

ACCC submission to GMRG Operation and Administration of the Capacity Trading Platform(s) and Day-Ahead Auction consultation paper

Dear Katherine,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on GMRG's Operation and Administration of the Capacity Trading Platform(s) and Day-Ahead Auction consultation paper.

As we noted in our East Coast Gas Inquiry report, there appear to be benefits in standardised platforms for capacity trading and day-ahead auctions, allowing participants to easily transact a complete 'package' of transportation requirements (Page 152 of the ACCC's East Coast Gas Inquiry report).

We therefore consider that a single capacity trading platform and single auction platform should be developed and operated by AEMO. This will ensure that:

- the platforms are operated by an independent and experienced operator,
- shippers can readily co-ordinate trades across all pipelines, regardless of ownership, and
- existing Gas Supply Hub settlement, prudential, and billing frameworks can be leveraged.

Regarding the capacity trading platform, we are broadly supportive of the fully anonymous option (that once trades have been executed, the anonymity of parties should be maintained by AEMO informing the pipeline operator of the trade). However, we note the relevance of participants' views on this matter.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Kind regards,

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