

Overview of Energy and Regulatory Structure of Australia

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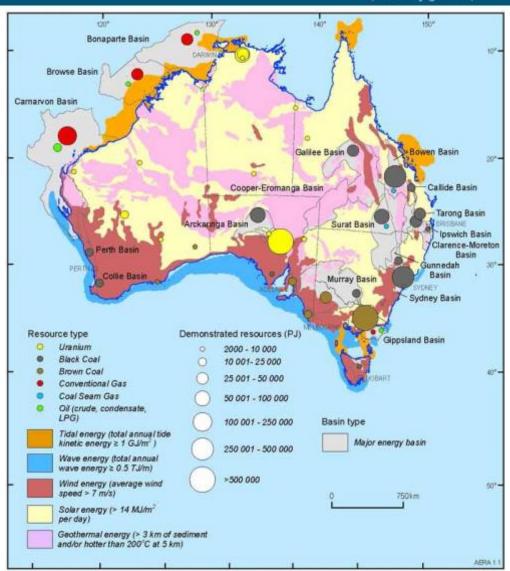
Australia's Energy Mix

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Abundant, high quality and diverse energy resources, both renewable and non-renewable resources.

Three quarters of Australia's electricity is produced using coal.

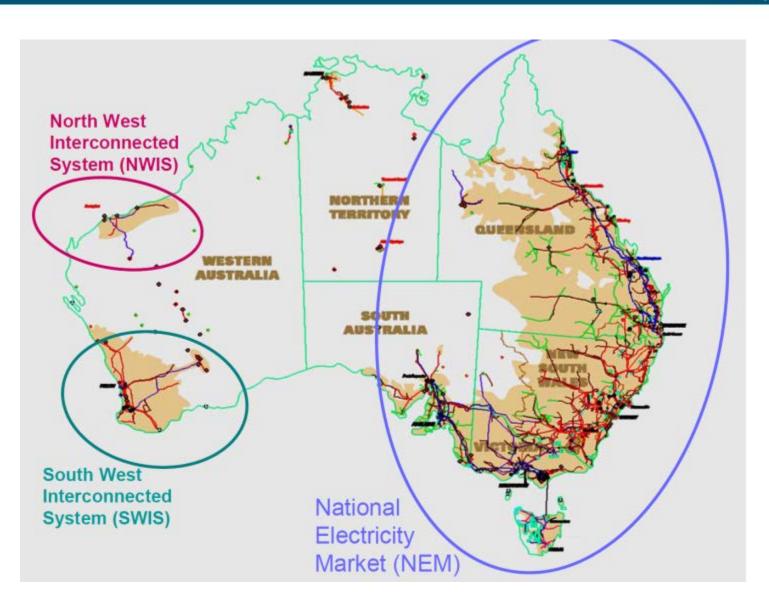
Renewable energy sources (particularly hydroelectricity, wind and bioenergy) account for around 8 per cent of the electricity generation mix.



Australia's major energy resources, excluding hydro and bioenergy

Australian Electricity Market

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Energy Market Institutions

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COAG
The Council of
Australian
Governments

COAG Energy Council Policy Maker

AER Market Regulator

AEMC
Market Developer
and Rule Maker

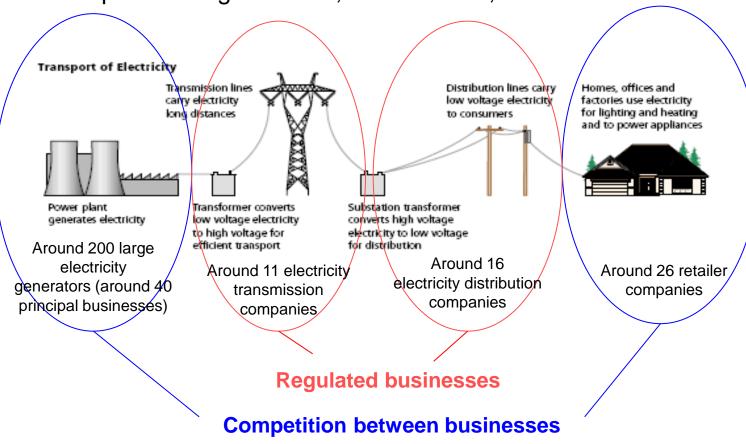
AEMO System Operator Market Operator



Australia's Electricity Market Structure

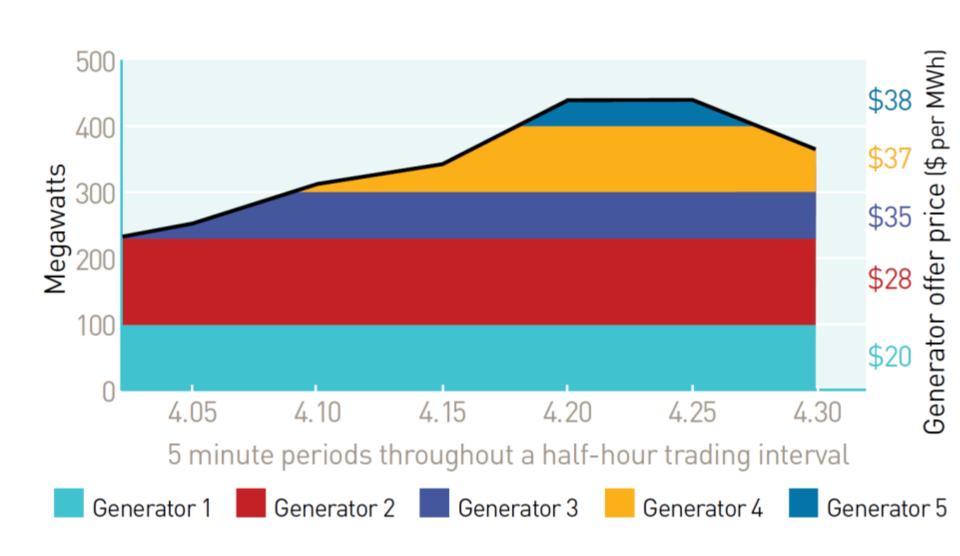
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Separate companies for generation, transmission, distribution and retail



Wholesale Market Operation

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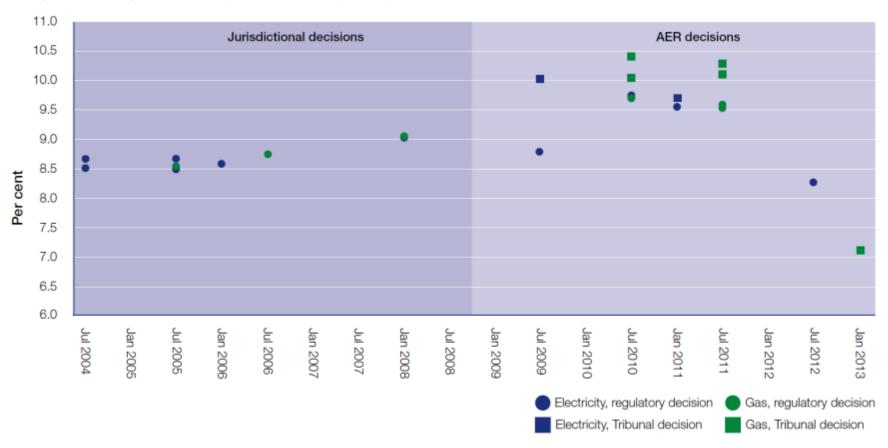
Current Reform Program

- Economic regulation of networks
- Appeals mechanisms
- New regulatory investment test
- Demand side reforms
- Consumer engagement
- Retail price competition

Recent Regulatory Decisions

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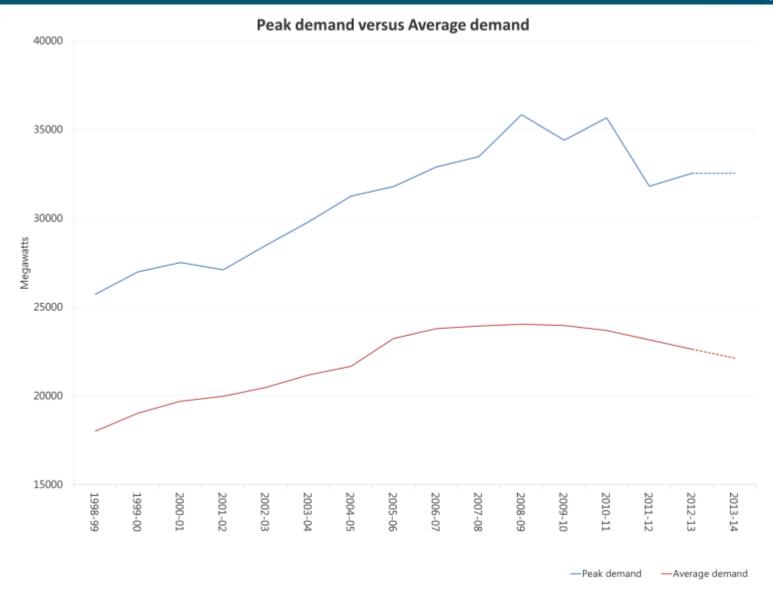
Weighted average cost of capital-electricity and gas distribution



Note: Nominal vanilla weighted average cost of capital.

Electricity Demand

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- Reliability frameworks
- Tariff reform
- Generation supply
- Renewable Energy Target review
- Strategic assessment of network regulation
- Governance review



Questions?