

2025 IEEE PES AUPEC will be held from 29 September-1 October 2025 in Brisbane, Australia.

Conference theme is “**Resilient Energy Systems: Strengthening the Future Grid for a Sustainable World**”.

Day 1 Opening Session will present a leadership forum on Energy Transition.

Speakers of the leadership forum:

Paul Simshauser, CEO of Powerlink



Professor Paul Simshauser is a leading energy economist, with a remarkable record of achievement across government, academia and industry. He is professor at Griffith University’s Centre for Applied Energy Economics and Policy Research, publishing widely on renewable electricity, energy hardship and climate policy. He is also chief executive of Powerlink, Queensland’s electricity transmission network operator. In this role, he is translating research into reality as he leads Queensland’s transition to a low-carbon, clean-energy future, while ensuring positive social and economic outcomes.

Nicola Falcon, EGM Western Australia at Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)



Experienced enterprise leader, with over 25 years’ demonstrated history in the energy sectors in Australia and overseas. Skilled in building high-performing diverse and inclusive teams, leading through transformational change, applying systems thinking to problem solving, and providing thought leadership to help navigate the energy transition to net zero emissions. She is committed to helping ensure Australia's future energy system is reliable, sustainable, secure and affordable.

Neil O’Sullivan , Chairman and Group Managing Director NOJA Power



Neil O’Sullivan knows electricity reliability. An engineering veteran of almost 40 years, Neil has worked in over 110 countries in improving distribution network reliability. A founding member, and the “N”, of NOJA Power, Neil’s experience has guided the development of power system reliability products.

Moderator of the forum



Jason Hall, Acting Chief Engineer at Energy Queensland and Deputy Chair of the Australian Power Institute Board

Jason Hall is currently acting as a member of the Energy Queensland Executive and is responsible for leading the engineering and asset management strategies, which includes the safe and efficient management of EQL’s electricity distribution networks. Jason is an expert professional in the energy sector with extensive experience at Energy Queensland, where Jason has held various executive roles, including GM Grid Technology and GM Asset Standards since May 2017. In addition, Jason serves as an Asset Management Committee Member for Energy Networks Australia and is a Deputy Chair of The Australian Power Institute Board.