

# AusNet New Reg trial

## The AER's role

Induction week  
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# AER's role (1)

- New Reg trial is aimed at developing a regulatory proposal that reflects consumer preferences
- AER involved in
  - Agreeing Early Engagement Plan and Engagement Agreement
  - Providing support to Customer Forum as needed
  - Agreeing scope
  - Responding to AusNet's thinking on matters in scope
  - Assessing the regulatory proposal
- AER ENA and ECA will be using trial to assess New Reg process
  - What went well, what could be improved, is this the best way of ensuring proposal reflects consumer preferences?

# AER's role (2)

- AER currently reviewing Early Engagement Plan and Agreement
- AER has a New Reg team, who you can contact at any time to request support on any issue / seek meetings with AER
  - Key contact:
    - Mark McLeish
    - [mark.mcleish@aer.gov.au](mailto:mark.mcleish@aer.gov.au)
    - (03) 9290 1834

# AER's role (3)

- First discussion on scope Wednesday next week
  - Once an issue is agreed to be in scope, AusNet and AER to decide timetable
  - AER needs time to conduct analysis and respond
- For the issues in scope,
  - the AER will respond to AusNet's initial thinking and modelling
  - set out the AER's usual approach to assessment; and what this means for the boundaries of agreement.

# AER's role (4)

- At the end of the process, the Customer Forum is required to prepare an engagement report
- The engagement report must set out the basis on which the Customer Forum reached agreement on any issues in scope
  - AER needs evidence to review in assessing regulatory proposal
  - It is critical for the Engagement Report to substantiate (i.e. customer research, engagement) why the Customer Forum has been able to reach agreement on an issue.
- The AER continues to assess the regulatory proposal as normal