



Demand Management Plan

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Acknowledgement

Energex and Ergon Energy Network acknowledges the First Peoples of this Nation and their ongoing cultural and spiritual connection to the land, waters and communities in which we live, work and play.

We pay respects to Elders past and present as they are the custodians of sacred stories, traditions and culture of First Nations peoples, we are grateful for their guidance, wisdom and leadership.

We also acknowledge the Country beneath our electricity network, and that it was, and always will be, traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land and waters.



Message from our Executive

With our networks experiencing new peak and minimum demand records, our demand flexibility programs are at the core of delivering an affordable, reliable and sustainable energy system, supporting our customers to connect greater levels of new technology.

With Queensland's energy landscape evolving faster than ever, our networks are now experiencing both unprecedented peak demand and historic minimum demand. These twin challenges highlight the critical role of our demand flexibility programs in delivering an energy system that remains safe, affordable, reliable and sustainable—while enabling more Queenslanders to connect to our growing energy backbone.

In early 2025, Queensland once again reached new demand milestones, with Energex recording peak demand of 5,839MW. Our established flexibility tools—including Audio Frequency Load Control (AFLC) hot water, PeakSmart, and our expanding battery fleet—played an essential role in maintaining system stability during these extreme conditions.

At the same time, changing consumption patterns and rapid solar uptake continue to reshape minimum demand. Energex set a new record low of 39.77MW in October 2025, underscoring the growing need for programs that can dynamically respond to daytime oversupply conditions.

Together, these records reflect shifting customer behaviours, rapid technology adoption, and an urgent need for future focused regulatory reform. As our networks become more intelligent, emerging technologies and

standards are paving the way for next generation flexibility solutions—such as the Aggregated Demand Response Program—which will coordinate contributions from multiple stakeholders while delivering ongoing customer rewards. These new capabilities will also see long standing initiatives like PeakSmart gradually retired as customer needs evolve.

Introduced in the 2025–26 plan, the Aggregated Demand Response Program gained strong support from market partners. Successful summer peak trials and ongoing autumn minimum demand trials demonstrate that procured flexibility will become a fundamental tool for managing network challenges.

Supporting this transition, we continue to invest in:

- Expanding Dynamic Connections to safely integrate more rooftop solar, electric vehicles and batteries—particularly important as Queenslanders embrace the Federal Government Cheaper Home Battery Program
- Providing education and tools to improve customer access to time of use tariffs and flexible energy options
- Ensuring our fleet of network connected battery energy storage systems alleviates local constraints
- Ongoing research, trials and innovation to meet emerging operational needs.

Looking ahead, demand flexibility will be central to a modern, interconnected, safe, affordable, reliable and sustainable energy system. Programs such as Aggregated Demand Response—working alongside virtual power plants and community energy initiatives—will give customers the ability not only to use energy but to actively contribute to grid stability.

Ultimately, the future of demand flexibility depends on collaboration across our sector: networks, retailers, market participants, technology providers and our customers. By continuing to work together, we can build an energy system that meets the needs of Queenslanders today, and for generations to come. Stronger today for tomorrow.

Suzanne Shipp
Chief Engineer





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Compliance

This table demonstrates how we comply with our regulatory requirements under section 127C of the Queensland Electricity Regulation 2006 (the Regulation):

127C Preparing demand management plan

- (1) A distribution entity must, for each financial year, prepare a demand management plan.
- (2) The distribution entity must include in the plan—

Regulatory requirement 127C(2)*	How we comply in this document
127C(2)(a) the entity's long-term strategy for demand management (the Strategy), including the following	
(i) the principles intended to guide the achievement of the strategy;	<i>Guiding principles</i> included in page 9, Demand Flexibility Strategy Principles
(ii) a description of existing and planned programs for demand management for the next 5 financial years	<i>Existing and planned programs</i> included in page 13-14, Demand Flexibility Strategy
(iii) any identified opportunities to achieve the strategy	<i>Opportunities to achieve the strategy</i> included in pages 10, 12-14 Demand Flexibility Strategy
127C(2)(b) the entity's proposed initiatives to be carried out under the strategy in the financial year, including the following	
(i) a description of the initiative	<i>Proposed initiatives</i> included under each of our pillars in page 15, Activities for 2026-27
(ii) a forecast of the capital and operating costs for the initiative that the entity reasonably considers will be the likely costs for the year;	<i>Forecast expenditure</i> included in page 16, Forecast Expenditure and Associated Targets
(iii) the entity's performance targets for the initiative.	<i>Entity performance targets for demand flexibility initiatives</i> included in page 16, Forecast Expenditure and Associated Targets

*Submission of an annual Demand Management Plan is required to meet our regulatory requirements under section 127C of the Queensland Electricity Regulation 2006.





Introduction

Our networks

Energex and Ergon Energy Network (Ergon Network) are part of Energy Queensland, Australia's largest, wholly government-owned electricity company. Energex and Ergon Network are the Distribution Network Service Providers (DNSP) that deliver electricity to homes and businesses across Queensland.

Energex's distribution network supplies electricity to South East Queensland, servicing high density population areas, including Brisbane Central Business District, the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast, as well as the South East's extensive urban and rural areas.

Ergon Network's distribution network serves Queensland's regional and remote communities and customers. A significant proportion of this network is remote, has very low customer and energy density, limited network visibility and can be difficult to access contributing to a unique range of challenges and opportunities. Single-wire earth return (SWER) feeders make up 43% of Ergon's distribution network which serves only 3% of customers.

Ergon Network also has 33 isolated power stations and 34 isolated networks that collectively form our isolated systems. They supply 39 communities with approx. 8,500 connections supporting approx. 21,000 people. These isolated systems support a diverse range of communities in the Torres Strait, Gulf of Carpentaria, Cape York, Palm Island and Western Queensland. They are not connected to the NEM.

Demand Management Plan

Energex and Ergon Network are required to submit an annual Demand Management Plan (the DM Plan) to meet our regulatory requirements under section 127C of the *Queensland Electricity Regulation 2006* (the Regulation).

The DM Plan is critically important to minimise network augmentation expenditure and improve long term customer affordability. The DM plan sets out our [Demand Flexibility Strategy](#) (the Strategy) and the policies and programs that we operate to deliver on the Strategy.

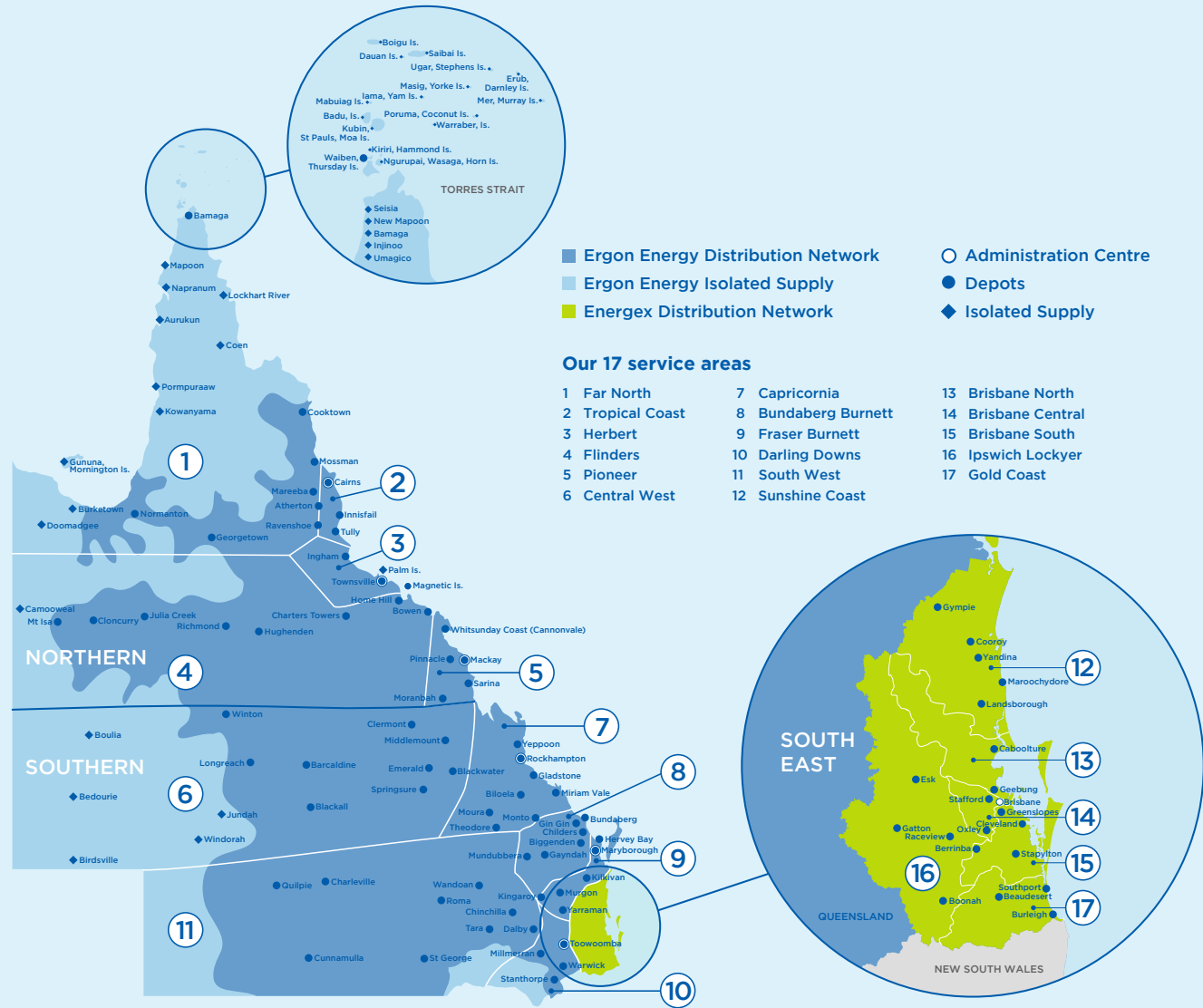


Figure 1 - Our service area



The demand management regulatory and strategic environment

Energex and Ergon Network are each funded through a Regulatory Determination approved by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER).

Regulatory funding is directly linked to augmenting, maintaining and operating the distribution network. In the context of Demand Management, this funding is provided for initiatives and activities which would defer or avoid the need for network augmentation.

Our Demand Management programs support the network in responding to network minimum and maximum demand constraints. These constraints are identified through use of long-term network forecasting (also subject to AER review). Our responses to those constraints are aligned with our broader Energy Queensland Strategic Plan 2032, Distribution System Operator needs and Demand Flexibility Strategy.

Managing system demand constraints, such as Minimum System Load (MSL) or Lack of Reserve (LOR), is not considered a distribution service and therefore not funded by regulated revenue. MSL and LOR are also out of scope of the Regulation, and therefore not included in this plan.

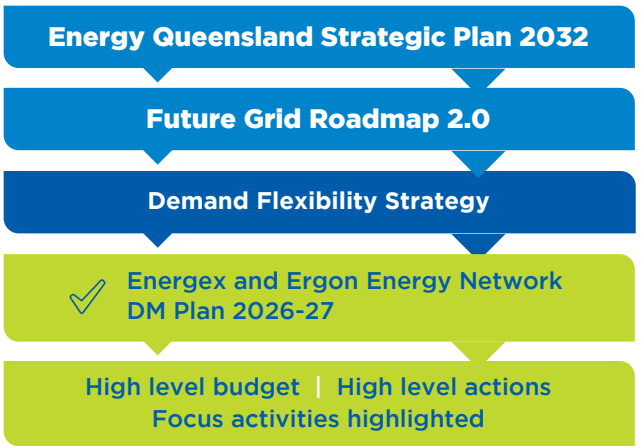


Figure 2 - The linkages between our Energy Queensland Strategic Plan 2032, Future Grid Roadmap, Demand Flexibility Strategy and DM Plan

Energy Queensland Strategic Plan 2032

The Energy Queensland Strategic Plan 2032 works towards empowering an Electric Life in 2032, where business and residential energy consumers are enthusiastically embracing existing and emerging energy technologies. This overarching strategy considers the portfolio of companies, our operating environment and strategic framework. This framework outlines strategic areas of focus: Powering tomorrow, Experience excellence, Sustainable future, and Anchored in strength. This strategy informs our Future Grid Roadmap and DM Plan Principles.

Demand Flexibility Strategy

The Demand Flexibility Strategy proactively seeks to identify, develop and enable programs and/or policies towards an engaged flexible future. This will avoid, defer or reduce the need for some network augmentation, and increase the network's hosting capacity for CER which puts downward pressure on customer bills. Programs are built upon our capabilities, focusing on such areas as integration of demand flexibility into our end-to-end operations, growing our ability to orchestrate CER through market partners, and procurement of demand flexibility.

Future Queensland Distribution System Operator (QDSO)

Queensland has world leading levels of rooftop Solar PV and increasing levels of EVs and potential for strong uptake of home batteries that will benefit from orchestration.

In line with the Energy and Climate Ministers Communique in December 2025, our vision for a Queensland DSO is to modernise the operation and planning of the distribution network to achieve the following three goals:

- Improve affordability and sustainability by enabling least cost energy transition, maximising CER while improving network value, and enabling market opportunities;
- Ensure Security and Reliability by providing additional Power System Planning and Operational functions, supporting centralised energy system planning and policy;
- Enhance Sustainability by actively supporting an increased penetration of Distributed/Customer Energy Resources



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Influences on demand management

Changes in the industry which influence or enable Demand Management initiatives but considered under overlapping regulatory requirements are detailed below

Network tariff reform

Energex and Ergon Network have implemented network tariffs as part of the Tariff Structure Statement from 1 July 2025 approved by the Australian Energy Regulator.

Network tariffs support Demand Management strategies in two main ways. Firstly, many of our tariffs include time variant windows which have higher charging rates at peak times and lower rates outside these times. This provides incentives for customers to reduce or shift energy from times most likely to result in future network costs.

Secondly, many tariffs target lower rates for customers that choose to adopt load flexibility arrangements. For example, load control tariffs provide customers lower charges for appliances subject to active device management.

Metering

Smart meters are a key enabler of flexibility while fostering greater levels of market orchestration.

On 28 November 2024, the Australian Energy Market Commission published their final rules for accelerating smart meter deployment. These rules deliver efficient rollout of smart meters to all customers by 2030.

Implementation of dynamic connections

Dynamic connections will apply automatically varying import and export limits based on the available capacity of the network. This enables customers to use their CER to meet their objectives, participate in energy markets, provide equitable access for all network users, and enable Energex and Ergon Network to operate a safe, reliable, and affordable distribution system.

Remote and Isolated Communities

Our work in Remote and Isolated communities enables residents and businesses to access energy efficiency opportunities through meaningful community-based involvement, education, training and provides tools and incentives to reduce energy use and support energy security.

It explores further demand flexibility opportunities such as energy efficiency demonstration homes, rebates for energy conservation measures, flexible loads and upskilling of community organisations to provide energy services for communities.



Our current flexibility fleet

Energex

Load Type	MW/ MWh	Count
Load Control (AFLC) (Diversified Load)	313.8MW	573,502
Non-Network Alternatives (Nameplate)	49.9MW	19
Network Battery Energy Storage Systems (Nameplate)	9.6MW/ 19.2MWh	28
Business Primary Load Control (Diversified Load)	-	-
Total	373.3MW	573,549

Ergon Energy Network

Load Type	MW/ MWh	Count
Load Control (AFLC) (Diversified Load)	164.5MW	335,753
Non-Network Alternatives (Nameplate)	33.6MW	23
Network Battery Energy Storage Systems (Nameplate)	56.5MW/ 113MWh	24
Business Primary Load Control (Diversified Load)	3.2MW	294
Total	257.8MW	336,070

We currently blend a mixture of direct and indirect network flexibility assets to provide flexibility where and when required. We calculate this fleet in terms of “diversified load” under control. Diversified load accounts for not all customer connected devices/loads operating at their maximum capacity at the same time. Nameplate refers to manufacturer’s rating. Load Control Count refers to number of active use customers, where a customer may have one or more load control tariff.

The value of load flexibility offered by these programs represents the equivalent demand of around 82,900 residential premises on the Energex network, and 57,200 on the Ergon Network.

Load Control and Business Primary Load Control refer to Network Tariffs made available via our Tariff Structure Statements for items such as hot water, pool pumps and irrigation pumps. Non-Network Alternatives include commercial agreements with support providers to alleviate defined network constraints while our Network Battery Energy Storage Systems may also be called upon to address constraints in their local areas.





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Demand Flexibility Strategy principles

We have five key principles which underpin the Strategy and our demand flexibility programs. These principles are:

- 1 **Reliable** – our programs increase reliability by mitigating challenges associated with network peak and minimum demand.

- 2 **Affordable and sustainable** – our programs are cost effective and deliver value to customers and to the network.

- 3 **Customer centric** – our programs retain customer social licence and strategic relationships with market participants through customer research, stakeholder engagement, transparent processes and sharing of information wherever possible.

- 4 **Compliant** – our programs meet any obligations associated with regulation and legislation.

- 5 **Aligned** – our programs align with the Future Grid Roadmap, the Energy Queensland Strategy, and Queensland Government’s energy policy.

Demand Flexibility Strategy

This section explores our Demand Flexibility Strategy (the Strategy), the principles underpinning the strategy, and the opportunities identified to achieve this strategy.

What is demand flexibility

Demand flexibility is the capability to vary customer load or generation in response to network signals (explicit signals such as event payments or implicit signals via variable tariffs). Demand flexibility programs are incorporated into long-term investment decisions and are important tools to improve the utilisation of networks.

Flexible demand is the portion of load or generation that can be reduced, increased or shifted at a specific time and duration. Customers generally have flexible resources (such as solar PV, batteries, hot water systems, electric vehicles (EVs), pool pumps and water pumping/irrigation equipment) and inflexible resources (such as lighting). The energy demand or operating times of flexible resources can be varied while still meeting the customer needs.

How demand flexibility helps to manage network peak and minimum demand

Building flexibility is one of our strategic responses to the challenges and opportunities facing the network, including growing penetration of renewables, increasing electrification, and changing weather patterns.

The energy industry is in a period of transition. The increasing penetration of CER and ongoing electrification of energy has had a significant impact on the shape of the load profile. Without support, this will drive increased network peak demand, falling network minimum demand, and reduced network utilisation. Demand flexibility assists in managing the rapidly accelerating daily ramp rate between the daytime minimum demand and early evening peak demand, as per the figure below.

The 2024-25 summer saw heatwave conditions across Queensland in December and January, while the 2025-26 season commenced with heatwave conditions in late October. Multiple hot humid days and nights caused a significant increase in customers' air conditioning usage. This underlying demand was observed on those days of intermittent cloud cover when less energy was generated by rooftop solar PV. Under these extreme conditions, some customers are less likely to respond to tariff signals as they place comfort over cost. Implementing our demand flexibility programs helps to reduce demand during the peak periods.

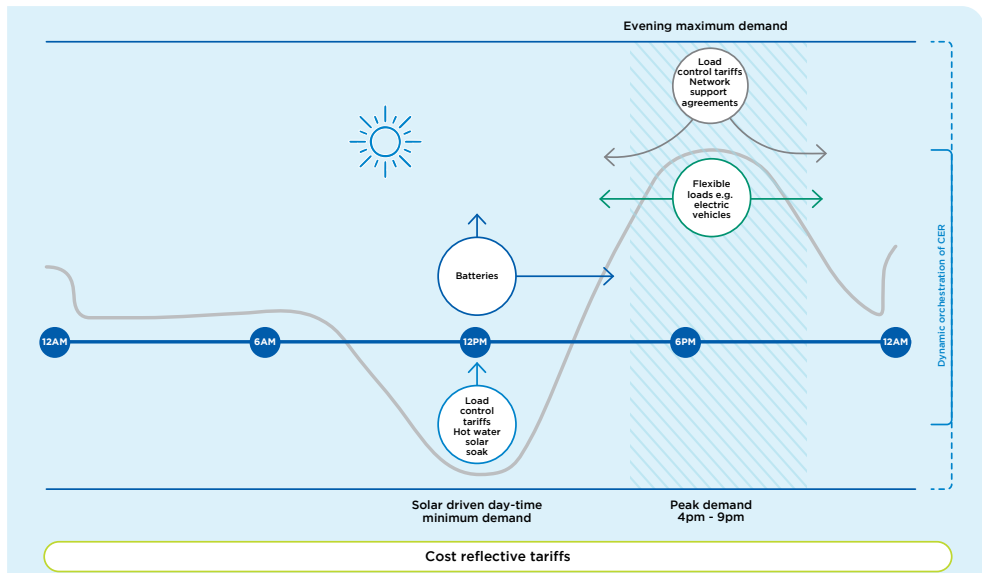


Figure 3 - Demand flexibility

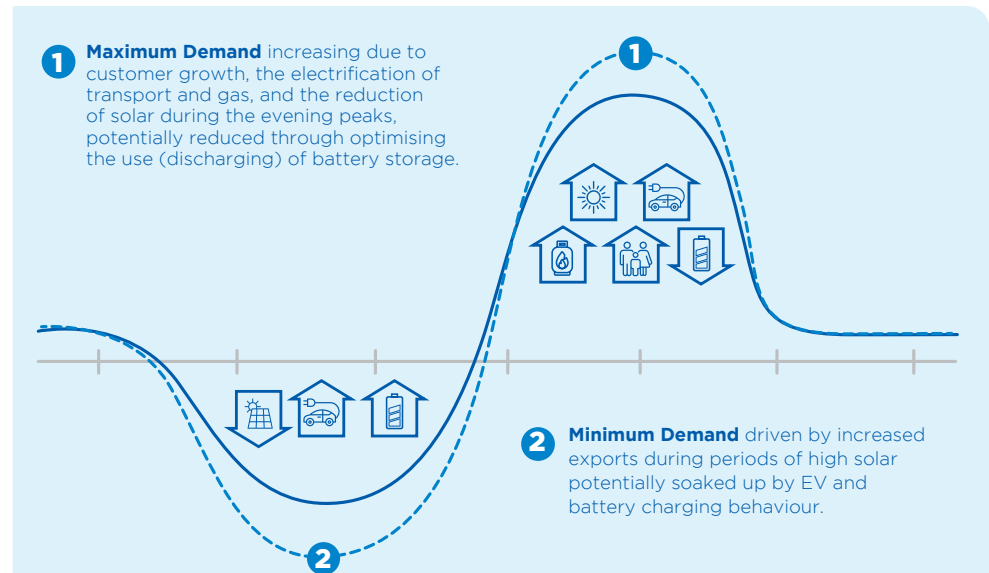


Figure 4 - Maximum and minimum demand



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The value of demand flexibility

While demand flexibility is a key tool of networks, the energy transition has introduced a need for energy generators, retailers, customers and manufacturers to take an active interest in the timing of loads and/or generation in response to changing market conditions.

The value stack of demand flexibility across multiple market participants offers opportunities for networks to avoid investment in expensive infrastructure. By actively supporting customers to flex their demand, and in collaboration with increasing energy storage, we can all benefit by minimising the amount of network investment required to successfully navigate this transition. Alternatively, flexibility can provide immediate capability for short term and extreme events.

It's clear that there is no one solution to meeting the challenges of the energy transition. The full capabilities of a smart distribution network must be harnessed to accommodate more decentralised and variable energy. Our distribution networks, enabled by new technology are the platform for sharing solar PV, storing energy (batteries) and enabling the electrification of transport.

Our ambition

Our Demand Flexibility Strategy has been developed to meet our demand flexibility ambition – that we maximise network utilisation and enable customer adoption of renewable energy resources to support the transition to a cost-effective low carbon energy future.



Figure 5 - Value provided by demand flexibility



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Our Strategy

The Strategy will enable proactive development of demand flexibility programs and/or policies that avoid, defer or reduce the need for network augmentation, and increase the network's hosting capacity for CER. These programs are built upon our capabilities, which include providing efficient financial signals and incentives to customers, integration of demand flexibility into our end-to-end operations, growing our ability to orchestrate CER, influencing industry standards and technology, providing tools/resources to engage and inform customers, Regulatory investment tests for procurement of demand flexibility and our ability to influence relevant policy and regulation.

We've identified three strategic pillars for demand flexibility, including: **Customer Enablement**, **Market Orchestration** and **Network Management**. These strategic pillars provide the structure of our Strategy and guide how we are going to achieve our ambition and align our activities.

These pillars are differentiated by which agent is responsible for the demand flexibility. For example, under Customer Enablement, the customer manages their own demand in a manner that is mutually beneficial. In the Market Orchestration pillar, we engage with market partners who provide demand flexibility in partnership with customers. Network Management is distribution-led flexible control. All three pillars are essential in a robust and reliable energy system of the future.

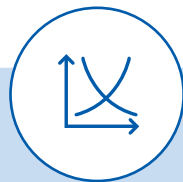
Each of these pillars have programs associated with them, which are how we will outwork the Strategy. Those programs are detailed in page 13-14.

In 2025-26, we trialled our new program to Market Orchestration - the Aggregated Demand Response Program (the ADRP), with the program set to expand over 2026-27 and over the following years.



Customer Enablement

Customer enablement ensures that networks understand customers, and that customers understand their consumption, technology and options, and enables them to manage their usage in a manner that is mutually beneficial for the customer and for the network.



Market Orchestration

Market Orchestration describes how networks partner with market providers to procure flexible load and generation to address localised network demand events.



Network Management

Network Management provides secure and reliable network load management through AFLC-based load control capabilities and dynamic connections.





Demand Flexibility Strategy programs

Customer Enablement Program

Customer Enablement empowers customers to manage their usage and realise the value of their energy resources, through a program of:

- customer and industry engagement,
- customer research,
- providing tools and easily accessible information for all audiences through regular use of communication channels that suit them best,
- continue to advocate for policy to enable flexible choice.

You can read more via our websites on [Energex](#) or [Ergon Energy Network](#).

Our customer enablement activities include:

- Proactive engagement with customer representative, retailers, metering providers and support organisations to partner with the delivery of information to increase awareness and participation in demand flexibility programs and DMIAM opportunities.
- Deliver customer education and support in Fringe of Grid locations to support emerging devices (for example farm batteries on SWER networks) or non-network alternatives (for example Solar Pump Program).
- Continue to support dynamic connections by sponsoring/attending industry expos and roadshows, providing targeted education and engagement to industry stakeholders and customers to promote understanding through uptake.

DMIAM Program

The Demand Management Innovation Allowance Mechanism (DMIAM) program is funded by regulated revenues but lies outside the scope of the Regulation.

This program trials innovative demand flexibility capabilities and technologies that demonstrate reduced long-term network costs.

You can read more via our websites on [Energex](#) or [Ergon Energy Network](#).

Our DMIAM activities include:

- Engage with internal and external stakeholders to facilitate support innovation for long term benefits through increased awareness of DMIAM eligibility.

Targeted Area Program

This program provides incentives to customers (typically commercial customers and operators) who can deliver demand flexibility in specific areas of the network identified as having future network constraints, outworked via our Network Support Agreements (NSA).

This demand-side initiative helps us to defer and/or reduce network costs and to prevent network constraints from arising.

You can read more via our websites on [Energex](#) or [Ergon Energy Network](#).

Our Target Area activities include:

- Continue to deliver Network Support Agreements (where prudent and efficient), with proactive analytics and engagement.

Network Connected BESS Program

This program involves the installation of network connected and owned large-scale, neighbourhood and community batteries. The batteries will help manage minimum demand issues on our network by storing excess energy generated by rooftop solar systems during the day and assist with peak demand issues by discharging during these times.

We will manage the market engagement and commercial arrangements with the sourcing and operation of our fleet of batteries for network support.

You can read more via our websites on [Energex](#) or [Ergon Energy Network](#).

Our Network BESS activities include:

- Continue to deliver the network BESS program through market engagement and development of commercial contracts for network connected batteries.





Demand Flexibility Strategy programs

Aggregated Demand Response Program

The Aggregated Demand Response Program (ADRP) was trailed in 2025-26, with up to four peak and two minimum demand response calls from our market-based partners to provide up to 2MW of support. These providers consisted of Retailers and technology companies supporting Retailers to participate in the program.

The trial provided a number of insights, including commercialisation arrangements, event call procedures and event response support. In 2026-27, we seek to grow the contacted load up to 5.3MW and commencing transition from trial to business as usual with an emphasis on targeted response. We recognise there's much work to do in terms of market engagement and systems process to support a greater range of market partners into the future.

You can read more via our websites on [Energex](#) or [Ergon Energy Network](#).

Our ADRP activities include:

- Expand the Aggregated Demand Response Program, with an emphasis on supporting and developing market partners to increase load availability and prepare for systems to monitor and respond to events.

Audio Frequency Load Control (AFLC) Program

The AFLC program uses load control tariffs to reward customer participation in the program. These optional tariffs offer discounted network tariffs in exchange for reduced hours of supply. Predominantly for hot water systems, these tariffs are also connected to pool pumps and air conditioning units.

You can read more via our websites on [Energex](#) or [Ergon Energy Network](#).

Our AFLC activities include:

- Continue to engage with market partners on the evolution of hot water load control solutions.
- Continue to deliver the AFLC program.

PeakSmart Program

We recently completed a review of the PeakSmart program, it has been a very successful demand management program that has been running for more than a decade.

The review recommended that a next-generation demand management program be developed to leverage off newer technologies (dynamic connections, smart meters, home batteries, EV charging etc.) and contemporary customer behaviour patterns.

We last year made the decision to close the current PeakSmart program to new participants from 30 November 2025, but will retain the current PeakSmart participation cohort and capability until 2030, while a next-generation demand management program is developed. Following concerns raised around the use of PeakSmart in premises which have a Life Support customer registered, to minimise the risk of any customer impact, we implemented a program in 18 targeted zone sub regions to offer to remove PeakSmart units.

You can read more via our websites on [Energex](#) or [Ergon Energy Network](#).

Our PeakSmart activities include:

- Continue to operate the (restricted) PeakSmart program and support life support customers.

Enabling Technology Program

The DERMS solution provides a centralised platform that enables Energex and Ergon Energy Network to effectively manage Distributed Energy Resources across both distribution networks. It modernises and replaces systems that operate AFLC with enhanced load control capabilities to support the management of peak and minimum demand conditions. DERMS also establishes the foundational building blocks for future expansion to support DER services delivered by aggregators and large customers, enabling broader customer participation either directly or via third party providers. In addition, the Dynamic Operating Envelope (DOE) module calculates, manages and publishes DOEs via an industry standard interface, underpinning the rollout of dynamic connections and more flexible, responsive network access arrangements.

You can read more via our websites on [Energex](#) or [Ergon Energy Network](#).

Our Enabling Technology activities include:

- Continue to support the deployment of DERMS.





Activities for 2026-27

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Our Demand Flexibility Strategy guides our initiatives and activities to ensure they respond to network and customer needs both now and in the future. Activities for the current and proposed programs for the next financial year, within each pillar of the Strategy, are shown below.

Activity	Customer	Market	Network
Customer Enablement Program Proactive engagement with customer representative, retailers, metering providers and support organisations to partner with in the delivery of information to increase awareness and participation in demand flexibility programs and DMIAM opportunities.	✓		
Customer Enablement Program Deliver customer education and support in Fringe of Grid locations to support emerging devices (for example farm batteries on SWER networks) or non-network alternatives (for example Solar Pump Program).	✓		
Customer Enablement Program Continue to support dynamic connections by sponsoring/attending industry expos and roadshows, providing targeted education and engagement to industry stakeholders and customers to promote understanding through uptake.	✓		
DMIAM Program Continue to administer DMIAM.	✓		
Target Area Program Continue to deliver Network Support Agreements (where prudent and efficient), with proactive analytics and engagement.		✓	
Network Battery Energy Storage Systems Program Continue to deliver the network BESS program through market engagement and development of commercial contracts for network connected batteries.		✓	
Aggregated Demand Response Program Expand the Aggregated Demand Response Program, with an emphasis on supporting and developing market partners to increase load availability and prepare for systems to monitor and respond to events.		✓	
AFLC Program Continue to engage with market partners on the evolution of hot water load control solutions.		✓	
AFLC Program Continue to deliver the AFLC program.			✓
PeakSmart Program Continue to operate the (restricted) PeakSmart program and support life support customers.			✓
Enabling Technology Program Continue to support the deployment of DERMS.			✓

Forecast expenditure and associated targets

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This section summarises our budget and targets for the 2026–27 financial year for our regulated programs.

Forecast expenditure and targets

The forecast expenditure in 2026–27 is \$5.3M and \$5.2M for Energex and Ergon Network respectively.

We seek to maintain Network Support Agreements and facilitate growth in ADRP to deliver 48.2MVA and 29.66MVA for Energex and Ergon Network respectively. There are no new entrants to PeakSmart, however prior customers may still participate in events subject to network conditions.

The network connected battery program is not funded by regulated revenue and therefore has no forecast expenditure. In Energex the program is contracted to provide 40.8MW and the Ergon Network program is contracted to provide 87.2MW (subject to battery installation completion).

In administering the DMIAM, allowances for innovation projects that meet the AER defined eligibility criteria are determined over the 2025-30 period with approximately \$1.5M allocated for each DNSP for 2026-27.





How to engage with us

- Our **Industry Engagement Register** is a list of stakeholders interested in staying up to date about distribution network planning and expansion projects. It's our way of keeping stakeholders informed about how to be involved in future non-network initiatives. Search "*Industry engagement register*" on the [Energex](#) or [Ergon Network](#) websites to register for industry notifications.
- Each year we seek demand response or non-network solutions to help us manage network constraints and/or limitations in target areas. **Current feeder limitations** for [Energex](#) and [Ergon Network](#) are listed on the respective websites.
- We can partner with external parties to utilise **Demand Management Innovation Allowance Mechanism** (DMIAM) funding. If you have an idea for an innovative project with a focus on Demand Management and would like to explore partnering with us and accessing DMIAM funding, email demandmanagement@energex.com.au or demandmanagement@ergon.com.au
- Each year we release a new **Distribution Annual Planning Report** (DAPR). The current DAPR covers a five-year period and outlines our strategies and plans for Queensland. The latest DAPR for [Energex](#) and [Ergon Network](#) are listed on the respective websites.
- We regularly email all electricians registered with us our **Solar and Electrical Contractor newsletters**. Search "*Electrical contractor updates*" on the [Energex](#) or [Ergon Network](#) website to register for electrical contractor updates.
- We conduct webinars called "**Energy Academy**" for electrical contractors across Queensland. Peak industry bodies are asked to suggest topics for each session, and we can answer questions either during or after each the session. Search "*Energy Academy*" on the [Energex](#) or [Ergon Network](#) website.



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