# Navigating the transition to the fourth revolution



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#### **About AEMO**





We operate Australia's National Electricity Market and power grid in Australia's eastern and south-eastern seaboard, and the Wholesale Electricity Market and power grid in south-west WA.



Both markets supply more than 220 terawatt hours of electricity each year.



We also operate retail and wholesale gas markets across south-eastern Australia and Victoria's gas pipeline grid.



Collectively traded more than A\$20 billion in the last financial year.



Ownership

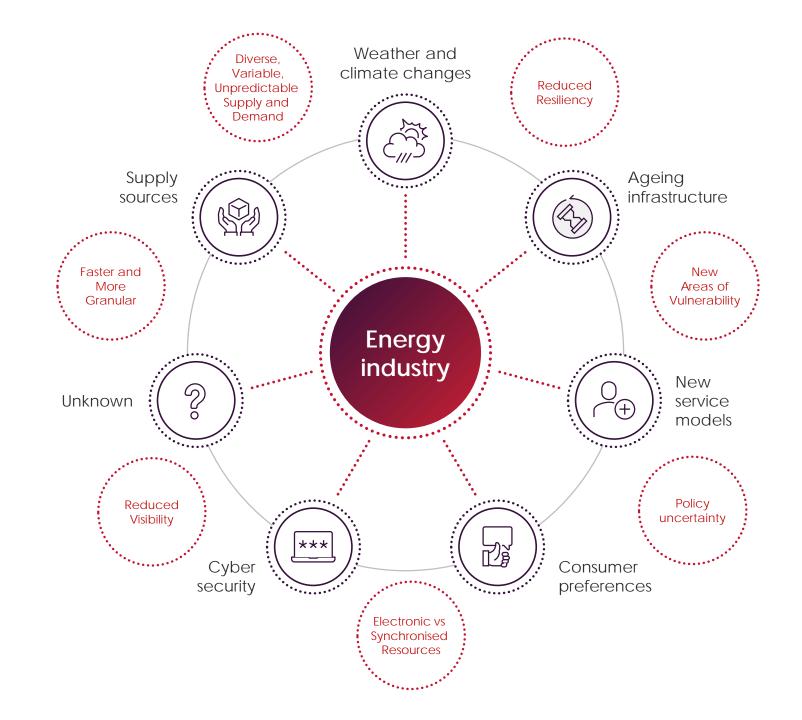
40% 60%

Market Governments of Australia

## Our industry is in disruption

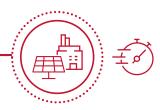


## Drivers of disruption









In 2013 there were
22 active projects totaling
1,231 megawatts

Fast forward to 2018, there are currently over 136 connection requests totaling 19,507 megawatts

#### **New South Wales**

Peak demand



14,700 MW

Current capacity



18,900 MW

New connections



47,000 MW

Coal retirements



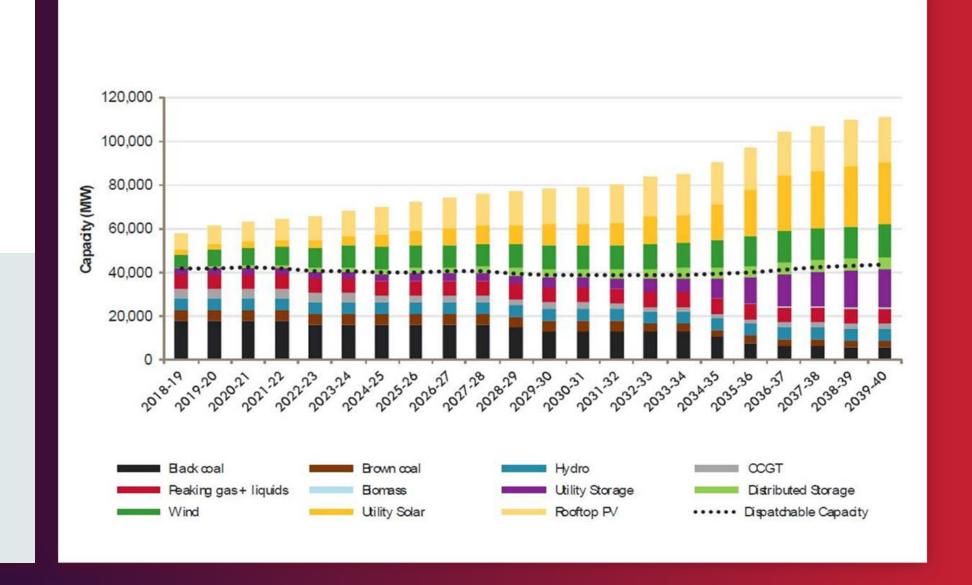
1,680 MW in 2022

Changes in resources



## Projected changes in scale of resources

#### More capacity required to deliver demand





## Changes in customer behaviour

A solar panel is being installed every 6.5 minutes in Australia

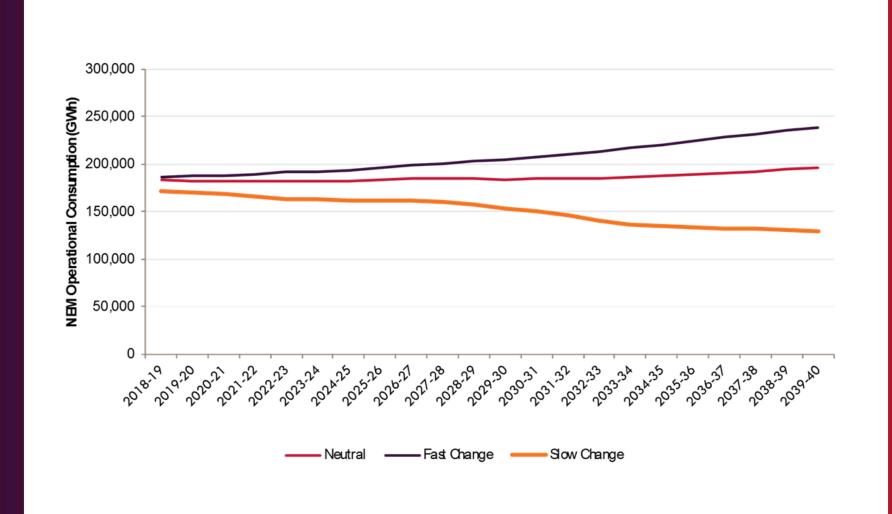
#### The rapid solar and storage consumer uptake





## Changes in customer behaviour

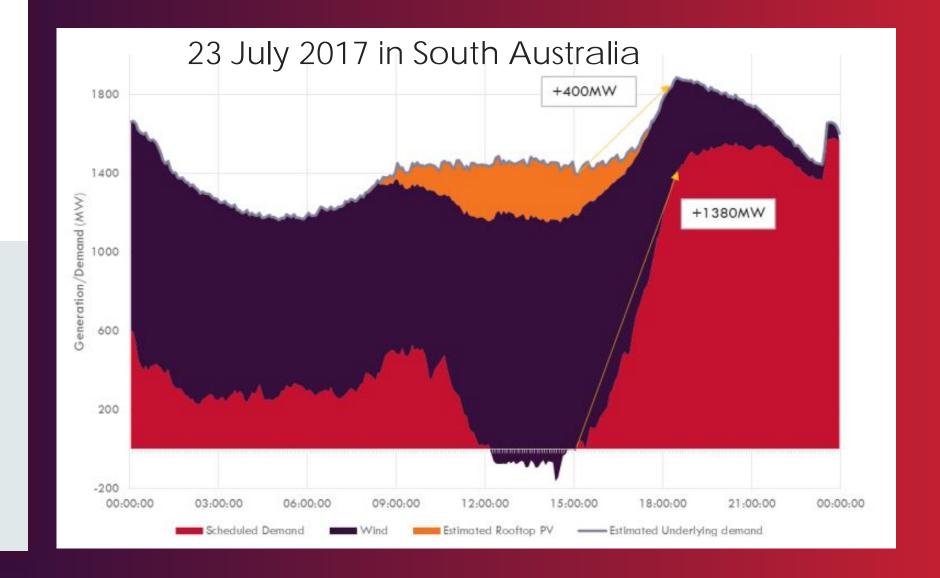
#### ...contributing to a flat demand outlook



#### Increased variability and flexibility



Changes leading to operational challenges

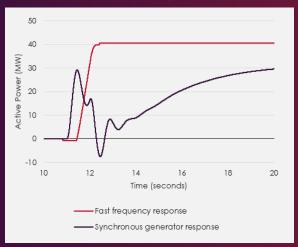




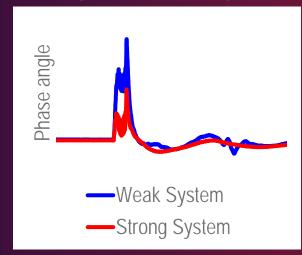
# Changes leading to operational challenges

#### Needing a real focus on frequency and strength

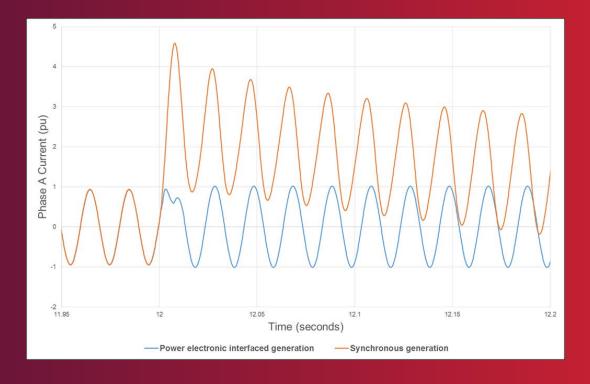
#### **Fast Frequency Response**



#### Voltage phase angle

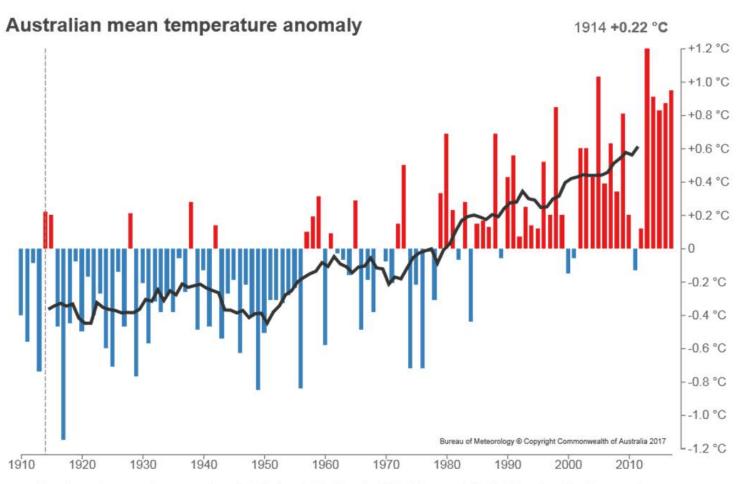


#### Fault current





## Climate change



Mean temperature anomalies averaged over Australia (as calculated from the 1961-1990 average). The black line shows the 11-year moving average.







In the 1990s it took 6+ years to build a 200 megawatt power plant. Fast forward to **2018**, it takes **9 months** to build a 200 megawatt solar plant, complete with approvals.

## Rate of change

The time taken to determine regulatory reforms has not changed

18-36 months

18-36 months



Cyber security





# The imperative to adopt 4<sup>th</sup> industrial thinking



1st

Mechanisation, water power, steam power



2nd

Mass production, assembly line, electricity



3rd

Computer and automation



4th

Fusion of physical, digital and biological systems







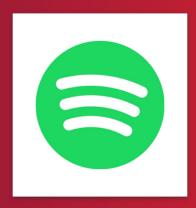
5 years



4 years



3 years



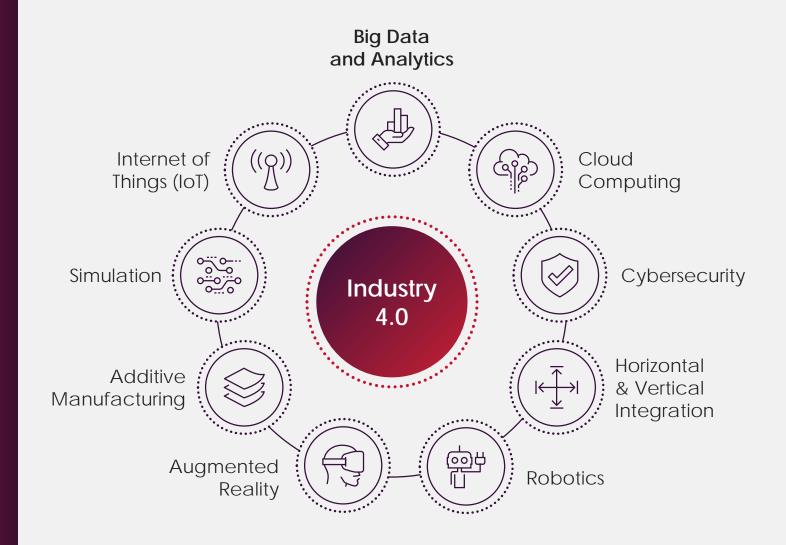
1 year

"We won't experience 100 years of progress in the 21st century – it will be more like 20,000 years of progress"

Kurzweil

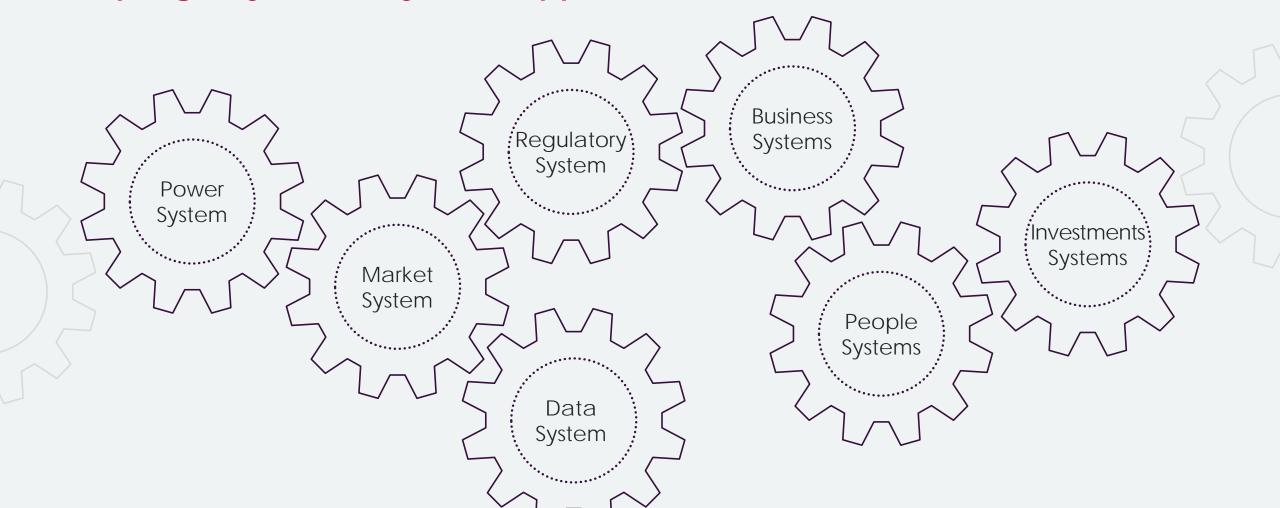
## Characteristics of industry 4.0

- Dynamic
- Extreme pace of change
- Interconnected economies
- Integrated systems
- People systems



## Applying 4th revolution approaches

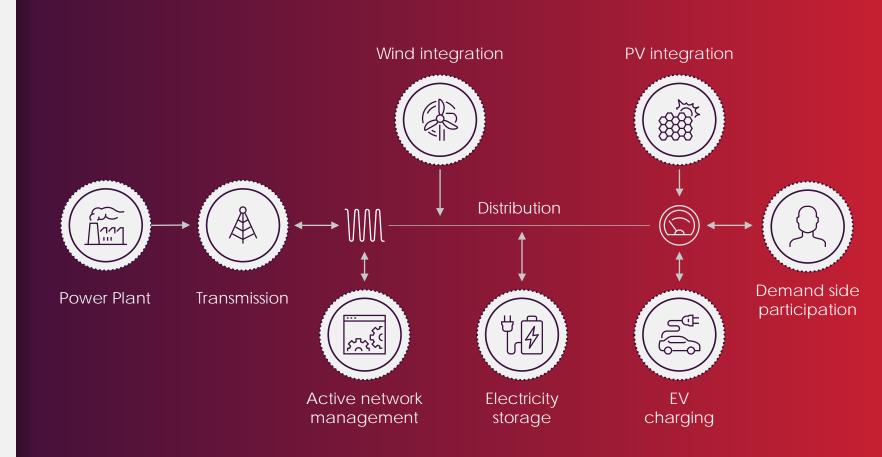
Adopting a system of systems approach





## Power system

- Huge computational models for forecasting
- Multiple data inputs from more sources
- Digitalisation allows value to be determined at more granular level
- Optimisation of entire supply chain





## Market system

#### Market models that:

- value flexibility and availability
- support multi directional flows
- reward household level generating resources
- facilitate aggregators, prosumers and new and emerging business models

## The evolution of the energy ecosystem demands an evolution to the market system



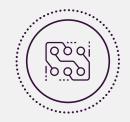
### Market constructs

need to be flexible and neutral to adapt and enable new entry entrants



## Markets designed

to enable the optimisation of all available resources



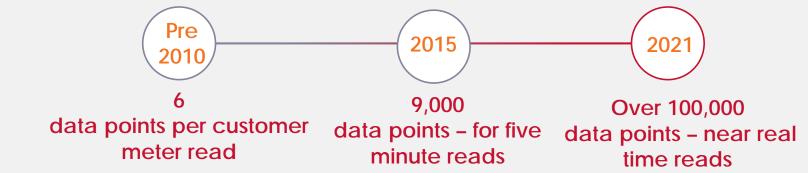
## Zero marginal cost generation

need to value necessary flexibility and support services where energy is 'free'



## Data systems

Applying AI to systems solutions for situational awareness





Huge growth in big data – from 6 data points to over 100,000 data points annually



Reducing barriers to entry by investing in whole grid



Harnessing digitalisation to make things work



Using data to manage the system in an efficient way



Leveraging technology and assets



## Business systems

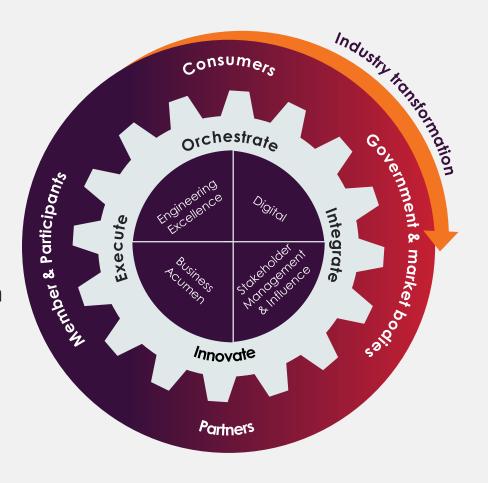
## Adopting a consumer focus



Apply design thinking to our approach.



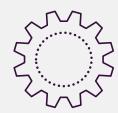
Can no longer solely look at challenges through our own lens – need situational awareness to meet the needs of our stakeholders and consumers



## Strategic partnerships will be crucial

Collaborate and partner with range of stakeholders to leverage capabilities where synergies exist





## Investment system

Need to optimise capital investment

Where investments can be made to leverage assets and resources, creating value for consumers.

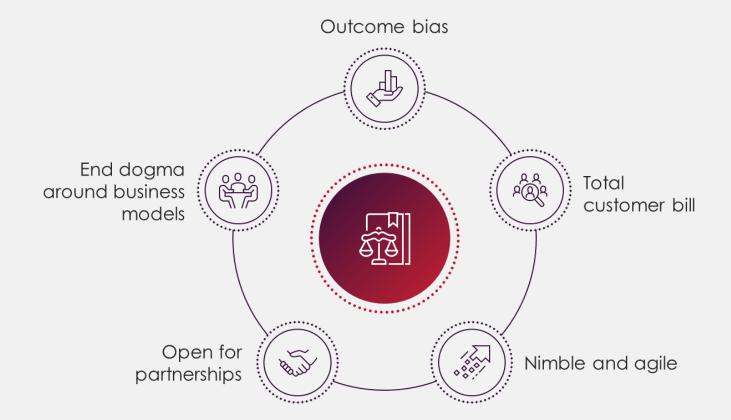




## Regulatory systems

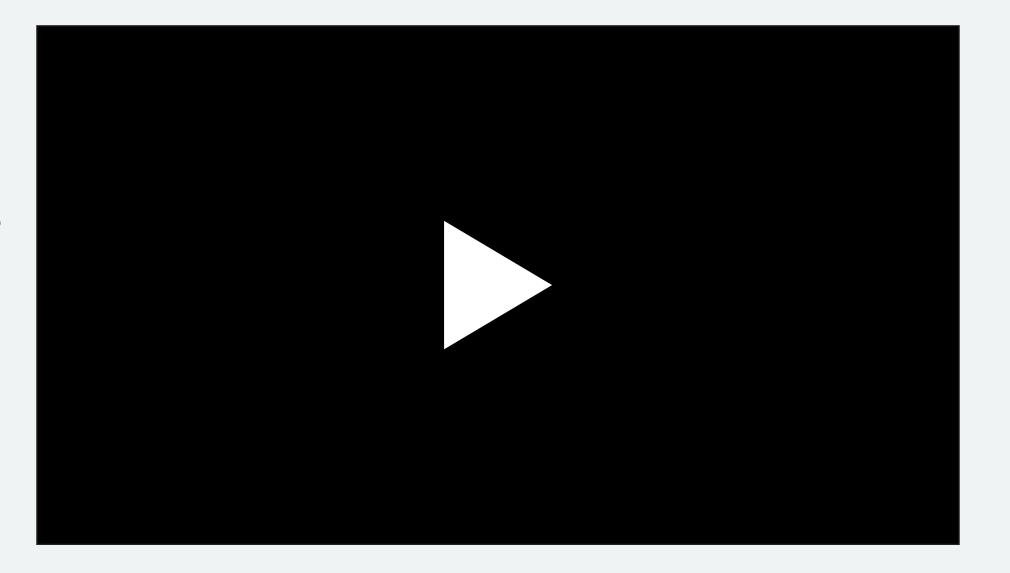
Creating an adaptive entity requires adaptive regulation and policy

## Adaptive regulation and policy





## People systems





## People systems

