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Outline



Transmission Network Utilisation and Customer Value

20 minute - presentation

60 minute - table discussion

20 minute - summary

Transmission Network Utilisation



Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Energy Council

Sets policy direction



Advises COAG on National Electricity Market reform



Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)

A statutory commission responsible for developing the rules for the National Electricity Market and for market development

Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)

Operates the National Electricity Market and manages power system security

Australian Energy Regulator (AER)

Administers the National Electricity Rules and makes regulated revenue determinations for monopoly networks

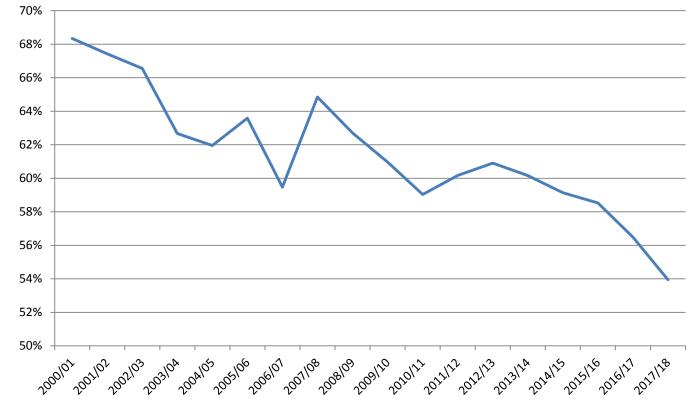


Reducing demand capacity factor



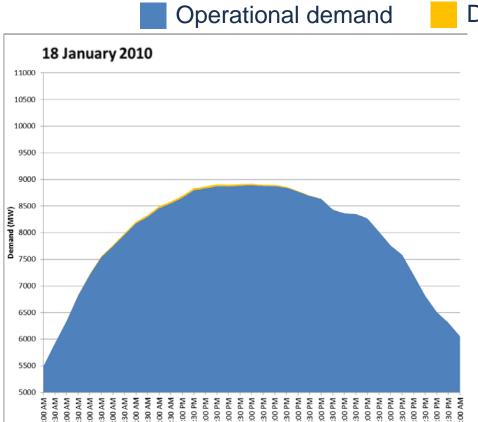
- Capacity factor is the average load divided by the maximum load
- A decreasing capacity factor on the transmission network indicates that the load is becoming more 'peaky'
- Closely related to transmission network utilisation



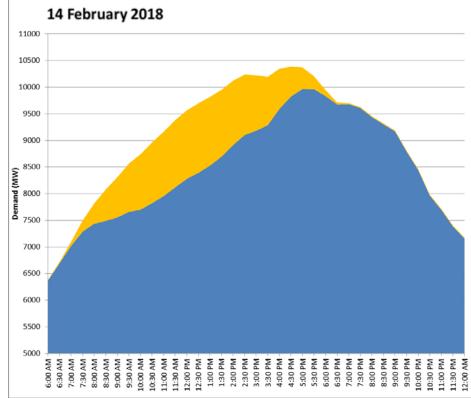


Changing shape of transmission demand



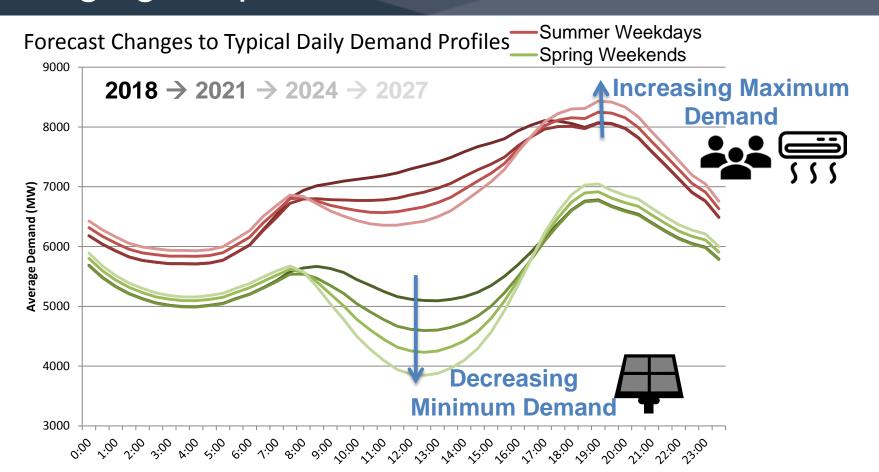


Demand offset by rooftop solar



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Stakeholder assessments





DISTRIBUTION

- Building network to supply peak
- Voltage issues with low demand



GENERATION

- Peaking generation used infrequently
- Low spot price during low demand



TRANSMISSION

As for distribution but exacerbated by embedded solar farms Interconnection can help



RETAILERS

 Demand volatility adds risk and hedging costs



CONSUMER

- Customer wants the lights to stay on and costs to come down
- Integral to addressing utilisation

Impact on pricing

Our current thinking



- Transmission asset replacement decisions timely repurposing of assets
- Measures to extract additional capacity out of our existing transmission network, especially at peak times
- Transmission pricing consultation, includes options such as pricing electricity differently at peak and off-peak times

Whole of system issue. Whole of system response?



Changing customer value



Changing generation mix



New grid technologies and services

Energy storage



Changing customer expectations

Two-way power flows



Blurring distinction between generation and load

Electrification of additional loads



Changing technical issues (inertia, system strength)

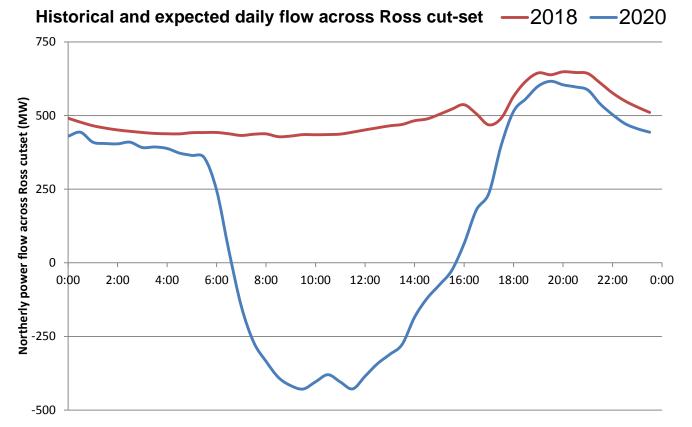
Growing intermittency in generation, growing controllability in demand

Supply Link →

Balancing & Enabling Platform

Intra-day variability





- Decreasing utilisation
- Increasing value?
- Utilisation is important, but not fully comprehensive

Questions (15 minutes discussion time on each)



- 1. What other challenges does the peak and hollow load profile present?
- 2. What opportunities are available on the transmission network to
 - reduce peak-time demand?
 - increase day-time demand?
- 3. What is the best way to coordinate this work across the power supply system?
- 4. How do you value our network and the service it provides?
 - Benefits and trade-offs
 - Economic and community considerations

