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## Smart meter rollout set to launch in 2025

The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) has finalised a new rule requiring smart meters to be installed across the National Electricity Market (NEM) by 2030.

This initiative is designed to modernise the energy system and accelerate the shift to renewable energy sources.

Smart meters play a crucial role in creating a connected, efficient energy network and supporting net zero emissions goals.

### Key reforms include:

- Faster smart meter installations to help households and businesses enjoy energy savings and benefits sooner.
- Improved access to essential power quality data for better network management, cost reduction, and enhanced safety.

### Additional protections ensure:

- No upfront installation costs for customers.
- Informed consent for tariff changes.
- Clearer information provided to consumers.

### The rollout, beginning in December 2025, aims to:

- Eliminate costs associated with manual meter readings.
- Enhance outage response times.
- Support technologies like rooftop solar, batteries, and electric vehicles.

Currently, over 56% of NEM meters are remotely read, with Victoria leading at 99%.

These changes aim to make advanced energy technology more accessible while protecting customers and ensuring the benefits are shared across the community.

