

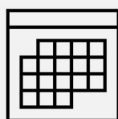
# Public engagement summary: Revoking the Electricity System Code

## Project background

We aim to improve regulation and reform codes to respond effectively to a changing environment. We review energy codes to ensure that they remain up to date and are aligned with our enforcement framework. We also remove instruments which are outdated.

In this review we concluded that the Electricity System Code is no longer a relevant instrument and should not be subject to our enforcement powers. Given the overlap between the subject matters regulated by the code and the National Electricity Rules and the National Electricity Law, we consider that revoking the code will clarify the regulatory framework for the Victorian energy industry.

## How we engaged



### Key dates

- 28 September 2023: Draft Decision to revoke the Electricity System Code released.
- 28 September – 9 November: Received submissions to the Draft Decision.
- 2 April 2024: Final Decision to revoke the Electricity System Code released.
- 31 May 2024: Electricity System Code revocation takes effect.
- 31 May 2024: Variations to electricity transmission licences take effect.



### Methodology

We provided several opportunities for stakeholders to engage with this project.

### Initial engagement

Prior to releasing our draft decision, we engaged with Victorian electricity distributors, Victorian transmission operators and the Australian Energy Market Operator on the potential revocation of the Electricity System Code. We incorporated their preliminary feedback into our draft decision.

### **Draft decision**

We sought public submissions via Engage Victoria and via email.

Stakeholders were invited to provide feedback on the draft decision using a method most suitable to their needs. Stakeholders had the option to make submissions through an online survey or by making general comments over email, mail or phone. We also welcomed individual discussions with stakeholders.

Stakeholders were notified about this opportunity through emails and the commission's webpage.



### **Number of participants**

- 2,008 Engage Victoria page views on of our draft decision to revoke the electricity system code.
- 298 Unique visitors to the Engage Victoria page on our draft decision to revoke the electricity system code.



### **Number of submissions received (written/verbal)**

- 6 written submissions to our draft decision from:
  - The Australian Energy Market Operator
  - AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd
  - APA Group (parent company of Basslink Pty Ltd)
  - Master Electricians Australia
  - Energy and Water Ombudsman Victoria
  - Jemena Electricity Networks (Vic) Ltd