

**AER briefing to AVP [REDACTED] – VNI West Determination - 16 October 2023 – File Note**

**AER parties:**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Other parties:**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Introductions**

- Due to publish today – embargo until 5pm
- Decision is to not amend the PACR
  - Key claim is issue of credible option and preferred option selection
  - Came to conclusion that there is only effectively one credible option given combined effect of February and May Ministerial Orders
  - NEVA orders practically constrain AVP and Transgrid
  - We considered that they took a narrow view of consultation requirements (ground 5)
  - On Grounds 6-9, we came to the view they are misconceived or lacking in substance, they don't apply to the RIT process.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]: Asked for an embargoed copy. [REDACTED] confirmed they will both receive embargoed copies.

[REDACTED]: Do you have a comms plan? [REDACTED] We'll communicate to jurisdictions and the affected party, and we'll put out a communications notice.

[REDACTED] asked for embargoed copy of comms notice.

[REDACTED] Don't have an issue just need to confirm with Strat Comms.