

CEO notice

In accordance with Section 58(2) of the *National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005*, the CEO of VicGrid is required to publish a statement of reasons where the Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines (VTP Guidelines) do not apply in any particular case. The below summarises the elements of the VTP Guidelines that have been departed from in the preparation of the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan (and do not apply for the 2025 VTP). These departures primarily reflect updates to inputs, assumptions and methodology, to ensure the VTP remains responsive to current market conditions, planning data and stakeholder feedback.

Reference	Guideline requirement	Departure and reasoning
Section 3.2 – Methodology	The guidelines contemplated a final reliability check via power system modelling.	A reliability check of the optimal development pathway was undertaken via market modelling rather than power systems modelling with further reliability checks undertaken in coming months as part of detailed design of the optimal development pathway projects.
Section 3.2 – Methodology	The guidelines contemplated a second phase of strategic land use assessment phase 2	The second phase of statewide strategic land use assessment analysis will be undertaken during further consultations phases on the VTP projects. The VTP is a strategic plan to identify and justify project needs as opposed to route planning for transmission projects.
Section 4.2.2 – Input	The guidelines specified particular Victorian to New South Wales Interconnector West (VNI-West) and Western Renewables Link (WRL) commissioning dates.	The VTP has incorporated revised timing for the commissioning of VNI-West in accordance with published statements by the proponent.
Appendix D, Section D.4.2 – input	The guidelines contemplated analysis being based on generation projects identified as existing or committed as of July 2024.	The 2025 VTP has incorporated the most recent list of Generator Information as at April 2025 to ensure it remains up-to-date with market developments. Generator information has also been sourced from the project status survey carried out as part of the consultation on the draft VTP.

The CEO VicGrid has determined these changes are considered necessary to ensure the VTP reflects the most current and accurate information available, and to support effective transmission planning for Victoria's energy transition. This notice is published on the VicGrid website in accordance with legislative requirements.



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