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# Connections Reform update

Webinar

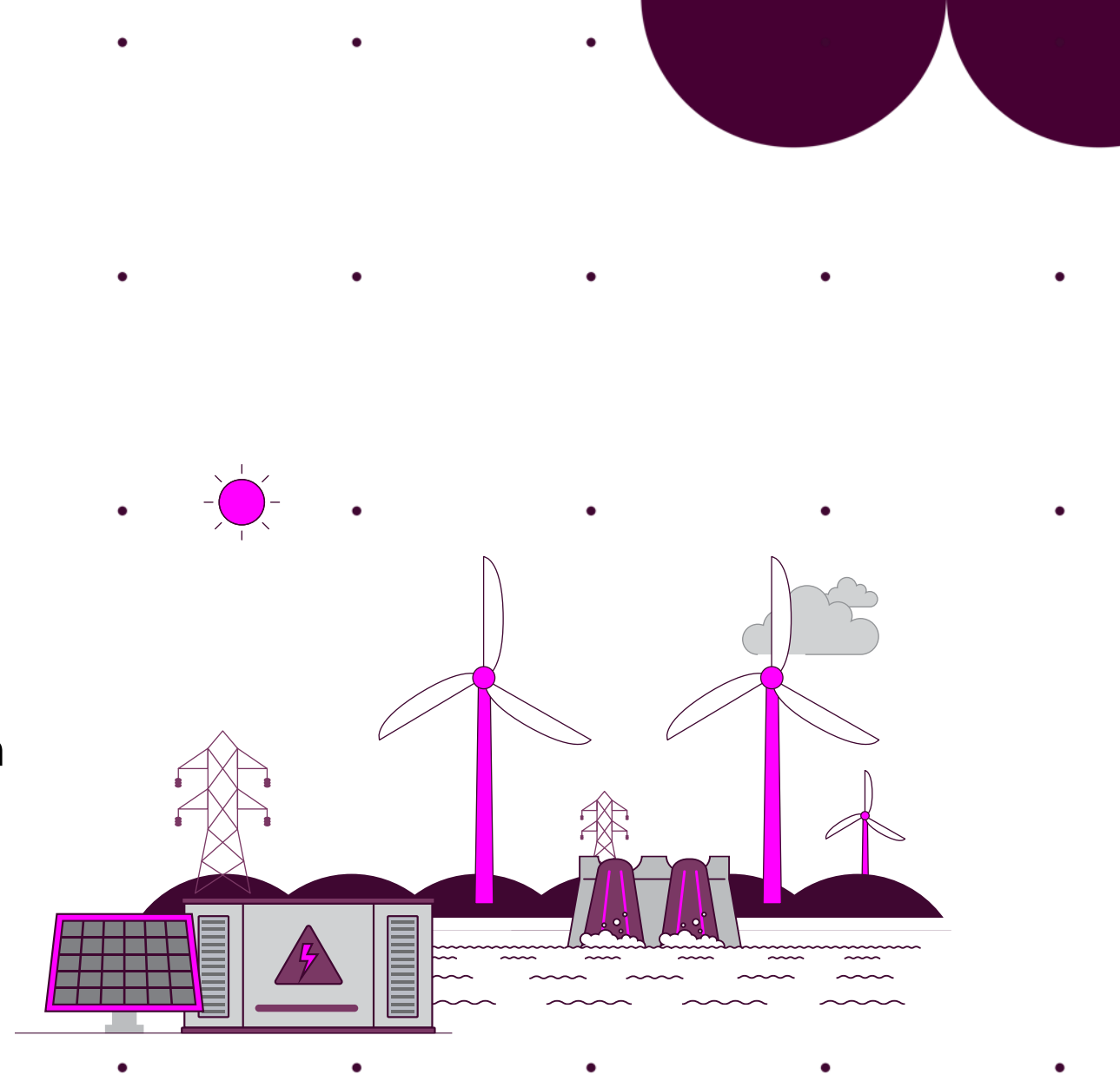
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# Welcome

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# Agenda

1. Welcome and housekeeping
2. Connections Methodologies
3. Poll: Intent to apply
4. Mod app scoping exercise
5. Customer Seminar pre-registration
6. Q&A



# Q&A

## Today's Q&A is open

Slido: CR-Methodology-2026

We are moderating questions to ensure they are:

- not project specific
- not repeats of questions asked by others
- respectful and pertinent



# Connections Methodologies

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# Where we are

## Ofgem Annual Methodology Submission

**PUBLISHED**

16 June 2026

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### Published documents

We published our Ofgem Annual Methodology Submission and clean and marked versions of the Connections Methodologies.

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### Today's focus

We will provide an overview of the key changes made to the Connections Methodologies compared to the live, approved versions

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### Reflecting your feedback

We will highlight if changes have been made as a result of stakeholder feedback when compared to the versions we consulted on.

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### Where to go next

For the full detail, please take a look at the clean and marked versions of the Connections Methodologies.

**Please note that these proposals remain subject to Ofgem review and approval.**

# What this means for customers

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Mike Oxenham

# What changes have we proposed (1)

Topic	Proposal
<b>Battery Oversupply</b>	<p>We have not disapplied protections and have instead introduced a technology neutral oversupply mechanism which places some protected projects at the back of the Gate 2 Tranche in certain circumstances.</p> <p>We will continue to work collaboratively with industry via the CMP470 code modification process to ensure an appropriate outcome, and with the TOs on Bay Sharing.</p>
<b>Protection Clause 2b</b>	<p>We have removed the requirement for Users to have held an Existing Agreement and unsuccessfully applied for Gate 2 in G2TWQ, and introduced an additional limb related to strategically designed offshore wind projects.</p>
<b>Protection Clause 3a and 3b</b>	<p>We have relaxed the requirement to have held an existing agreement and then unsuccessfully applied for that technology type in the G2TWQ process if there is undersupply in a CP30 technology zone.</p>

# What changes have we proposed (2)

Topic	Proposal
<b>Hybrids</b>	We are proposing to prioritise hybrids (for the purposes of connections pipeline formation ordering within a Gate 2 Tranche) from the next application window, and to introduce a 'Parent' and 'Child' process.
<b>Repowering</b>	We are proposing to prioritise repowering (for the purposes of connections pipeline formation ordering within a Gate 2 Tranche) from the next application window.
<b>Planning Submitted and Queue Formation</b>	We have introduced a 'planning submitted' ranking within the connections pipeline formation process.
<b>Successful Appeals</b>	Will (if any) be placed at the front of Phase 1 of the Gate 2 Tranche.
<b>Capacity Reallocation Process</b>	This is now clearer and more clearly separated from queue formation.

*We will later show how the queue formation related changes will work in practice.*

# What changes have we proposed (3)

Topic	Proposal
<b>Attrition</b>	We are proposing not to make any changes to TMO4+ policy to mitigate the potential impact of attrition at this time.
<b>Project Designation Methodology</b>	We have only made changes in relation to the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) assessment criteria and to Section 2.2 (D). We have also included changes in relation to Strategic Demand (but still pending the outcome of the Government consultation).
<b>'CMP435 Removals'</b>	We have removed the CMP435 related content, but only where no longer applicable.
<b>Material Technology Change Modification Applications and Queue Positions</b>	We are not progressing changes which would result in a developer losing their capacity / connections pipeline position at the point of application for a material technology change.
<b>GeoJSON Files, ORLB Arrangements and Probate</b>	We are not making GeoJSON mandatory, or making changes to ORLB arrangements. We have amended our position on Probate.

# What changes have we proposed (4)

Topic	Proposal
<b>Fast Fail Process</b>	We will develop a process to allow early failure of applications where it is certain that they will not meet the Gate 2 Strategic Alignment Criteria within the application window in which they have applied.
<b>CP30 Zone Allocation</b>	For projects with a confirmed POC, that will continue to be used, but for new connections without a confirmed POC, the physical location of the project site (i.e. ORLB) will be used to determine the CP30 zone. For such projects, there will be a pre-application process developed to allow this to be amended in certain circumstances.
<b>DNO Provisional Queue Formation View</b>	This step of the process has been removed in respect of Strategic Alignment Criteria b)
<b>Other G2CM and CNDM Changes</b>	There are a variety of other minor and clarificatory changes to reflect lessons learned and stakeholder feedback.

# CMP434 Queue Formation Example

We will now work through the CMP434 queue formation process and highlight where changes have been made

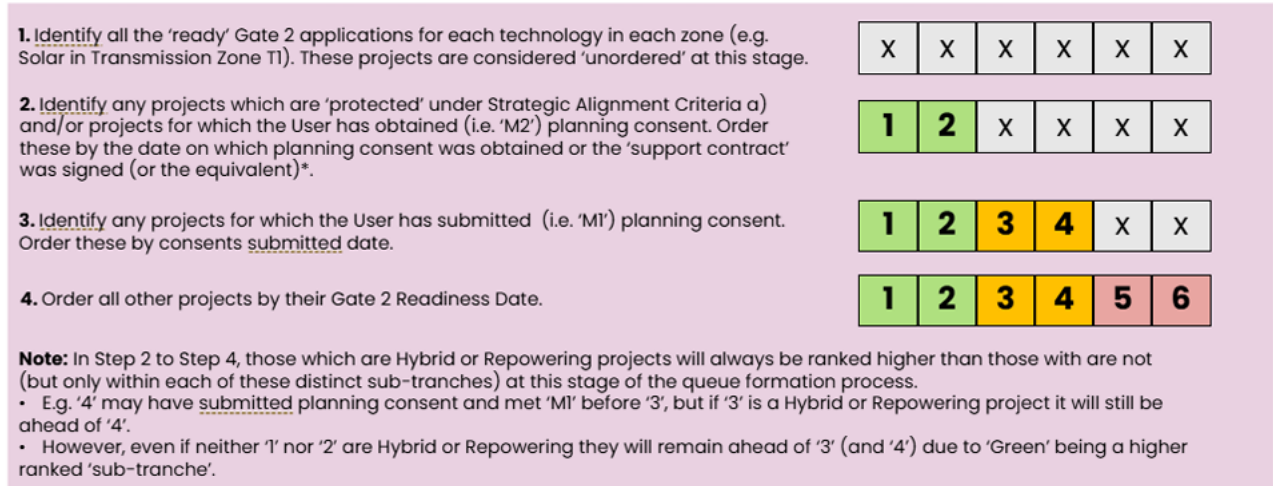
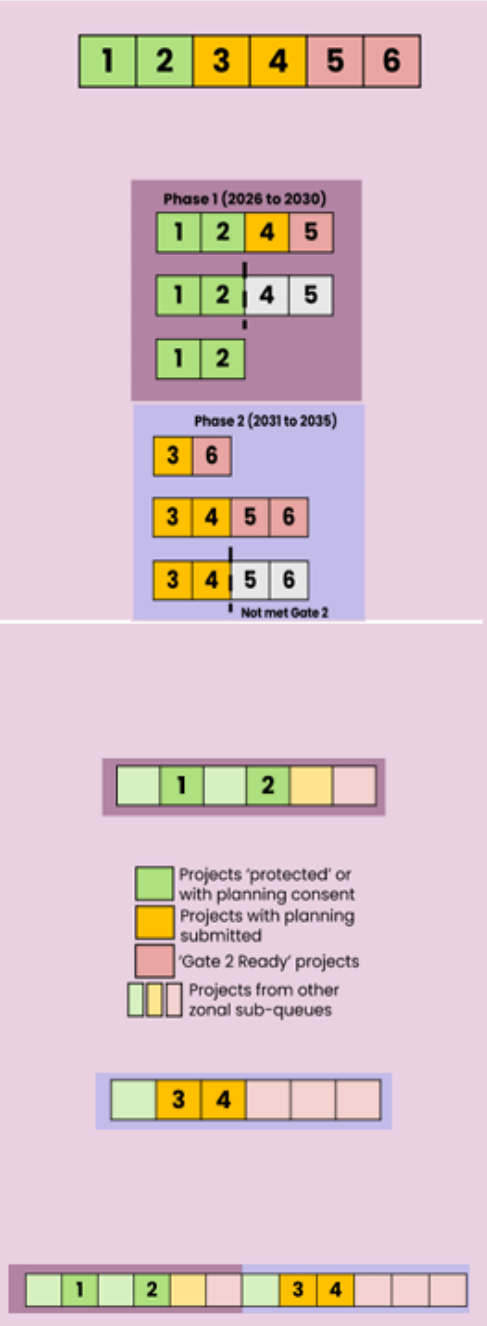


Figure 9: Ordering the Gate 2 Tranche for Strategic Alignment Checks

The above shows Protected and Consents Granted, Consents Submitted and Land Ready Only projects being order by date, accounting for the sub-tranche prioritisation of Hybrid and Repowering entries.

# CMP434 Queue Formation Example (Continued)

1. Order the zonal technology sub-queue as shown in Section 7.3.
2. Allocate projects/stages to a Phase depending on their requested firm or enduring non-firm connection date(s).
3. Determine the point in the Phase 1 queue where the 2030 permitted capacity is reached. Any projects exceeding the permitted capacity are moved to Phase 2, retaining the relative queue order from step 1.
4. Determine the point in the Phase 2 queue where the 2035 permitted capacity is reached. Any projects exceeding the permitted capacity will not receive a Gate 2 Offer, unless 'protected' and meeting Strategic Alignment Criteria a).
5. Recombine the Phase 1 sub-queue with the Phase 1 GB-wide queue, ordered by the date planning consent was obtained (or the relevant support contract was signed, or equivalent), planning consent was submitted or the Gate 2 Readiness Date as appropriate. (As per Section 7.3.8, Repowering / Hybrid will be ahead of those which are not in each of the three sub-tranches.)
6. Recombine the Phase 2 sub-queue with the GB-wide queue, ordered by the date planning consent was obtained (or the relevant support contract was signed, or equivalent), planning consent was submitted or the Gate 2 Readiness Date as appropriate. (As per Section 7.3.8, Repowering / Hybrid will be ahead of those which are not in each of the three sub-tranches.)
7. Add the Phase 2 queue to the end of the Phase 1 queue.



This shows how phases are filled until the permitted capacity for the technology zone (where there is one) is exceeded, and so which projects are Gate 2 Phase 1 and Phase 2, and which do not meet the Gate 2 Criteria. Note that possible 'Green' projects can fail strategic alignment, unlike in G2WQ.

Figure 10: Aligning the Gate 2 Tranche to the CP30 Action Plan

# CMP434 Queue Formation Example (Continued)

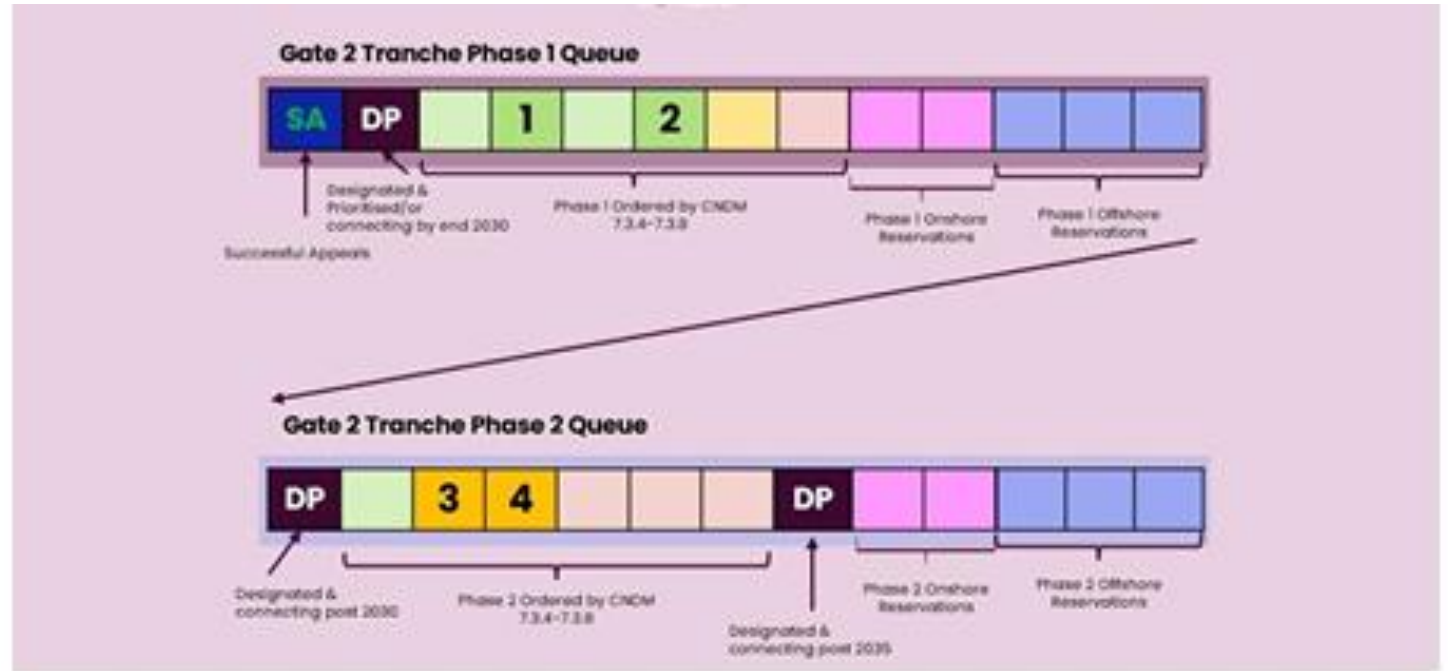


Figure 12: Determining queue position for Gate 1 reservations in the overall Gate 2 tranche queue formation process

This shows the whole ordering of a Gate 2 Tranche, including Successful Appeals, Project Designation and Reservation.

# Next steps

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# What's next?



## Ofgem review

Await Ofgem's review and decision on our submission.



## Planning

Continue detailed design and implementation activities for the next application window.



## Next application window

Proposed dates for opening of the next window will be announced in due course.

# Setting the timing for the next window



## Pull to do sooner

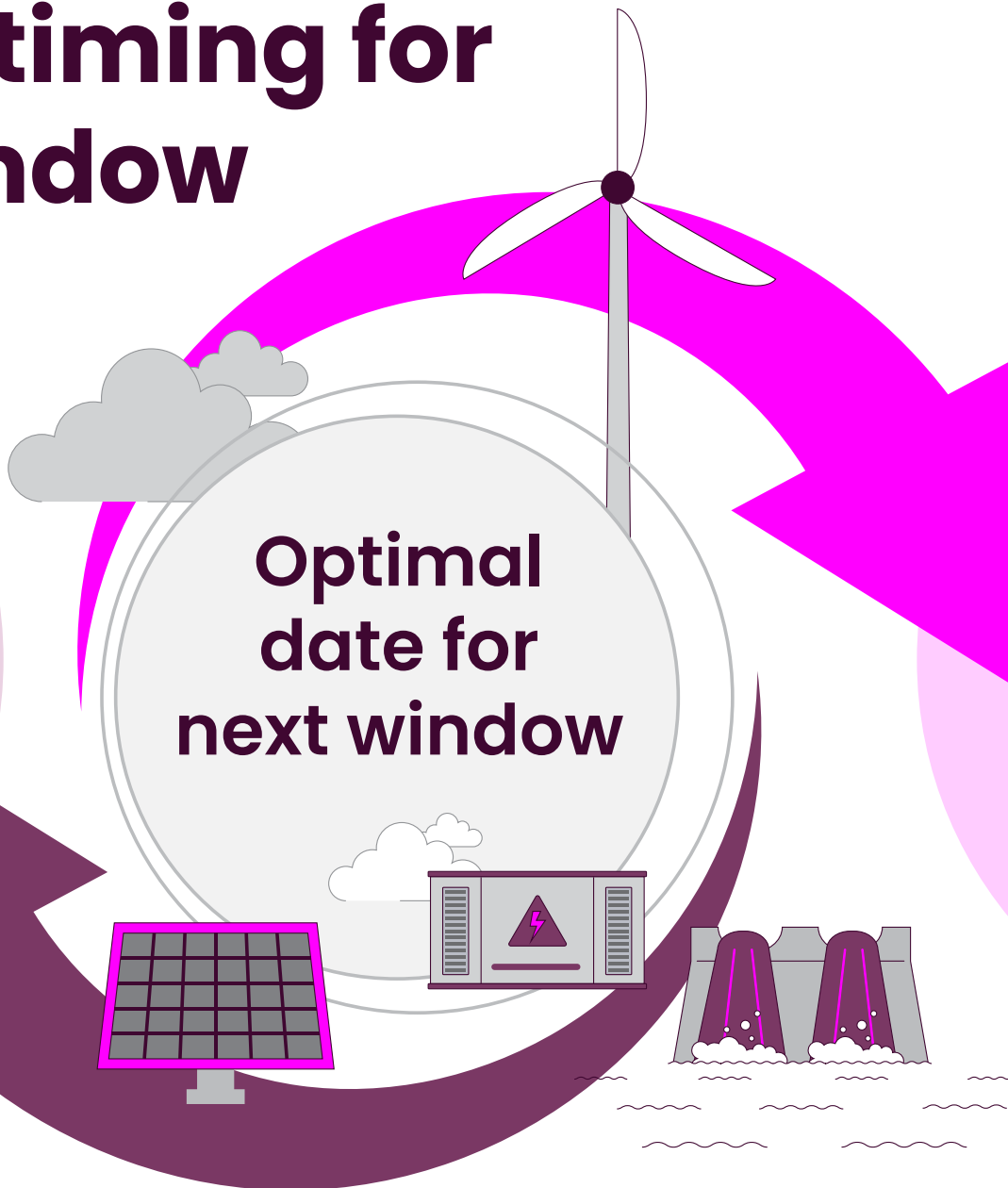
- Filling undersupply
- Newly protected projects
- Mod apps

**Optimal date for next window**



## Push to do later

- Dependency on issue of Gate 2 offers
- Demand policy changes
- Very little undersupply
- Annual methodology review
- Customer experience



# Your intent to apply

We're gathering information about applications in the next application window.

**We want to hear your thoughts based on the methodologies.**



Scan to share your feedback

# Mod App change scoping exercise

Jamie Webb

# Mod App change scoping exercise

Tell us about any changes you are considering (including changes normally progressed via Mod Apps for gated or non-gated processes).

**Open to Transmission customers with a Gate 2 notification**, regardless of whether you have received your offer

## 1. Feedback focus

Types and volumes of requests plus how we can support progression while maintaining fair processes.

## 2. What it is not

This does not constitute a formal Modification Application, guarantee changes, or impact current agreements.

**Deadline: 5pm on Friday 10 July 2026**

**One-time exercise:** Any requests made later cannot be incorporated outside of the usual Mod App process

# Mod App change scoping exercise form

Average time to complete: 3 minutes

One form per requested change, though it can cover multiple projects as long as they require the same change (please list out all application IDs in Q3 where this applies)

1. Name \*

Enter your answer

2. Company \*

Enter your answer

3. Application ID(s) \*

Enter your answer

4. Is the change gated or non-gated? \*

Non-gated change

Gated change

5. Which non-gated change do you want to request? \*

- Decrease of Connection Entry Capacity (CEC), Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC), Developer Capacity, Demand MW or Installed Capacity
- Removal of technology type(s)
- Commissioning programme related changes
- Administrative contract changes
- Application for Gate 2 for a project with a Gate 1 with reservation (subject to project remaining identical to Gate 1 contract)
- Project location change request with no change to Connection Point/Site Change request (subject to certain requirements)
- BELLA to BEGA
- Asset replacement
- Existing G2 requesting a move to a BEGA

6. Which gated change do you want to request? \*

- Gate 1 without reservation to Gate 2
- Gate 1 with reservation to Gate 2 (only applicable where the application is not identical to the G1 reservation contract)
- Increase of Connection Entry Capacity (CEC), Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC), Developer Capacity, Demand MW or Installed Capacity
- Change or addition of technology type(s) (including changes / addition of technology type(s) 'behind the meter')
- Connection point/site change request
- Change in connection date (earlier or later)
- Re-planting with an increase to CEC or TEC and/or change to / addition of tech

Depending on whether you select gated or non-gated, the relevant options will appear

# Mod App change scoping exercise form (cont.)

7. Why do you want to make this change? \*

- Updated Single Line Diagram (SLD) / Data Registration Code (DRC)
- Revised design assumptions
- Engineering optimisation
- To align timelines following project delays
- Adjusting securities trigger date following project delays
- Convert BELLA to BEGA
- Participation in the Balancing Mechanism
- Point of Connection no longer viable
- Align asset parameters with the connection agreement
- Alter the configuration that is impacting service participation
- Existing G2 requesting a move to a BEGA
- Other

8. When is the latest date that you need this change to be made by? \*

- June 2026
- July 2026
- August 2026
- September 2026
- October 2026
- November 2026
- December 2026
- January 2027
- February 2027
- March 2027
- April 2027
- May 2027

9. If the date for the next window was announced, would this change still be needed? \*

- Yes
- No
- Depends - please specify below
- Other

**Deadline to complete the form – 5pm on 10 July 2026**

**Form to complete:** [Modification Application change scoping exercise form – Fill out form](#)

# Customer Seminar pre-registration

Jamie Webb

# Customer Seminar

## Register your interest

- Our next Connections Customer Seminar is in the planning stage
- Venue, location and date are being finalised
- Scan the QR code to help us plan and secure the right space for everyone.
- We want to make sure everyone who wants to come, has a seat so please reply by 26 June



Scan to register your interest

# Q&A

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# Slido Q&A

We will now answer the top voted Slido Q&As for the remainder of the session.

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**We kindly request that do you do not raise project-specific questions,** and that you keep your questions constructive and relevant to the content we have shared today.



# Thank you