

Draft Program



AUSTRALIA Fact Finding Mission

Melbourne & Brisbane
November 13 – 18

Sunday, November 13

Brisbane

Arrivals to Brisbane Airport (BNE)*

Hotel check-in**

SEPA welcome cocktails

Join us for a drink and to meet the other participants

Welcome Dinner hosted by [Tendril](#)

Monday, November 14

Brisbane

Breakfast at the hotel***

Program Meetings Hosted by [CSIRO](#)

Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation



Setting the Stage

Details and insights into the Australian electric market and market stakeholders. How the market has changed - the continued evolution and the plans for a new energy future.

- Introductions and welcome
- The evolution of the electricity market, the stakeholders, and how the market players are working together.
- Renewable energy drivers, development, implementation and challenges.



Breakout discussion: Will the future be distributed?

The path forward: The transformation of the electric system

Closing comments and wrap-up

Networking lunch hosted by CSIRO

Group Activity

[Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary](#)

Reception hosted by the [Queensland Futures Institute](#)

Group returns to hotel - free evening

Tuesday, November 15

Brisbane

Breakfast at the hotel



Peer-to-peer utility workshop hosted by Energy Queensland
(formerly [Ergon](#) and [Energen](#))

Australian and U.S. utilities present and discuss key issues, commonalities and approaches to the new energy future.

Welcome from Ergon Energy & Energen

The utility future in Australia

- What does this mean for Australian utilities?
- What are the new business models being employed?
- How does this translate to the U.S. market?



Breakout group activity

Customers and the rise of renewables

- What does the new consumer need?
- What new engagement opportunities and new offerings are available for retail and commercial and industrial customers?
- What technologies will enable the energy future?

Breakout activity – brainstorming approaches

Wrap-up

Networking Lunch hosted by [STEM](#)



Technology site visit hosted by [Tritium](#)

Manufacturing site visit for electric vehicle fast chargers and inverters to hear about these technologies and the EV market.

Free evening



Hotel breakfast

Flight from Brisbane to Melbourne (BNE - MEL)

Details to follow - SEPA will make flight reservations

Bus departs for group activities & dinner

Boxed lunches provided for the ride



Winery tours and dinner

Travel to the Yarra Valley for a private tour and wine tastings followed by dinner.

Hotel check-in



Hotel breakfast

Technology & Policy Forum *hosted by the [Clean Energy Council](#)*

What tools do we have now and what do we need to evolve our energy future?

Welcome and energy roadmap

Solar, Storage & Microgrids

Controls (software & intelligent devices)

- TBD, Moderator
- Enphase, TBD
- Landys+Gyr, TBD
- TBD

Closing - insights and lessons

Adjourn



Lunch hosted by Clean Energy Council

Bus departs for site visit

Site Visit (TBD)

Networking dinner *hosted by [Landis + Gyr](#)*

Hotel breakfast
Bus departs

Utility forum hosted by [AGL](#)

Talking to utility innovators about the the utility business model - what it was, what it is and what it will be.



Welcome and keynote

Utility Innovator Case Studies: Innovative programs, technologies and customer approaches.

- AGL
- CitiPower / PowerCor
- Origin Energy
- United Energy
- TBD, US

Breakout: What are the technology, tools, programs and stakeholders needed for utility success in the renewable and distributed future?

Utility Roundtable Discussion - AUS and US

What are you challenges? Opportunities? Are they similar? What is the timeline for change and what is the next significant change in your utility's business model.



Adjourn

Bus departs

Networking lunch hosted by [Enphase](#)

Mission Charette - Facilitated discussion and activities
Putting the pieces together and coming to conclusions.

Farewell dinner hosted by [ScottMadden](#)

Breakfast at your leisure
Hotel check-out

** The program starts Sunday evening, but we recommend arriving on Saturday if your schedule allows. Please note any hotel stay on Saturday night is not included in the program/registration fee.*

**** Hotel breakfasts are included with your registration fee.*

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