

25th Energy in Western Australia Conference

From ambition to execution

9 - 11 September 2026 | Ritz Carlton, Perth

Speakers include:



Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson
Minister for Energy & Decarbonisation
Government of Western Australia



Mary Burce Warlick
Deputy Executive Director
International Energy Agency (IEA)



Bill Farren-Price
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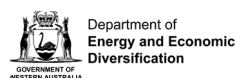
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What is the **Energy in Western Australia** conference?

Now in its 25th year, the **Energy in WA Conference** is the State's premier annual energy event, proudly hosted by the Australian Institute of Energy (Perth Branch) and Energy Policy WA (Government of Western Australia).

As the energy transition accelerates, there has never been a more important time for energy professionals from every part of the value chain to collaborate.



Why attend?

Gain practical insight, sharper market context and valuable connections to help turn energy transition strategy into action.

Three days. Every part of the value chain.



The whole of WA's energy sector, under one roof

No other event in the State brings together this breadth of the energy community. Every part of the supply chain, in the same room, working the same challenges.



Intelligence built for your market

Every session is grounded in what's happening here, in Western Australia. Walk away with insight that's directly relevant to your projects, your strategy and your next move.



Network where it counts

With a curated room of genuine decision makers, every conversation matters. Build real relationships across networking drinks and social functions designed to connect you with the right people.



Celebrate the people powering WA's energy future

An optional part of the conference experience, the WA Energy Awards Gala Dinner gives you another high-value opportunity to connect with senior industry peers.

WA's longest-running energy conference brings unrivalled credibility and a loyal, returning audience - the reason it remains the sector's major annual meeting place.

08:20 Registration and coffee

08:45 Welcome from AIE Perth conference committee Chair



Brad McIlroy

Director, Entellus Energy; Strategic Projects Director
Nu-phase

08:50 Welcome to country

09:05 Opening remarks from the Chair



Daniel Mercer

Energy Reporter
Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)

Global perspectives and implications for energy sector in WA

09:15 **Powering WA's future: certainty, investment, and the path to net zero**



Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson

Minister for Energy and Decarbonisation
Government of Western Australia

09:30 **Reframing critical minerals competition to unlock Australia's decarbonisation advantage**



Mary Burce Warlick

Deputy Executive Director
International Energy Agency (IEA)

09:55 **Securing WA's industrial future: the role of gas in a changing energy system**



Aaron Hood

Managing Director
Wesfarmers Chemicals Energy & Fertilisers

10:20 Morning tea

Optimising system design, market structure and investment signals

11:00 **Designing transmission at scale: What can WA learn from NSW REZ delivery?**



Sally McMahon

Commissioner
Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)

11:25 Panel discussion: **Examining the realities of delivering transmission**



Kieron Hendicott

Acting Chief Executive /
Deputy Chief Executive
Infrastructure WA



Steve Armitage

Project Director
GenusPlus Group



Tim Bray

Deputy Director General,
PoweringWA
**WA Department of Energy
& Economic Diversification**

12:05 Lunch

Delivery gap: ambition vs execution, and what's next for WA

13:30 **Delivering scale efficient grid infrastructure to unlock value, and the role of the RTN in accelerating essential grid projects**



Rob Wilson

Executive Director, Western Australia and Resources
Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)

13:55 Panel discussion: **What should WA adopt, adapt or avoid for the next phase of growth?**

Who owns the energy transition in WA's grid; utilities, technology, markets, or customers?

14:35 **Utility perspective: Lessons from across Western Australia in enabling industry and delivering a stable and secure energy transition**



Gary Bryant

Executive General Manager Power
APA Group

14:55 Afternoon tea

15:35 **Customer perspective: Accelerating distribution transformation through customer centricity**



Cameron Owens

Head of DER & Engineering
Synergy

15:55 **Market perspective: Strengthening market operability by sharpening storage signals and system incentives**

16:15 Panel discussion: **Unlocking the full capability of inverter-based resources in a rapidly changing SWIS**



Brad McIlroy

Director
Entellus Energy
Strategic Projects
Director
Nu-phase



Gary Bryant

Executive General
Manager Power
APA Group



Martin Maticka

Group Manager,
WA Operations
**Australian Energy
Market Operator
(AEMO)**



Cameron Owens

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16:55 Closing remarks from Chair

17:00 Close of day one



18:30 **WA Energy Awards Gala Dinner**

Join us for a memorable evening as we wine, dine and celebrate the people behind Western Australia's energy sector. Brought to you by the Australian Institute of Energy Perth and the City of Perth, this is our tenth year of celebrating excellence.

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08:50 Opening remarks from the Chair

Leaning in to WA's unique structural context: isolation, mining and regional activity

09:00 Navigating global gas volatility to strengthen WA's LNG and domestic market position



Bill Farren-Price
Head of Gas Research
Oxford Institute for Energy Studies

09:25 Scaling green energy in the Pilbara: turning decarbonisation into operational advantage

Senior representative
Fortescue

Making regional energy work

09:50 Regional WA's energy transition: reliable, flexible and sustainable



Krystal Skinner
Chief Executive Officer
Horizon Power

10:00 Proving off-grid intermittent renewable hydrogen production while demonstrating grid-independent operation with battery storage



Laurent Trost
Chief Operations Officer
Yara

10:10 Working with regional communities on improving network resilience



Gair Landsborough
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Western Power

10:20 Dealing with new load from regional data centres

10:30 Morning tea

11:00 Panel discussion: Finding innovative, localised solutions to planning, markets and reliability in regional communities



Matt McKee
Chief Researcher
Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE)



Krystal Skinner
Chief Executive Officer
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Laurent Trost
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Scaling capability for the energy transition: can WA build skills fast enough?

11:40 Panel discussion: Rethinking the skills challenge and making smarter use of resources



Chandra Sundareswaran
Director, Centre for Learning Enterprise & Partnership Engagement
Curtin University



Jo Christie
Executive Manager People
Western Power



Jennie Milne
Executive General Manager People, Safety & Governance
Horizon Power



Brent Gimpel
Head of Technology
ElectraNet

12:20 Lunch

What does a globally competitive WA look like?

13:20 Capturing more downstream energy value to turn WA's strategic advantage into investment, jobs and green industry leadership



Masoud Abshar
Managing Director
Magellan Power

13:45 Building an energy system that supports WA's future competitiveness



Oliver Nunn
Managing Director
Endgame Analytics

Achieving social licence & community outcomes & communicating the message

14:10 Q&A: Shifting from consultation to co-ownership to expand First Nations participation in energy projects



Troy Eaton
Co-Chair
Nyamal Aboriginal Corporation

14:35 Strengthening social licence by building energy literacy and countering misinformation in our communities



Ed Coper
Chief Executive Officer
Populares

Planning firming, flexibility and gas for a secure transition

15:00 Gas enablement: moving supply and pipeline capacity from outlook to execution



Rachael Smith
Executive General Manager, Commercial and Growth
Australian Gas Infrastructure Group (AGIG)

15:25 Afternoon tea

16:05 Planning the transition points: keeping the SWIS secure as renewables scale



Kirsten Rose
Executive General Manager WA and Strategy
Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)

16:30 Panel discussion: What should be the strategic role and limits of gas in Western Australia's transition?



Gareth Wright
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Patrick Peake
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AGL I Perth Energy



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17:15 Closing Networking Drinks & Canapes

Pre-conference Masterclasses ▶ Wednesday, 9 September

Introductory Masterclass: Western Australia energy industry boot camp

Specifically for professionals new to Western Australia's energy sector, this day provides an accessible overview of the key organisations, regulatory bodies and market participants shaping the state's unique energy landscape.



BESS Masterclass: Overcoming technology and operational challenges for Battery Energy Storage Systems

This masterclass is designed to address the practical challenges of operating BESS assets in the Australian market, and is suited to engineers and technical specialists responsible for the installation, commissioning and ongoing maintenance.



Why sponsor the Energy in WA conference?

Energy in WA is your opportunity to engage the decision makers shaping the future of energy in Western Australia. As part of Energy Week WA, this is the state's premier energy conference, with 25 years of industry trust behind it and a tightly focused audience of around 250 senior professionals driving WA's energy transition.

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