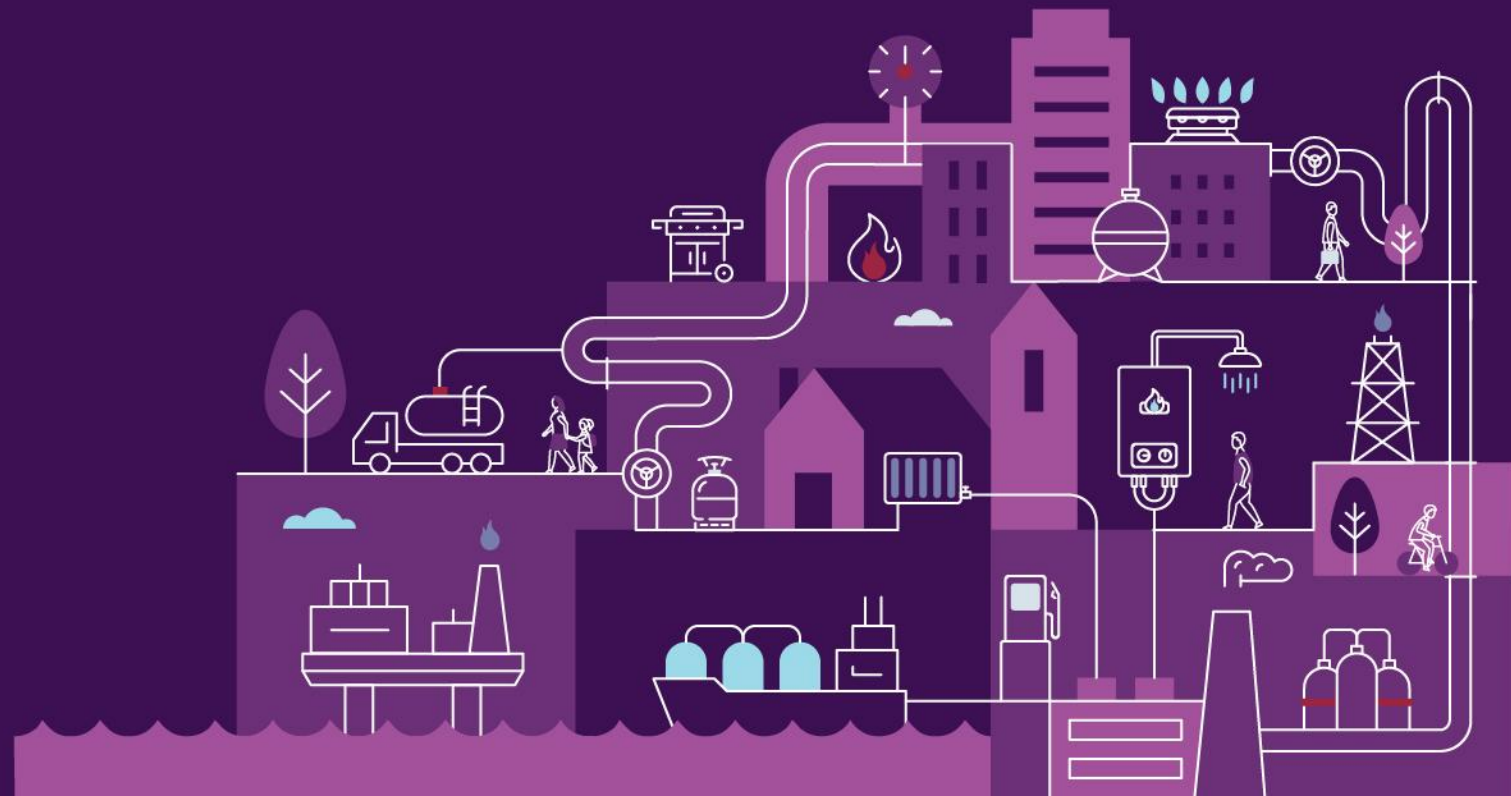
- To retain the current GBB Zone List, with only a minor update—adding the Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pipeline (NGIP) to the description of the Mid-West Zone.



Current GBB Zone List

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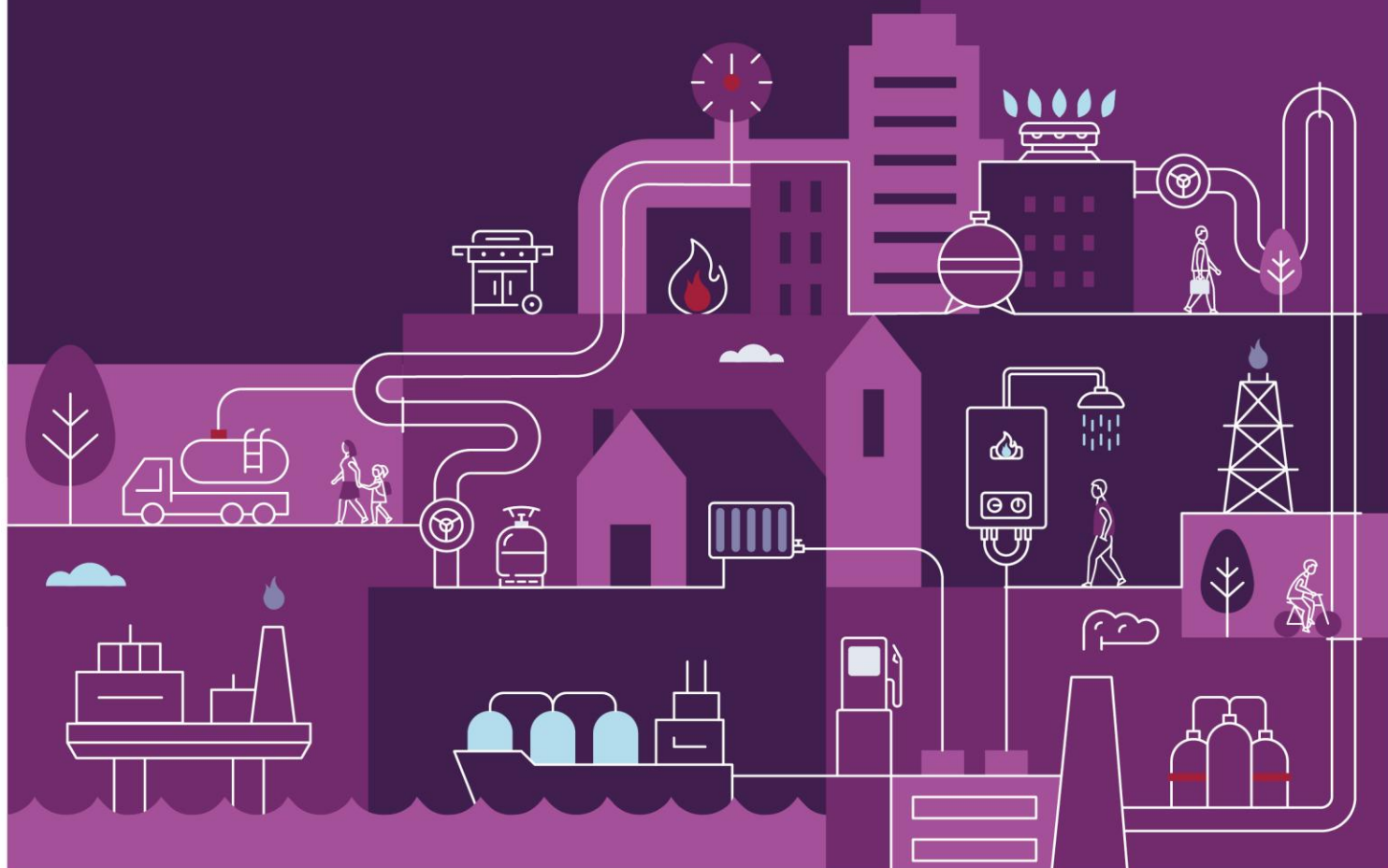




GBB (WA) Zones Review – Final Report 2025

February 2026

WA Energy Market Management





We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, seas and waters across Australia.
We honour the wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past and present and embrace future generations.

We acknowledge that, wherever we work, we do so on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands. We pay respect to the world's oldest continuing culture and First Nations peoples' deep and continuing connection to Country; and hope that our work can benefit both people and Country.

'Journey of unity: AEMO's Reconciliation Path' by Lani Balzan

AEMO is proud to have launched its first [Reconciliation Action Plan](#) in May 2024. 'Journey of unity: AEMO's Reconciliation Path' was created by Wiradjuri artist Lani Balzan to visually narrate our ongoing journey towards reconciliation – a collaborative endeavour that honours First Nations cultures, fosters mutual understanding, and paves the way for a brighter, more inclusive future.

Important notice

Purpose

AEMO has prepared this report as part of the consultation with interested parties including Gas Market Participants and gas industry groups on its five-yearly review of the West Australian Gas Bulletin Board Zones (GGB Zones) in accordance with sub-rule 82(10) of the Gas Services Information Rules. This report considers the appropriateness of the current GGB Zones in relation to facilitating the achievement of the GSI Objectives and providing an appropriate breakdown to represent the present, and near to mid-term future gas landscape in the state.

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Executive summary

Background

Under sub-rule 82(10) of the Gas Services Information Rules (GSI Rules), the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) is required to undertake a review of the Western Australian (WA) Gas Bulletin Board (GBB) Zones at least once every five years. The previous reviews of the Zones under sub-rule 82(10) of the GSI Rules were undertaken in 2015¹ and 2020².

This report presents the outcomes of the 2025 GBB Zones review and reports what changes have been made to the current Zones, and whether the information presented by Zones promotes the Gas Services Information objectives (GSI Objectives) as set out in rule 2 of the GSI Rules and section 6 of the *Gas Services Information Act 2012*.

AEMO sought feedback from stakeholders on the preliminary findings of this review in a Draft Report³ in accordance with sub-rule 82(11) of the GSI Rules before the findings were finalised.

The GBB was launched in 2013. The 2015 and 2020 GBB Zones reviews were in-depth reviews that provided a detailed evaluation of the GBB and the broader requirements of the GSI Rules. A number of recommendations from the 2015 and 2020 reviews have since been implemented. For the 2025 review, AEMO focused on assessing whether the gas landscape in WA has altered significantly enough to warrant a change in the GBB Zone List. Table 1 shows the current GBB Zone List, with the one change made in **bold**.

Table 1 GBB Zone List

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AEMO must publish the GBB Zone List on the GSI Website in accordance with sub-rule 82(3) of the GSI Rules. As no objections were received for the 2025 GBB Zone Review, AEMO will proceed with the changes and publish the updated Zone List on the GSI Website in accordance with sub-rule 82(7).

¹ See https://www.aemo.com.au/-/media/Files/Stakeholder_Consultation/Consultations/Gas_Consultations/WA_GSI_Consultation_Documents/imo-final-report-on-the-2015-gas-bulletin-board-zones-review.pdf.

² See https://www.aemo.com.au/-/media/files/stakeholder_consultation/consultations/gas_consultations/2020/gbb-wa-zones-review/gbb-zones-review--final-report.pdf?la=en&rev=4e0e9337bad54206819defc3cbe4ec6f&sc_lang=en&hash=9D4CBA25864D5F0B1CF8D19CE65AE52A.

³ See https://www.aemo.com.au/-/media/files/stakeholder_consultation/consultations/gas_consultations/2025/gbb-wa-zones-review/2025-gbb-zones-review---draft-report.pdf?rev=3e43328e9a71449fb3debf437cfacddf&sc_lang=en.

Consultation

To help inform the final report and test the preliminary findings, AEMO invited Gas Market Participants and gas industry groups, as well as any other interested party, to review the draft report and submit their views on the appropriateness of the current GBB Zone List, and any reasons why changes to the current Zones may be required. Stakeholders were asked to consider the following questions:

- Does the information aggregation/segregation of the current Zones provide meaningful information?
- How could the presentation of Zones data be improved?
- Are there any future gas developments that may impact the future accuracy and/or granularity of information provided by the current Zones?

AEMO invited feedback on the level of analysis provided in the Draft Report, and any other analysis stakeholders considered would be useful as part of the review and future GBB Zones List reviews, by 5:00 PM (AWST) Friday 7 November 2025. One submission was received; however, it was a suggestion that falls outside the scope of the Zone Review.

AEMO invited all interested parties to attend a public workshop on the draft report, which was held by teleconference from 09:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Wednesday 22 October 2025. The objective of the workshop was to discuss the Draft Report and preliminary findings, and to gauge any feedback interested parties may have had.

Findings

AEMO's findings are unchanged from the preliminary findings in the Draft Report. AEMO found that the current GBB Zones List is retained and that the NGIP is added to the description for the Mid-West Zone. The current Zones meet the requirements of the GSI Rules and do not require any changes to improve effectiveness. This is because:

- The gas landscape (number and identity of Registered Participants and Daily Actual Flow Data) in WA has not altered significantly enough to warrant a change to the Zones to be consistent with the GSI Objectives.
- Where changes have occurred (for example, where new Facilities, including GBB Pipelines, or Registered Participants, have registered on the GBB), AEMO considers the information published in the various GBB reports sufficient to provide information on these new Registered Participants and Facilities. This information allows users to obtain information sufficient to achieve the primary purpose of the GBB under section 4(1) of the GSI Act, that is, information relating to the short- and near-term natural gas supply and demand and natural gas transmission, and storage capacity in WA.
- AEMO does not believe further changes to the Zones, beyond what already features in this report (the addition of the NGIP to the description of the Mid-West Zone), would add significant value to Registered Participants and other users of the GBB.

On this basis, AEMO's view is that the current information provided on the GBB and associated reports published by AEMO achieve a good balance between transparency of data and confidentiality of sensitive information. AEMO has also determined that the change is consistent with the GSI Objectives. AEMO recommends the amended GBB Zones List be retained until the next five-yearly review, or until there is a material change in the WA gas market that warrants reconsideration of the Zones under sub-Rule 82(10) of the GSI Rules. The updated GBB Zones List meets the requirements of the GSI Rules, with only a minor amendment required to the definition of one zone.

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1 Background

1.1 Purpose of the Gas Services Information Rules in WA

The Gas Services Information Rules (GSI Rules) were established in Western Australia (WA) (described as the State in the GSI Rules) and the *Gas Services Information Act 2012* (GSI Act)) in 2013 as a key recommendation of the Gas Supply and Emergency Management Committee, following two major gas supply disruptions in 2008. The GSI Objectives, outlined in sub-rule 2(1) of the GSI Rules and section 6 of the GSI Act, are to promote the long-term interests of consumers of natural gas in relation to the:

- security, reliability and availability of the supply of natural gas in the State;
- efficient operation and use of natural gas services in the State;
- efficient investment in natural gas services in the State; and
- facilitation of competition in the use of natural gas services in the State.

The GSI Rules introduced a Gas Bulletin Board (GBB)⁴ and Gas Statement of Opportunities (GSOO)⁵, which, under sub-rule 2(2) of the GSI Rules, are intended to include information about natural gas supply and demand and natural gas transmission and storage capacity in Western Australia. AEMO is responsible for the operation of the GBB and preparation of the GSOO under sub-rule 8(1) of the GSI Rules.

1.2 What is the GBB?

The GBB is a website designed to provide information relating to short- and near-term natural gas supply and demand, and natural gas transmission and storage capacity in WA. The GBB publishes forecast and historical data on the domestic production, storage and use of natural gas. It provides gas capacity, flow and consumption reports required under rules 85 to 89 of the GSI Rules, and is designed for use by Gas Market Participants, regulators, policy-makers, future investors, and the general public.

The information published on the GBB (together with the information published in the GSOO) provides insight into WA's natural gas security, reliability and availability, and helps promote competition in the state's gas market. Having accurate and adequate publicly available gas services information is particularly important for WA, as the state relies heavily on gas supply for industrial processing, manufacturing industries and electricity generation, as well as residential use.

1.3 Purpose of the GBB Zones and the review

Part 3 of the GSI Rules places obligations on Gas Market Participants to report Facility-specific information related to the production, transport, storage and use of natural gas. Some of this information is published as raw data (such as production by Facility). Other information (such as consumption and linepack) is aggregated, either to ensure protected information is not made public, or to meet AEMO's reporting obligations under the GSI Rules.

⁴ See <https://gbbwa.aemo.com.au/#home>.

⁵ At <https://www.aemo.com.au/energy-systems/gas/gas-forecasting-and-planning/wa-gas-statement-of-opportunities-wa-gsoo>.

Under Division 2 of Part 4 of the GSI Rules, AEMO must publish certain information on the GBB. AEMO is required to aggregate some Facility data by designating various geographic locations into Zones under rule 82 of the GSI Rules and publishing information at a Zone level under Division 2 of Part 4 of the GSI Rules. Currently, each Zone includes specified GBB Pipelines (or part of a GBB Pipeline) and all Receipt Points and Delivery Points connected to those GBB Pipelines or parts of GBB Pipelines. Table 2 shows the current Zones in the GBB Zone List (that is, the Zones prior to this review) and a description of each Zone.

Table 2 GBB Zone List

Zone name	Zone code	Description
Dampier	DM	The Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) upstream of compressor station (CS) 7, the Burrup Extension Pipeline and the Wheatstone Ashburton West Pipeline.
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AEMO must publish the GBB Zone List on the GSI Website in accordance with sub-rule 82(3) of the GSI Rules. In accordance with sub-rule 82(10) of the GSI Rules, AEMO may review the Zones, and must review the Zones at least once every five years. AEMO's last review under sub-rule 82(10) was undertaken in 2020⁶.

This report details AEMO's approach to, and findings of the 2025 review of the Zones. Any review of the Zones must be carried out in consultation with Gas Market Participants and gas industry groups in accordance with sub-rule 82(11) of the GSI Rules.

The scope of this review was to consider the appropriateness of the current Zones in relation to whether they continue to:

- facilitate the achievement of consistency with the GSI Objectives (required by the GSI Rules); and
- provide an appropriate breakdown to represent the present, and near- to mid-term future gas landscape in the state.

1.4 Approach

AEMO's approach to the review is as follows.

- Draft Report – AEMO prepared a Draft Report, which summarised the purpose of the GBB, outcomes of the previous (2020) review, and any changes to the GBB Zone List since the previous review. AEMO proposed a change to the one of

⁶ See <https://www.aemo.com.au/consultations/current-and-closed-consultations/2020-gbb-wa-zones-review>.

GBB Zone definitions in the Draft Report and requested interested parties to provide feedback on the analysis conducted and the findings of the Draft Report.

- Formal consultation – AEMO published the Draft Report for public consultation and invited public submissions over a two-week period. Interested parties were provided the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposals in the Draft Report for consideration prior to finalisation of the review. AEMO held a forum on Wednesday 22 October 2025 to discuss the findings of the Draft Report. One submission was received, which proposed adding additional data; however, this suggestion falls outside the scope of the Zone Review.
- Final Report – AEMO has prepared this Final Report that which includes the information, analysis, and findings of the review. The amendment for this review is limited to an update to one of the GBB Zone descriptions.
- Implement recommendations – with the inclusion of the Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pipeline (NGIP) in the GBB Zone list and given the consultation that has been undertaken for this review, there are no further recommendations arising from the Final Report that require implementation in line with the process described in the GSI Rules.

1.5 Structure of this report

This report provides the following information:

- Chapter 1 – Background.
- Chapter 2 – Analysis and findings on the appropriateness of the current Zones and use of zonal data.
- Chapter 3 – Findings and decision.

2 Analysis

This section provides an overview of:

- information currently published on the GBB;
- changes in the WA gas landscape since the last review; and
- AEMO's view on whether any modification to the granularity of GBB data is warranted as a result of these changes.

2.1 Data provision and publication

The current GBB Zone List is outlined in Table 2 (in Section 1.3). The Zones provide a way of aggregating gas production and flows in WA for reporting purposes. The data that AEMO must collect and publish on the GBB is outlined in the GSI Rules, specifically rules 83 to 91 (see Appendix A1 of this report). Data currently published on the GBB includes a network map and a series of reports that relate to the flows of gas aggregated by Zone.

2.1.1 Network map

Under rule 91 of the GSI Rules, AEMO must maintain a map that displays the various GBB Pipelines and Zones.

AEMO publishes an interactive map of the state with a visual delineation between Zones and GBB Pipelines⁷. The map allows users to select particular Zones to view which connection points are located in these Zones. This map also provides daily indications of which connection points are withdrawing gas, injecting gas, storing gas, or performing a combination of these functions. Further to this, a breakdown of the consumption category (distribution, electricity generation, minerals processing, mining, industrial/manufacturing, other) is provided.

The map functions as a quick reference for users as to the status of each GBB Pipeline and Zone, by outlining the Capacity Outlook, the Nominated and Forecast Flow Data, and the LCA. Users can identify the status of the Zones by using the map and observing if there are any discrepancies with normal operation.

Under rule 83 of the GSI Rules, AEMO must publish the network representation (or topology of the gas network) on the GBB for each Zone⁸. This is a list aggregated by GBB Pipelines and Zones, which catalogues the connection points and identifies which Facilities are withdrawing/injecting/storing gas from which GBB Pipeline at these connection points. This information provides a comprehensive list of the identifying codes of the connection points, so that users can correlate the topology with published reports.

2.1.2 GBB Reports

Part 4 of the GSI Rules specifies a range of gas capacity, flows, consumption and end user information that Registered Participants must provide and AEMO must publish on the GBB. AEMO meets these requirements by publishing granular information in reports, while preserving the confidentiality requirements of any protected information provided by Registered Participants.

⁷ See <https://gbbwa.aemo.com.au/#home>.

⁸ See <https://gbbwa.aemo.com.au/#topology>.

The reports published by AEMO are summarised in the following table from the GSI Procedure – Operation of the GBB and EMF⁹.

Table 3 Reports published on the GBB

Report name	Description	Timeframes
Capacity Outlook	The seven-day Capacity Outlook for all GBB Pipelines, GBB Storage Facilities and GBB Production Facilities from Gas Day D to Gas Day D+6 inclusive. [subrule 85(a)]	Initial Report: Daily between 6:00 AM on Gas Day D-1 and the start of Gas Day D. Update: As soon as possible following the receipt of updated data.
Linepack capacity adequacy outlook	The LCA Flag for each GBB Pipeline or parts of a GBB Pipeline in a Zone and each GBB Storage Facility for Gas Day D to D+2 inclusive. [subrule 85(b)]	Initial Report: Daily between 6:00 AM on Gas Day D-1 and the start of Gas Day D. Update: As soon as possible following the receipt of updated data.
Nominated and Forecast Flow Data	For each Zone [subrule 86(1)(a) and (b)] and each GBB Storage Facility [subrule 86(1)(c)]: The aggregated quantity of gas nominated for all Receipt Points Gas Day D and forecast for each of Gas Day D+1 to D+6 inclusive. The aggregated quantity of gas nominated for all Delivery Points for Gas Day D and forecasts for each of Gas Day D+1 to D+6 inclusive.	Initial Report: Daily between 6:00 AM on Gas Day D-1 and the start of Gas Day D. Update: As soon as possible following the receipt of updated data.
Actual Flows	For each Zone [subrules 87(1)(a) and (b)]: The actual flow of gas aggregated for all Receipt Points and aggregated for all Delivery Points for each Gas Day D. For each Gate Station [subrule 87(1)(c)]: The aggregated actual flow of gas each Gas Day D. For each GBB Storage Facility [subrule 87(1)(d)]: The actual gas flow into the GBB Storage Facility and out of the GBB Storage Facility for each Gas Day D. For each GBB Production Facility [subrule 87(1)(e)]: The actual gas out of the GBB Production Facility for each Gas Day D.	Report: Daily between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Gas Day D+2. Update: As soon as possible following the receipt of updated data for a Production Facility.
Daily Actual Consumption Data by Zone	Aggregate (by Zone) actual gas consumption of GBB Large User Facilities for each Gas Day D. [subrule 89(1)(a)] Aggregate (by Zone) actual gas quantity injected into the Distribution System (excluding Large User Facilities) for every Zone for each Gas Day D. [subrule 89(1)(b)] Aggregate (by Zone) actual gas consumption excluding GBB Large User Facilities and Distribution System consumption for every Zone for each Gas Day D. [subrule 89(1)(c)]	Report: Daily between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Gas Day D+2.
Large User consumption information	Actual gas consumption for each GBB Large User Facility for every Gas Day D. [subrule 88(3)] Actual gas consumption of GBB Large User Facilities, aggregated by Zone and Consumption Category for each Gas Day D. [subrule 88(1)]	Report: Daily between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Gas Day D+7.
Gas Specification Data	Gas Specification Data for PIA Pipelines and PIA Production Facilities (and Non-PIA Gas Production Facilities which are obliged to submit Gas Specification Data) for every Gas Day D. [rule 90]	Report: Daily between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Gas Day D+8.
Medium Term Capacity Outlook	Included Planned Service Notifications (or maintenance reports) for all upcoming capacity constraints of all Registered Facilities during the next 12 calendar months (M to M+11 inclusive). [subrule 85(c)]	Initial Report: Monthly between 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM on the first day of each calendar month M. Update: As soon as practicable where an update is submitted.
Monthly Trucked Gas	Total quantity of natural gas that is injected from GBB Production Facilities into Tankers to be transported to end users for each calendar month [subrule 89A]	Initial Report: Monthly at 5:00 PM on the 10th business day after the end of Gas Month M-1, for Gas Month M-1.

⁹ See <https://aemo.com.au/energy-systems/gas/wa-gas-bulletin-board-wa-gbb/procedures-policies-and-guides>.

From Table 3, it can be ascertained that the following published information is aggregated by Zone:

- Linepack capacity adequacy outlook;
- Nominated and Forecast Flow Data;
- Daily Actual Flow Data;
- Daily Actual Consumption Data of Large User Facilities and Distribution Systems; and
- Large User Facility consumption.

While the GBB functions as a method of delivering as much information as possible to those invested and interested in the WA gas industry, there is a risk that providing information with too much granularity can compromise confidentiality. Aggregating the publication of data by Zones mitigates this risk, as it does not present confidential Facility-specific information. Instead, it provides an aggregated snapshot of the information for a specific region. In any review of the GBB Zone List, AEMO's view is that the confidentiality of business-critical information should be maintained, including in accordance with the requirements of the GSI Act and GSI Rules with regard to protected information.

Conversely, aggregation of data by Zones poses the risk of not publishing data to an adequate level of transparency. The GSI Rules and GBB reports mitigate this risk by publishing a suite of reports that present aggregated information. Furthermore, AEMO publishes reports at a later date that present the information at a greater level of granularity. These reports include production quantities by Facility, Medium Term Capacity Outlook (seven-day to one-year outlooks) and short-term Capacity Outlooks (seven-day outlooks), Facility-based consumption (receipt and deliveries), and Large User based consumption information. All flow information published on the GBB is published as a daily quantity in terajoules per day (TJ/day).

2.2 Changes to the gas landscape since the previous review

This section presents a view of the current WA gas landscape using current information held on the GBB, and an assessment of what has changed since 2020.

2.2.1 Participant and Facility Changes

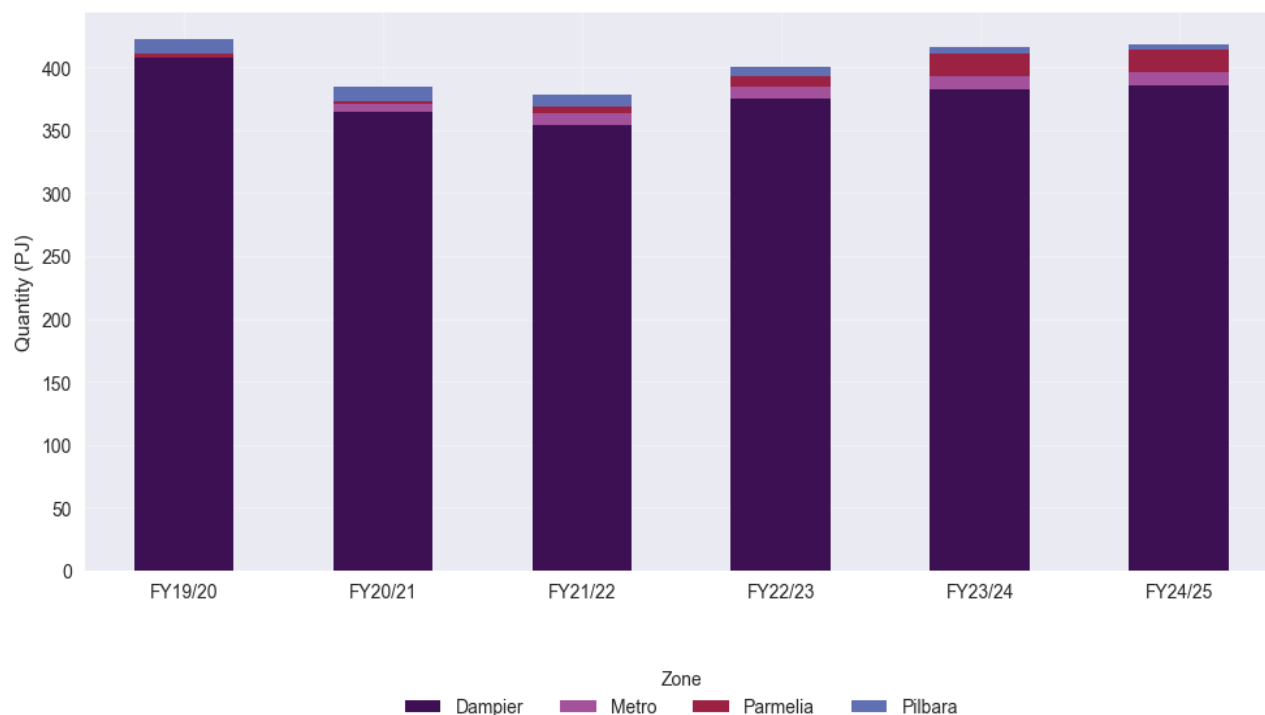
As of July 2025, there are 75 Gas Market Participants registered on the GBB. This is an increase of 11 Registered Participants since October 2020. There are 18 Gas Market Participants that are both Shippers and Registered Facility Operators.

Facility changes since October 2020 include the addition of:

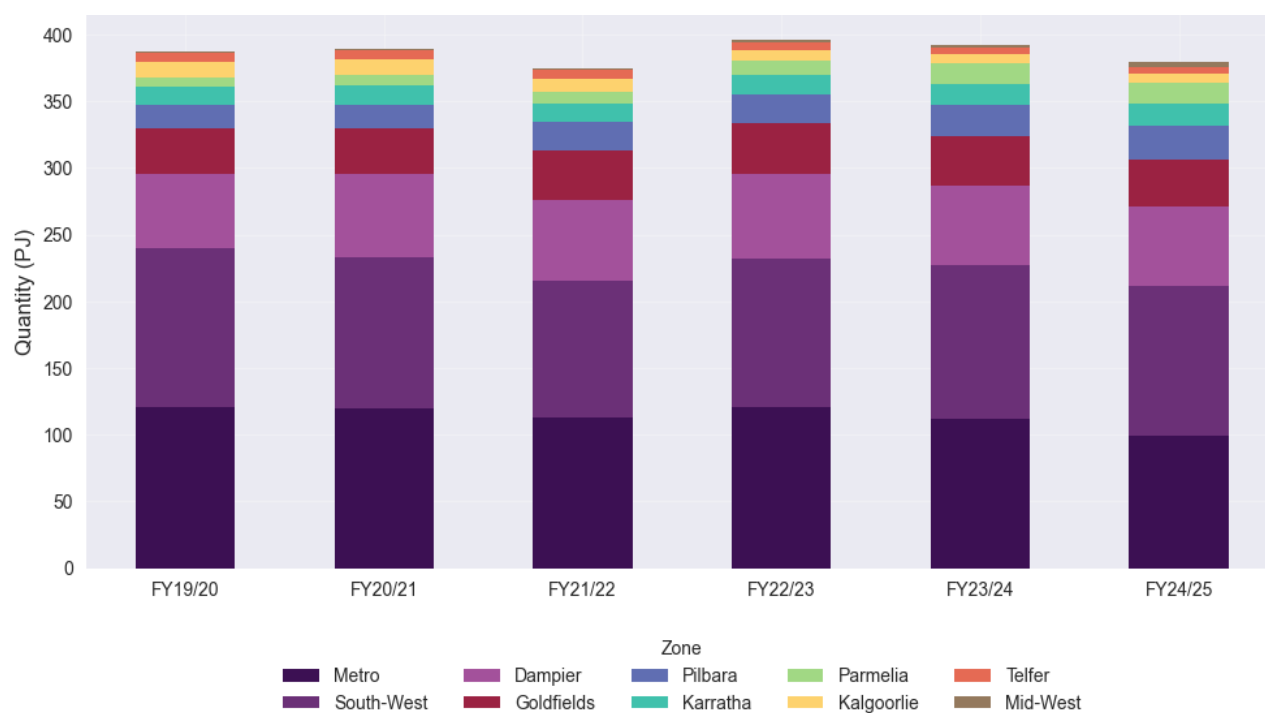
- Tronox Management Cogen – Large User;
- Northern Goldfields Interconnect Pipeline (NGIP) – Transmission Pipeline; and
- Walyering – Production Facility.

2.2.2 Changes to the flows of gas

The Dampier Zone remains the primary source of production, making up 92.4% (a decrease of 3.6% from July 2020) of the gas injected into GBB Pipelines. Beharra Springs and Walyering Production Facilities, both located in the Parmelia Zone, represent 4.2% of production. An additional 2.5% of production comes from the Xyris Production Facility receipt point located in the Metro Zone, and 0.9% from the Varanus island receipt point located in the Pilbara Zone.

Figure 1 Gas production by Zone and financial year

The majority of consumption is located in the south-west of WA, with 59.4% of consumption in the Metro, South-West and Parmelia Zones. Additional consumption is primarily from mining and industrial use in the Dampier Zone (16%), and Large Users for mining in the Kalgoorlie and Goldfields Zones (13%).

Figure 2 End user consumption by Zone

The Zones provide a useful way of aggregating information on a geographic basis within WA. Despite this aggregation, and as shown earlier in Table 3, users are able to identify how consumption and production flows have changed on a Facility basis through the Daily Actual Flow Data reports for individual connection points that are GBB Storage Facilities, GBB Production Facilities, or Large User Facilities. Other connection points do not have sufficient injection or withdrawal volumes to meet the 10 TJ/day registration threshold.

2.3 Consideration of 2020 review recommendations

The 2020 AEMO Zone Review recommended that the existing GBB Zone list be retained without modification.

3 Findings

3.1 Consultation

A review of the GBB Zones must be carried out in consultation with Gas Market Participants and gas industry groups in accordance with sub-rule 82(11) of the GSI Rules. During the 2025 Zone Review, AEMO:

- Published a draft report for public consultation and invited public submissions over a two-week period starting on Wednesday 22 October 2025 and concluding on Friday 7 November 2025. Interested parties were provided the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposals in the draft report for consideration prior to finalisation of the review. One submission was received.
- Held a forum on Wednesday 22 October 2025 to discuss the findings of the draft report. A few questions were raised; however, they fell outside the scope of the GBB Zone Review.

One submission regarding the GBB Zones was made throughout the consultation 2 with no objection, providing two suggestions. The first was to add an 'Off-Shore' section to the Dampier Zone to account for natural gas consumed by Production Facility Operators producing liquefied natural gas (LNG) at the LNG Production Facilities. The second was to request gas production data for Tubridgi Gas Storage Facility to be added to the GBB. AEMO determined that it will not create a new 'Off-Shore' section, given the current GSI Rules do not place an obligation on LNG producers to submit information about consumption that does not come from a GBB Pipeline. AEMO will investigate whether the Tubridgi Gas Storage Facility is required to register as a Production Facility and will engage with the relevant Participant accordingly.

After considering the submission received during the consultation period, and taking into account the practicality and cost of implementing the proposed change, the views expressed in the submission, and any other information AEMO considers necessary to assess whether the change should be made in accordance with sub-rule 82(9), AEMO's findings and decision remain unchanged from the preliminary findings and recommendation in the Draft Report.

3.2 Findings

AEMO's finding is that the current level of data provision based on the current division of the Zones meets the requirements and objectives of the GSI Rules.

The reports currently published in relation to the Zones provide a reasonable balance between preserving a level of confidentiality and allowing sufficient granularity to allow users to interrogate information on the near- to mid-term future gas landscape in WA. Additionally, the volume and variety of Zone reports and other published complementary documents (such as the GSOO) mean the current Zone division does not inhibit the transparency of data available to users.

AEMO observes that:

- There have been some registration changes since the 2020 review, in the form of additional Production Facilities, a new GBB Pipeline, and new Shippers. However, these additions do not require changes to Zone-aggregated data because the impact of these registration changes is captured sufficiently in the various reports AEMO publishes alongside the GBB, meaning that, when considering the practicality of making a change under rule 82(9)(a), there is no material benefit in such a change.

- The introduction of the NGIP does not extend into a geographic region outside of the Mid-West Zone. The NGIP is currently featured as an additional GBB Pipeline in the Mid-West Zone and connects the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) to the Goldfields Gas Pipeline (GGP). Therefore, the NGIP does not significantly change the use and distribution of gas in the Mid-West Zone to the extent that it warrants a change to the GBB Zone List.
- The introduction of the two Large User Facilities and two Production Facilities does not warrant changes to the respective Zones for similar reasons. No significant changes to flows throughout the Zones have been observed as a result of these additions.
- There has been no distinct change in flow patterns, as:
 - the majority of gas continues to be produced in the Dampier Zone;
 - consumption remains largely focused to the south-west of the state (Metro, South-West, and Parmelia Zones), with additional consumption supplied to mining users in the Kalgoorlie, Goldfields, and Dampier Zones and industrial users in the Dampier Zone; and
 - Zones with diverse gas use are not geographically large (for example, Metro Zone), and Zones with uniform gas use (Pilbara, Goldfields and Kalgoorlie Zones) are divided based on geographic regions.
- Where users wish to find out more about the location, production or consumption of these new Facilities, this information is available in the various Facility-level reports currently published by AEMO. Therefore, aggregation of consumption data by Zone provides useful information for the GBB in relation to achieving the GSI Objectives under rule 2 of the GSI Rules, without disclosing business critical or other protected information.
- The publication of zonal data remains useful to provide a sense of how different regions may have changed over time. Users can access Facility data to determine how the zonal changes have occurred.

Therefore, AEMO considers that the changes to the gas landscape in WA since the previous Zone review do not warrant changes to the GBB Zone List, other than the addition of the NGIP to the description of the Mid-West Zone.

3.3 Decision

AEMO's decision is that the current GBB Zone List is retained, and that the NGIP is added to the description for the Mid-West Zone. AEMO makes this decision on the basis that:

- the current Zones division and provision of information available via the GBB satisfies the requirements of the GSI Rules and the GSI Objectives;
- the addition of new Production Facilities, Large User Facilities, and GBB Pipelines has not materially impacted the existing Zone boundaries or aggregation of data;
- AEMO publishes Large User Facility and Production Facility level data in a series of reports to the GBB, in addition to Zone reports, which provide sufficient publicly available information to allow visibility of the current and forecast status of natural gas supply, transmission, and storage in WA, without the need to alter the GBB Zone List;
- there have been no distinct changes in flow patterns; the majority of gas continues to be produced almost wholly in the Dampier Zone, and consumption remains focused in the Metro, South-West and Parmelia Zones.

Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Expanded term
AEMO	Australian Energy Market Operator
CS	Compressor station
DBNGP	Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline
GAB	Gas Advisory Board
GBB	Gas Bulletin Board (WA)
GCF	Gas Consultative Forum
GGP	Goldfields Gas Pipeline
GSI	Gas Services Information
GSOO	Gas Statement of Opportunities
IMO	Independent Market Operator (AEMO's predecessor)
LCA	Linepack Capacity Adequacy

A1. GSI Rules 83 to 91 (GBB information provision)

Division 2 AEMO to publish certain information on GBB

83 Network representation (Zone) information

- (1) AEMO must publish the following network representation information on the GBB for each Zone:
 - (a) the GBB Pipelines that are located wholly or partly in the Zone;
 - (b) Receipt Points and Delivery Points, including Gate Stations, which are included in the Zone;
 - (c) GBB Production Facilities that supply gas to the Zone and the Receipt Points through which that gas is injected;
 - (d) GBB Storage Facilities that are connected to a GBB Pipeline in the Zone and the associated Receipt Points and Delivery Points;
 - (e) GBB Large User Facilities that can take gas from the Zone and the Delivery Points through which that gas is delivered; and
 - (f) each Receipt Point or Delivery Point in the Zone that provides a connection to another GBB Pipeline, and the corresponding Delivery Point or Receipt Point on that other GBB Pipeline.
- (2) AEMO must update the GBB when the network representation information is modified, or when required as a result of a change to Facility Data.

84 Publication of general information on GBB

AEMO must publish the following general information on the GBB:

- (a) a list of all Registered Participants;
- (b) Contact Information;
- (c) a list of all Registered Facilities;
- (d) a list of all Receipt Points, Delivery Points and Gate Stations;
- (e) a list of Delivery Points in relation to which information provided under rule 61(1);
- (f) PIA Summary Information; and
- (g) Nameplate Capacity Data for all Registered Facilities.

85 Publication of capacity outlook information on GBB

AEMO must publish the following capacity outlook information on the GBB:

- (a) the Capacity Outlook details provided by Registered Pipeline Operators, Registered Storage Facility Operators and Registered Production Facility Operators under rules 57, 65 and 72;

- (b) the LCA Flags provided by Registered Pipeline Operators and Registered Storage Facility Operators under rules 58 and 66; and
- (c) Medium Term Capacity Outlooks provided by Registered Pipeline Operators, Registered Storage Facility Operators and Registered Production Facility Operators under rules 56, 64 and 71.

86 Publication of nominated and forecast flow information on GBB

- (1) AEMO must publish the following nominated and forecast flow information on the GBB:
 - (a) Nominated and Forecast Flow Data for Receipt Points provided under rule 59, aggregated by Zone and Gas Day;
 - (b) Nominated and Forecast Flow Data for Delivery Points provided under rule 59, aggregated by Zone and Gas Day; and
 - (c) for each Gas Day, the Nominated and Forecast Flow Data for each GBB Storage Facility provided under rule 67 or, where a Registered Storage Facility Operator has been granted an exemption under subrule 67(3), the information provided under rule 59 for the relevant Receipt Points and Delivery Points, aggregated by:
 - (i) all Delivery Points at which gas is withdrawn from one or more GBB Pipelines for injection into the storage facility; and
 - (ii) all Receipt Points at which gas withdrawn from the storage facility is injected into one or more GBB Pipelines.
- (2) AEMO may publish on the GBB the following information:
 - (a) where a GBB Pipeline is injected with gas from another GBB Pipeline located in another Zone, the nominated and forecast flow from one GBB Pipeline into the other GBB Pipeline, by Gas Day; and
 - (b) for each GBB Pipeline, a residual amount representing the difference between nominated and forecast flows of the gas to be injected into the pipeline and withdrawn from the pipeline, by Gas Day.

87 Publication of actual flow information on GBB

- (1) AEMO must publish on the GBB the following actual flow information:
 - (a) Daily Actual Flow Data for Receipt Points provided under rule 60, aggregated by Zone and Gas Day;
 - (b) Daily Actual Flow Data for Delivery Points provided under rule 60, aggregated by Zone and Gas Day;
 - (c) for each Gas Day, the Daily Actual Flow Data for each Gate Station provided under rule 60;
 - (d) for each Gas Day, the Daily Actual Flow Data for each GBB Storage Facility provided under rule 68 or, where a Registered Storage Facility Operator has been granted an exemption under subrule 68(2), the information provided under rule 60 for the relevant Receipt Points and Delivery Points, aggregated by:
 - (i) all Delivery Points at which gas is withdrawn from one or more GBB Pipelines for injection into the storage facility; and

- (ii) all Receipt Points at which gas withdrawn from the storage facility is injected into one of more GBB Pipelines; and
 - (e) for each Gas Day, the Daily Actual Flow Data for each GBB Production Facility provided under rule 73 or, where a Registered Production Facility Operator has been granted an exemption under subrule 73(2), the information provided under rule 60 for the relevant Receipt Points, being the aggregate of all Receipt Points at which gas produced by the facility is injected into one or more GBB Pipelines.
- (2) AEMO may publish on the GBB the following information:
- (a) where a GBB Pipeline is injected with gas from another GBB Pipeline located in another Zone, the actual flow from one GBB Pipeline into the other GBB Pipeline, by Gas Day; and
 - (b) for each GBB Pipeline, a residual amount representing the difference between gas injected into the pipeline and withdrawn from the pipeline, by Gas Day.

88 Publication of GBB Large User Facility consumption information on GBB

- (1) AEMO must publish on the GBB for each Zone for each Gas Day, the information provided under rule 78 or, where a Registered Large User has been granted an exemption under subrule 78(2), the information provided under rule 60 for the relevant Delivery Points, aggregated by the following Consumption Categories:
 - (a) consumption in the mining industry, including electricity generation for mining;
 - (b) consumption for other electricity generation;
 - (c) consumption for minerals processing;
 - (d) consumption for other manufacturing processes, including industrial consumption of gas as a raw material; and
 - (e) other GBB Large User Facility consumption.
- (2) Where a GBB Large User Facility consumes gas supplied directly from more than one Zone and it is not possible to apportion the consumption of the facility across the relevant Zones, AEMO may publish information under subrule (1) in any one of the relevant Zones and must endeavour to do so on a consistent basis over time.
- (3) AEMO must publish on the GBB for each GBB Large User Facility and each Gas Day, the information provided under rule 78 or, where a Registered Large User has been granted an exemption under subrule 78(2), the information provided under rule 60 for the relevant Delivery Point.
- (4) AEMO may publish the information referred to in subrule (1) aggregated for all Zones.

89 Publication of other end user consumption information on GBB

- (1) AEMO must publish on the GBB for each Zone for each Gas Day, the following information:
 - (a) aggregate Daily Actual Consumption Data by GBB Large User Facilities;
 - (b) distribution network connected consumption, being aggregated daily flow for Delivery Points (excluding any GBB Large User Facilities) into Distribution Systems; and

- (c) other consumption that is neither GBB Large User Facility consumption or distribution network connected consumption.

- (2) Where distribution network connected consumption is for gas supplied directly from more than one Zone and it is not possible to apportion the consumption across the relevant Zones, AEMO may publish information under subrule (1)(a) in any one of the relevant Zones and must endeavour to do so on a consistent basis over time.

89A Publication of Monthly Trucked Gas Data on GBB

AEMO must publish on the GBB, for each GBB Production Facility and each calendar month, the information provided under rule 73A(1) or deemed to be provided under rule 73A(3).

90 Publication of gas specification information on GBB

AEMO must publish on the GBB the following gas specification information:

- (a) Gas Specification Data provided by all PIA Pipeline Operators under rule 61;
- (b) Gas Specification Data provided by all PIA Production Facility Operators under rule 74; and
- (c) Gas Specification Data provided by Gas Market Participants under rule 75.

91 Publication of map on GBB

- (1) AEMO must maintain a map on the GBB which displays GBB Pipelines and Zones.
- (2) The map published on the GBB must show the following current Gas Day information:
 - (a) Capacity Outlook information for each GBB Pipeline, GBB Storage Facility and GBB Production Facility;
 - (b) Nominated and Forecast Flow Data referred to in rule 86; and
 - (c) LCA Flags for:
 - (i) each GBB Pipeline in each Zone; and
 - (ii) each GBB Storage Facility.



Agenda Item 5: Update on the Review of the Gas Services Information (GSI) Rules and further proposals for coordinating gas and electricity information

Gas Advisory Board (GAB) Meeting 2026_08_27

1. Purpose

The GAB Secretariat to:

- provide GAB members with a status update on the progress of the Review of the GSI Rules; and
- seek feedback from GAB members on further proposals for coordinating gas and electricity information to enhance the GSI Rules.

2. Recommendation

That the GAB:

- notes the general update provided in this paper; and
- provides feedback on the proposals for coordinating gas and electricity information.

3. Update on the Review of the GSI Rules

The Coordinator of Energy (Coordinator), in consultation with the GAB and its working group, is carrying out a review of the GSI Rules (the Review).

In March 2025, the GAB established the GSI Rules Review Working Group to support the Review.

As part of the Review process, the Department of Energy and Economic Diversification (DEED) published a [Consultation Paper](#) in December 2025 with proposed review outcomes to evolve and enhance the GSI Rules.

At the 5 March 2026 meeting of the GAB, members received an update on stakeholder submissions in response to the Consultation Paper and discussed the key issues raised in those submissions.

Based on stakeholder feedback, DEED is preparing an Information Paper, which sets out the final review outcomes.

Further information on the Review of the GSI Rules, including the Scope of Work is available on the [Review webpage](#). The Terms of Reference, papers and minutes of the working group meetings are available on the working group [webpage](#).

4. Coordinating gas and electricity information – further proposals

Background

On 25 August 2025, the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) was required to intervene in the Real-Time Market in Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) to preserve power system security and reliability. AEMO manually intervened to constrain down gas-powered

generation (GPG) in the Kwinana region and constrain on other facilities to maintain adequate electricity supply.

The intervention was required due to line pack limitations affecting several GPG operators' access to gas transport services on the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) between 9:00 pm and 11:35 pm.

The event remains under investigation, with a Significant Incident Report expected to be published. However, [information](#) currently available to AEMO indicates that several factors contributed to the intervention, including:

- High peak demand, driven by unusually cold weather, resulting in the second-highest winter peak on record of 3,917 MW;
- Inadequate Electric Storage Resource (ESR) State of Charge heading into the evening peak, following earlier daytime discharge requirements and weather conditions that limited solar generation;
- Differences between forecast and actual outcomes, including differences in forecast and actual demand and prices;
- Available capacity not converting to in-service capacity within the WEM; and
- Unexpected, significant and sustained gas transport requirements on the DBNGP, driven by increased demand for GPG generation.

Available information indicates that the issue was not caused by a limitation in the pipeline's capacity. This is supported by the fact that, several days later, a greater volume of gas was transported through the DBNGP without a similar issue occurring.

To reduce the risk of similar reliability issues occurring in the future, proposed amendments to the Electricity System and Market (ESM) Rules are being progressed:

[Tranche 10 Exposure Draft](#) of Electricity System and Market (ESM) Amending Rules

- enabling AEMO to direct a Facility to use liquid fuel if the Facility is certified on liquid fuel in the Reserve Capacity Mechanism and AEMO has issued a Low Reserve Condition Declaration. This change is intended to reduce gas demand within the electricity system, if the pipeline is experiencing linepack adequacy issues; and

[Capability Class 2 Technologies Review – Consultation Paper](#)

- empowering AEMO to issue a Lack of Reserve – State of Charge declaration, which would establish a minimum state-of-charge obligation for ESRs at the start of the peak period. This change is being considered as part of the Capability Class 2 Technologies Review.

Proposals

While the amendments to the ESM Rules are expected to mitigate future reliability issues, DEED in consultation with AEMO and the DBNGP operator, has been progressing potential solutions intended to improve the coordination of information between the AEMO and pipeline operators.

These proposed measures are intended to support the establishment of enhanced information-sharing and communication arrangements between AEMO, Pipeline Operators, and the Coordinator to support reliability in the broader energy system, including:

- an information sharing process, in which AEMO must provide electricity information to Pipeline Operators daily, to support effective pipeline operations;

- an information sharing process in which, if requested by AEMO, a Pipeline Operator must provide gas pipeline information to AEMO, to assist AEMO in maintaining reliability in the WEM;
- a formal communication process in which AEMO must advise Pipeline Operators if it declares a Low Reserve Condition in the WEM, providing early warning to Pipeline Operators that GPG consumption may change;
- a formal communication process, in which a Pipeline Operator must advise AEMO if the gas consumption of Registered Large Users in the electricity Consumption Category will be curtailed or unable to be met, assisting AEMO to maintain reliability in the WEM; and
- a formal communication process in which AEMO must advise the Coordinator that the WEM is in an Emergency Operating State, if it considers an Emergency Management Facility direction is required to prevent cascading problems in the energy sector.

A summary table outlining the options and proposals is provided in **Attachment 1**.

5. Next steps

- Following an internal approval process, an Information Paper outlining the relevant review outcomes from the December 2025 Consultation Paper and responses to stakeholder submission will be published.
- In parallel, a separate consultation will be conducted on the additional proposals to enhance the coordination and sharing of information between AEMO and Pipeline Operators.
- Following consideration of the consultation responses to the separate consultation, an Exposure Draft of all relevant GSI Amending Rules will be published for consultation.

6. Attachments

- (1) Summary table outlining options and proposals for coordinating information sharing between the AEMO and Pipeline Operators.

Attachment 1 - Proposals and rationale for coordinating gas and electricity information

Proposal	Rationale	Discussion
AEMO must provide the following information to Pipeline Operators: • forecast GPG in Megawatt-hours (MWh); and • planned outages.	This proposal aims to establish an information-sharing process, enabling Pipeline Operators to have access to electricity information to assist them in their operations. The information is expected to come from WEM solution files (Dispatch, Pre Dispatch and Week ahead) and would allow Pipeline Operators to: • convert GPG MWh to Terajoules (TJ); and • be aware of outages at all generation facilities. Dispatch solution files will implicitly include outage information, as outages will be reflected in both submissions and constraints. Solution files will be provided in line with their update frequency, while information on planned outages may need to be provided separately. This could be on a weekly or daily basis, as required.	Feedback is sought on whether GAB members agree with the proposal. If so, feedback is also sought on whether: • a Procedure should specify the information required rather than it being specified in the GSI Rules; and • further electricity information that is part of the WEM solution files should be specified.
When AEMO declares a Low Reserve Condition in the WEM, it must advise the Pipeline Operators as soon as practical.	This proposal aims to provide Pipeline Operators with warning of changing conditions, as Low Reserve Condition (LRC) declarations are likely to impact Gas Power Generation (GPG) demand. LRC declarations in the WEM indicate inadequate Electric Storage Resource (ESR) state of charge, energy shortfalls, or Essential System Service (ESS) shortfalls. Under these conditions, GPG is likely to be required.	Feedback is sought on whether GAB members agree with the proposal. If so, feedback is also sought on whether LRC forecasts should be provided, noting that: • LRCs are typically declared at 8:00am on the day; and • there is the likelihood that forecasted LRC events may not materialise.

Proposal	Rationale	Discussion
Pipeline Operators must advise AEMO as soon as practical when the nomination or consumption for Large Users under the electricity consumption category is likely to be unable to be fulfilled. Pipeline Operators would be required to advise AEMO when the circumstances change following the first notification.	This proposal aims to provide AEMO with information that will allow it to apply appropriate WEM constraints and prevent its systems from continuing to dispatch GPG that is unable to deliver, potentially creating further problems within the WEM. The following information would be provided to AEMO: • the reason for the inability to meet GPG requirements; • the impacted Registered Large Users; • the estimated date and timeframes of the issue; and • where applicable, any actions AEMO can take to mitigate the impact on the identified Registered Large Users and on the pipeline.	Feedback is sought on whether GAB members agree with the proposal.

Proposal	Rationale	Discussion
If requested by AEMO, Pipeline Operators must provide the following information: • Customer contract information; and • Current and historical pipeline consumption.	This proposal aims to establish an information-sharing process that enables AEMO to: • verify GPG information during the Reserve Capacity Mechanism (RCM) certification process to ensure certification is only provided to facilities with adequate gas supply; and • model historical gas consumption, particularly on high-demand days, to inform its other energy modelling; and • apply constraints in the WEM where it considers GPG dispatch is likely to be affected. The consumption data (second dot point) is expected to be: • daily contracted capacity; • spot capacity; • daily outlet nominations; • actual daily delivered quantities by shipper in Terajoules per day (TJ/d); • hourly flow by pipeline zone; • hourly shipper peaking limit by pipeline zone; and • historical usage based on a shipper basis.	Feedback is sought on whether GAB members agree with the proposal. If so, feedback is also sought on whether: • a limit on the requested period should be specified (e.g., only information within 12 months of the current date can be requested); and • what other conditions should be specified.
If AEMO declares an Emergency Operating state in the Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM), it may advise the Coordinator of Energy to activate the Emergency Management Facility (EMF) under rule 93.	This proposal aims to establishes a clear process to coordinate the WEM and the gas pipeline operations if the WEM is entering and Emergency Operating State. In these conditions, it is likely that gas pipeline capacity will be required to restore the electricity system to a normal operating state. To minimise the risk of a cascading emergency, from the electricity system to the gas pipelines, this process creates a precautionary mechanism that enables EMF activation to be considered before potential negative impacts on the gas pipelines materialise. Activation is not automatic. AEMO will advise the Coordinator of Energy only if it considers that the WEM emergency has a likelihood of impacting the gas pipelines. The final decision to activate the EMF remains with the Coordinator of Energy.	Feedback is sought on whether GAB members agree with the proposal.

Agenda Item 6: Overview of Rule Change Proposals (as at 13 August 2026)

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- Changes to the report provided at the previous GAB meeting are shown in **red font**.
- The next steps and the timing for the next steps are provided for Rule Change Proposals that are currently being actively progressed by the Coordinator.

Rule Change Proposals Commenced since the last GAB Meeting

Reference	Submitted	Proponent	Title and description	Commenced
None				

Approved Rule Change Proposals Awaiting Commencement

Reference	Submitted	Proponent	Title and description	Commencement
None				

Rule Change Proposals Rejected since the last GAB Meeting

Reference	Submitted	Proponent	Title and description	Rejected
None				

Rule Change Proposals Awaiting Approval by the Minister

Reference	Submitted	Proponent	Title and description	Approval Due Date
None				

Formally Submitted Rule Change Proposals

Reference	Submitted	Proponent	Title and description	Urgency	Next Step	Date
Fast Track Rule Change Proposals with Consultation Period Closed						
None						
Fast Track Rule Change Proposals with Consultation Period Open						
None						
Standard Rule Change Proposals with Second Submission Period Closed						
None						
Standard Rule Change Proposals with Second Submission Period Open						
None						
Standard Rule Change Proposals with First Submission Period Closed						
None						
Standard Rule Change Proposals with the First Submission Period Open						
None						

Pre-Rule Change Proposals

Reference	Proponent	Title and Description	Status	Next Step
None				



Agenda Item 7: Anticipated 2027 Gas Advisory Board meeting schedule

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1. Purpose

The GAB Secretariat to provide an indication of the 2027 GAB meeting schedule.

2. Recommendation

That the GAB notes the updates provided in this paper.

3. GAB 2027 meeting schedule

The 2027 GAB meeting schedule will be finalised in December 2026 once the availability of the Independent Chair and the schedules of the Market Advisory Committee and the Pilbara Advisory Committee have been confirmed.

The proposed GAB 2027 meeting schedule will be circulated to GAB members out of session.

While the meeting dates are not yet confirmed, no material changes to the current meeting cycle are anticipated. GAB meetings are expected to continue to be held approximately six months apart, with meetings anticipated in:

- March 2027; and
- August 2027.

GAB meetings will not be scheduled during school holiday periods.