2024 Industry Innovation Award

This award recognises leadership in the design, development and application of a ground-breaking Australian energy network initiative, technology, service, or solution.

It may apply to asset management, distributed energy resources, operations, environment, business models, customer solutions and engagement or a range of other ways in which a business has developed an innovative solution for the energy network sector in Australia.

The award recognises innovation that shows energy networks working together and with customers to enable Australia's net-zero future.

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Eligibility

The 2024 Industry Innovation Award is open to regulated electricity and gas networks that hold full membership with Energy Networks Australia (ENA).

Key Dates

Applications Open:
28 May 2024

Applications Close:
9 July 2024

Shortlisted Finalists Notified:
Mid-August 2024

Finalists' Virtual Q&A with Judging Panel:
Scheduled between 20-23 August 2024 (if required)

Awards Announcement:
19 September 2024 at the Energy Networks Dinner & Awards in Melbourne.

Winners will

- **Receive** an award at the Energy Networks Dinner and Awards on 19 September 2024.

- **Be recognised** on the ENA website and other suitable publications.

- **Receive two complimentary registrations** to the 2026 Energy Networks Conference + Exhibition (non-transferable).

Energy Networks Australia

Guidelines

All entries must adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Eligibility:** The 2024 Industry Innovation Award is exclusively available to fully financial members of ENA for the relevant calendar year. Regulated electricity and gas networks are eligible; however, associates, affiliates, and external business partners or suppliers are not eligible.

- **Nominations:** Any member company of ENA can nominate itself or another member. Projects can be collaborative efforts between network businesses and their partners.

- **Submission Limit:** Entrants may submit up to two entries in this category.

Industry Innovation Award Criteria

Entries must clearly demonstrate the design, development, and application of an innovative energy network technology, service, or solution in Australia.

- **Project Timeline:** The project must show a tangible outcome between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024, although it may have started earlier or continue beyond this period.

- **Judging Criteria:** Entries must address the key judging criteria. The weighting for each question is provided.

- **Word Limit:** Entries must adhere to the word limit for each question; any excess words will be removed.

- **Project Originality:** Entries must not be projects that have previously been nominated unless they demonstrate substantial differences or significant enhancements compared to the previous year's entry.

How to make your submission

- **Submit your application:** In Word format, including the signed nomination form on the last page of this document.

- **Include Multimedia:**
  1. You may submit up to five images and videos.
  1. For each image and video, provide a description (e.g., Figure 1. write a brief description)
  2. Send images as separate files or through online file sharing and provide links for videos.

- **Submission Deadline:** Email your completed application to **awards@energynetworks.com.au** by close of business on 9 July 2024.

- **Additional Resources:** For information on past awards, visit our website.

Terms and Conditions

All entries are subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. **Ownership:** All submissions will become and remain the property of ENA.

2. **Consent for Use:** By submitting an entry, entrants' consent to the reproduction of the information and imagery contained in their entries in future publications by Energy Networks.

3. **Eligibility:** To qualify for this award, the nominating organisation must have been a member of ENA from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

4. **CEO Signature:** Entries must be signed by the CEO of an ENA member organisation.

5. **Agreement to Terms:** By entering, participants agree to be bound by these terms and conditions.

6. **Privacy Policy:** ENA is committed to ensuring that individuals whose details we hold understand our privacy practices, and that all information obtained is managed in line with our Privacy Policy. ENA's Privacy Policy is available on our website.

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Application Format

1. **Name of Project**
2. **Project Partners** (if any)
3. **Project Timeline:** (e.g., October 2023 to May 2024)
4. **Location:** (e.g., Tamworth, NSW)
5. **Funding:** Note any funding grants for the project, such as ARENA funding.
6. **Themes**
7. **Description: (100 words max., no weighting)**

Provide a high-level overview of the project or innovation.

8. Rationale (100 words max., 10% weighting)

- Why did you undertake this project?
- What were the goals and objectives of the project?
- What was the innovation need or problem to be solved?

9. Approach (200 words max., 10% weighting)

Please provide a description of the approach used which may include any collaborative processes used to engage partners, customers, and stakeholders.

10. Benefits, Results, and Outcomes (300 words max., 30% weighting)

Please provide evidence of the outcomes of the innovation or project. You may like to include:

- Describe the outcomes of the project, product or solution.
- How will this innovation improve outcomes for energy network customers?
- Were the objectives achieved?
- Describe what has been learnt from the project.

11. Innovation Indicators (750 words max., 50% weighting)

How did the project meet the following indicators:

- **Innovation leadership:** How did these advance existing technologies, services or techniques in the Australian or international energy system? How will this contribute to leading innovation across the energy network sector?

- **Innovation impact:** How has this project led to changes in your organisation? How has this improved your organisation's approach to problem solving? What didn't go to plan but provided a useful insight for the future?

- **Knowledge sharing:** What is the potential application of the project across the sector? What opportunities are you taking, or will take, to share learnings?

- **Efficiency and productivity:** Does this project have the potential to improve the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of the energy system and of network services?

Optional Background Information (500 words max., no weighting)

Additional background information may be provided for the judging panel that will not be published (up to a maximum of 500 words). Please indicate which question the additional information relates to. Additional weighting will not be given to this section however, text included may be considered and weighted according to the relevant question.

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Nomination form

For the Energy Networks Industry Innovation Award 2024

Energy Networks Australia

Nominating member organisation

Who are you nominating? *(You can select one or more, if relevant):*

Our organisation   Another ENA full member

Award application contacts *[You may include 1, or 2 contacts]*

Contact 1: (Full name)

Job title: Mobile:

Email:

Contact 2: (Full name)

Job title: Mobile:

Email:

Submission checklist

Please tick each box to confirm the following before submitting your nomination:

Signed Nomination Form Attached   **Submission Document**
(Completed and attached the signed nomination form).   *(Nomination submitted in Word format).*

Multimedia (Optional)   **YES**   **NO**
Submitted multimedia (maximum of five items), each with a brief description.

Please note: *Once signed by the CEO, this form will be secured and no further changes can be made*

Chief Executive Officer name:

Date: **Chief Executive Officer signature:**

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