Market Summary Report

Electricity and Gas
February 2026

Introduction and Further Reading

This report provides information on wholesale price trends for all regions within the National Electricity Market (NEM), the Western Australia Energy Market (WEM), the East Coast Wholesale Gas Market and environmental scheme certificates. Wholesale gas price trends reference the ICAP Gas Forward Price Curve Data, published under permission by ICAP Energy.

Please note that all electricity prices are presented as a $ per megawatt-hour (MWh) price and all certificate prices as a $ per certificate price.

You can obtain the latest pricing information for the spot and contract markets on a daily basis from the "Market" section of the Shell Energy Customer Portal.

Tasmanian contract prices are the non-regulated prices published by Hydro Tasmania on a weekly basis. All NEM spot prices are published by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO). NEM contract prices are sourced from the ASX.

Further information can be found at the locations noted below:

- Tasmanian energy market – a comprehensive weekly report is published by the Office of the Tasmanian Energy Regulator which can be found **here.**
- Western Australia Energy Market – AEMO publishes a detailed market report which can be found **here**.
- NEM Spot Market – AEMO publish a range of detailed information which can be found **here**.
- Environmental Certificates – information about environmental certificates can be found **here**.
- Large-scale Generation Certificates (LGCs) – information about LGCs can be found **here**. You can also refer to our **Energy Education video on LGCs**.
- Small-scale Technology Certificates (STCs) – information about the STC program can be found **here**. You can also refer to our **Energy Education video on STCs**.
- Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificates (VEECs) – information about the VEEC program can be found **here**. You can also refer to our **Energy Education video on VEECs**.
- Energy Saving Certificates (ESCs) – information about the ESC program can be found **here**. You can also refer to our **Energy Education video on ESCs.**

Spot Prices: National Electricity Market

February 2026

February saw strong heat-driven demand in Queensland, reaching 10,716 MW on 12 February, its fourth highest day on record. But high baseload availability, gas, hydro and battery support kept prices contained, with a $348.73/MWh peak and one baseload trip.

New South Wales saw early month volatility due to line outages, compounded by several unit trips. Conditions normalised later in the month as temperatures eased.

Victoria managed a unit trip early in February and reduced solar from cloud cover mid-month but remained largely stable with no major price events.

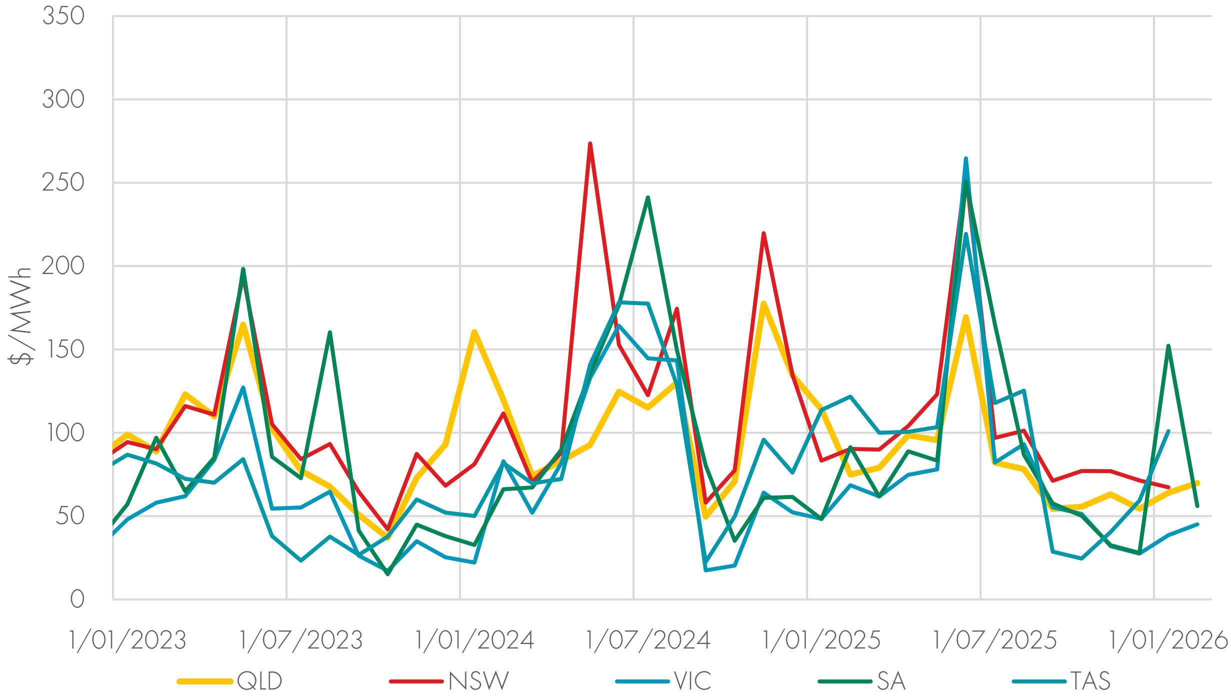
South Australia recorded early spikes from network constraints followed by mid-period tightness from low wind and cloud cover, before softening in the final week.

Tasmania remained steady with no notable events.

Across the NEM, moderating temperatures and improved wind and baseload availability produced softer outcomes in the third week, while storms curtailed solar in SA, VIC and NSW. Renewables supplied roughly 47% of generation for the month, and NEM emissions intensity fell to 504.4 kg CO_2e/MWh, down 4.3% compared to the same period the year before.

Source: DCCEEW, AEMO

State	Average Spot Price	Max 5 Min Spot Price	5 Min Intervals at $1,000 or Above	5 Min Intervals at $0 or Below
QLD	69.87	382.14	0	625
NSW	83.76	20,300.00	11	354
VIC	45.06	269.78	0	1,716
SA	56.00	20,300.00	3	2,335
TAS	90.28	350.30	0	3



Source: NEM Spot Market – AEMO

Contract Market

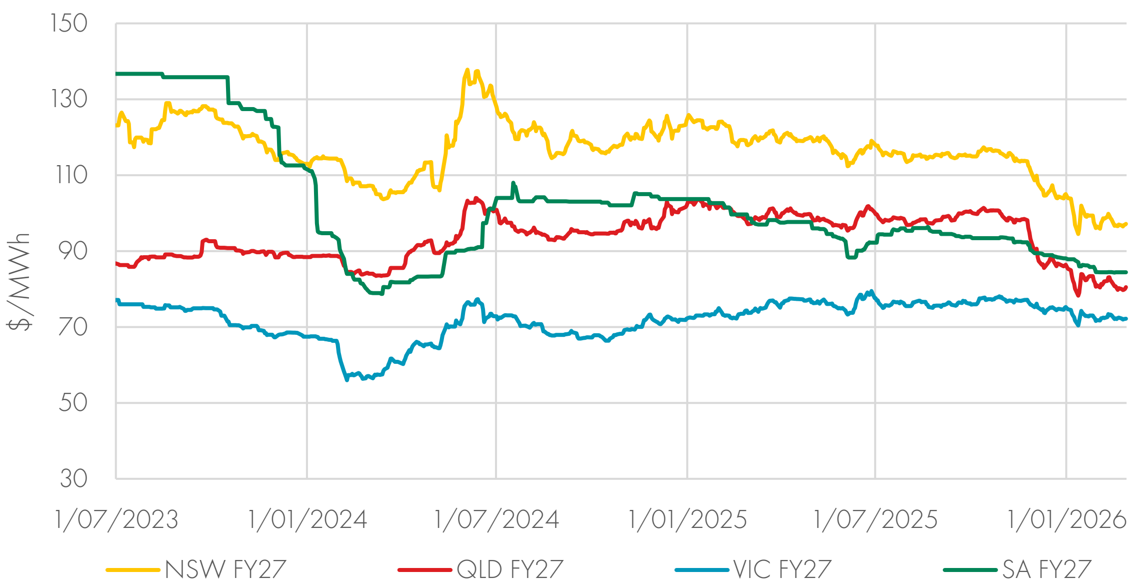
Financial Year 2027 (FY27)

FY27 swap contracts traded in a narrow, steady range across February, showing limited directional momentum and only modest softening relative to late-January levels. Early in February saw slightly elevated NSW peak marks versus the month-end prints, consistent with the temporary tightness seen in spot but these levels gradually eased as the month progressed. By the end of the month, FY27 curve marks had generally retraced, with the broad suite of forward products printing lower and closely aligned with the subdued volatility profile evident in the broader contract market. Overall, a month comprised of orderly drift, consistent with the more subdued spot outcomes.

February 2026

State	Previous Close	Period Low	Period High	Closing Price
QLD	81.00	79.74	83.13	80.52
NSW	96.50	95.89	99.81	97.19
VIC	71.82	71.71	73.43	72.20
SA	84.47	84.36	84.48	84.44
TAS	73.97	73.32	74.51	73.67

FY27 Flat



Source: ASX Data

Contract Market

Financial Year 2028 (FY28)

FY28 swap contracts held a similarly steady profile as the FY27 contracts through February, trading within a narrow band and showing no meaningful directional shift across the month. Early month curves printed slightly firmer levels in several regions (most visibly in NSW), though this mild elevation faded as February progressed, in line with easing spot market tightness. By the final week, FY28 marks had broadly retraced toward mid-month levels, reflecting a market characterised by low volatility, and thin liquidity, mirroring the behaviour observed in FY27 swaps.

February 2026

State	Previous Close	Period Low	Period High	Closing Price
QLD	80.28	77.88	81.15	78.20
NSW	93.92	92.96	95.17	93.82
VIC	70.75	70.71	72.67	71.89
SA	85.92	85.00	85.92	85.00
TAS	74.13	74.18	75.19	74.67

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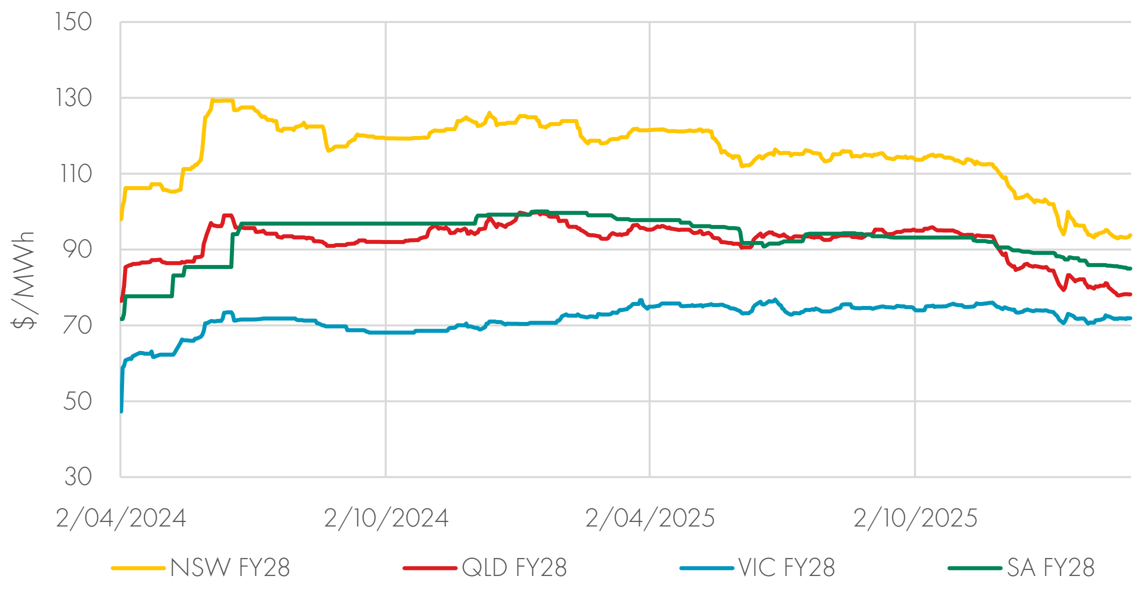

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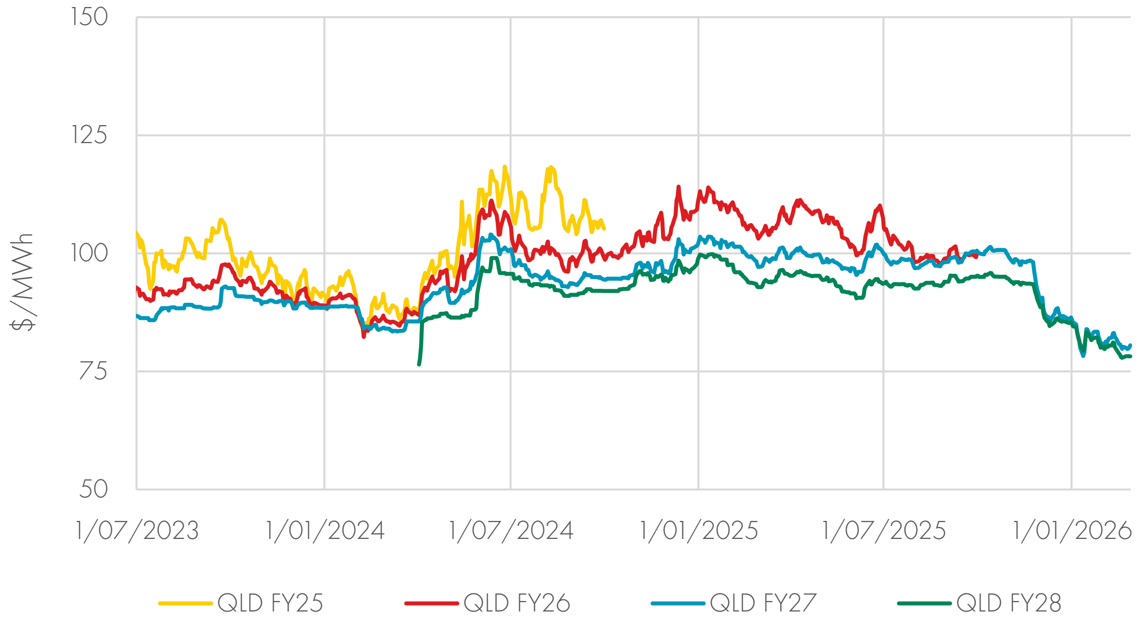
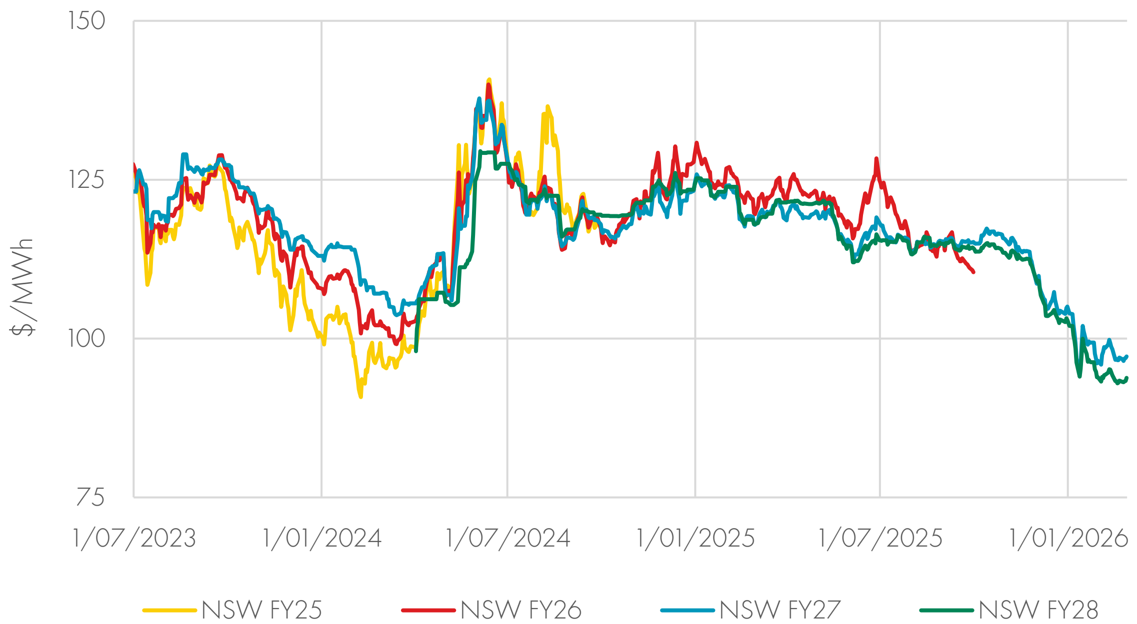
Contract Market – QLD Financial Years Flat



Contract Market – NSW Financial Years Flat



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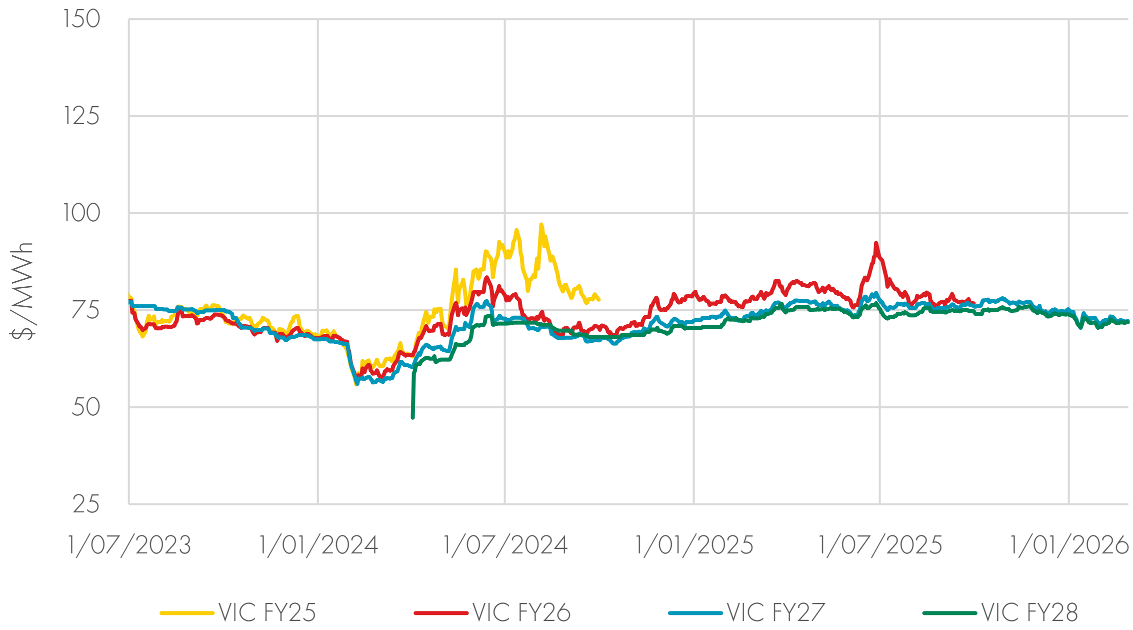
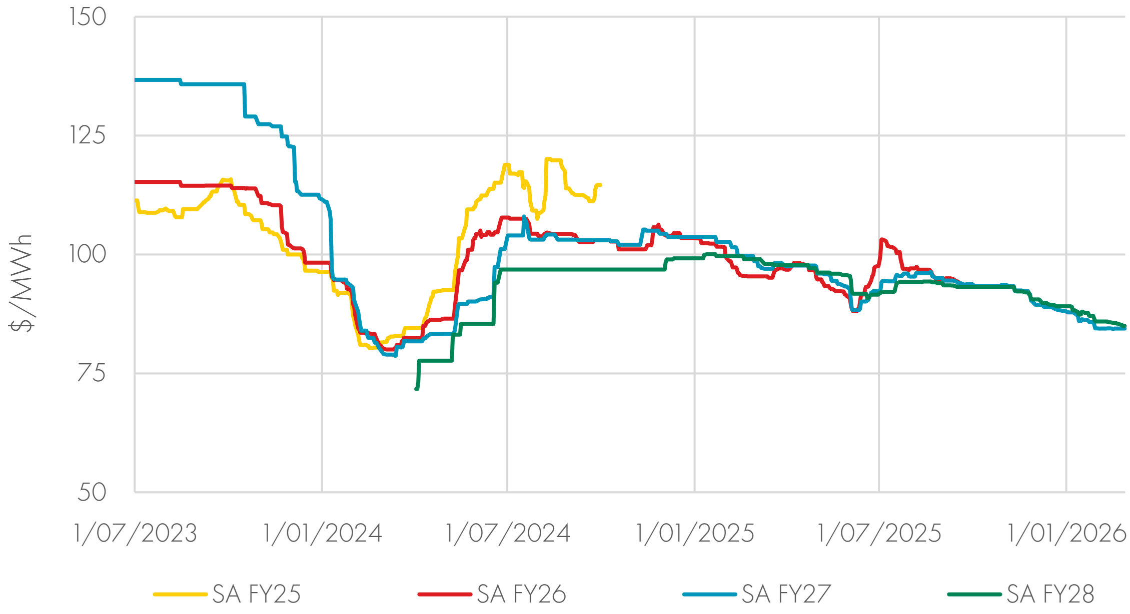
Contract Market – VIC Financial Years Flat



Contract Market – SA Financial Years Flat



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Cap Contract Market

FY27 cap contracts showed minimal movement through February, with muted volatility premia and no significant repricing events. The cap strip remained directionless, with early-February marks only fractionally higher, consistent with residual risk carryover from January before softening back into a stable range by month-end. The absence of large spot excursions kept volatility demand subdued, and FY27 caps tracking swaps directionally but with no new risk premium added, reinforcing February as a month of consolidation rather than repricing.

FY28 cap contracts also remained flat across the month, with consistently light trading interest and tight bid offer structure. Like FY27 caps, early-month prints sat marginally above late-month levels, but the overall range was narrow and lacked any momentum. As volatility indicators softened and spot outcomes remained contained, FY28 caps ended the month aligned with broader forward-curve behaviour: stable, liquidity-thin, and showing no clear directional impulse across February.

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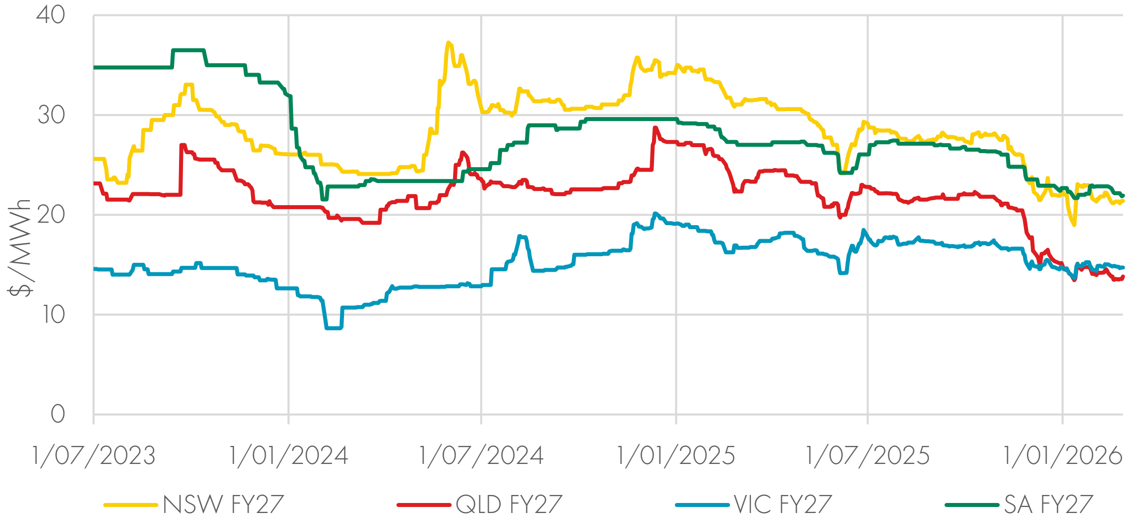

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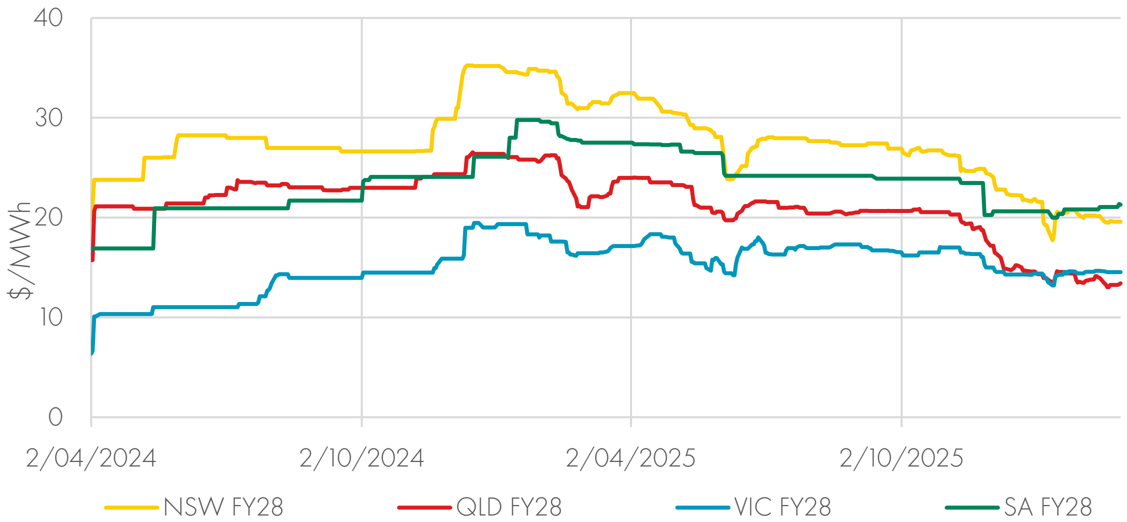


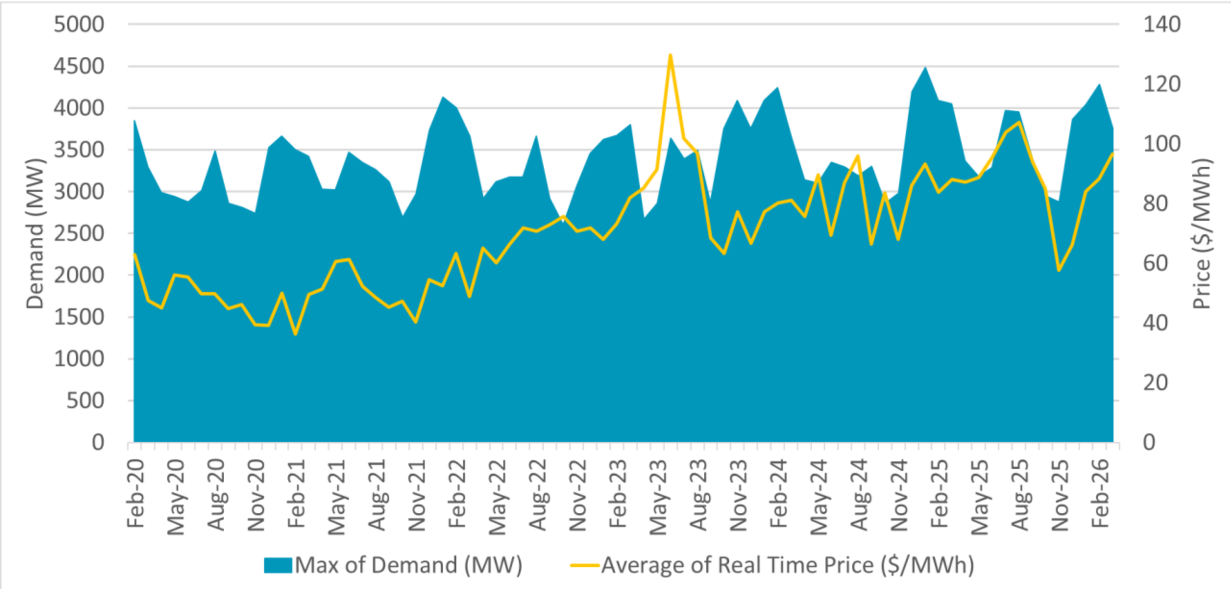
Western Australia Energy Market (WEM)

WEM Short-Term Energy Market (STEM) and Balancing Prices

The average energy price increased month-on-month to $88.37/MWh. This reflects higher energy demand due to warmer temperatures throughout the day and lower wind generation on average and during peak intervals. Average energy price increased by $4.43 year-on-year for February with 8 days over 35 degrees in 2026 compared to 7 days over 35 degrees in 2025. Volatility remained relatively unchanged month-over-month with only one trading interval at Max Offer Price.

Source: AEMO, ESM

WEM Summary Statistics	
Average Real Time Price ($/MWh)	83.97
Max 5 Min Real Time Price	1000
5 Min Intervals at $100 or Above	1589
5 Min Intervals at $0 or Below	154



Source: Western Australia Energy Market – AEMO

Emission Schemes

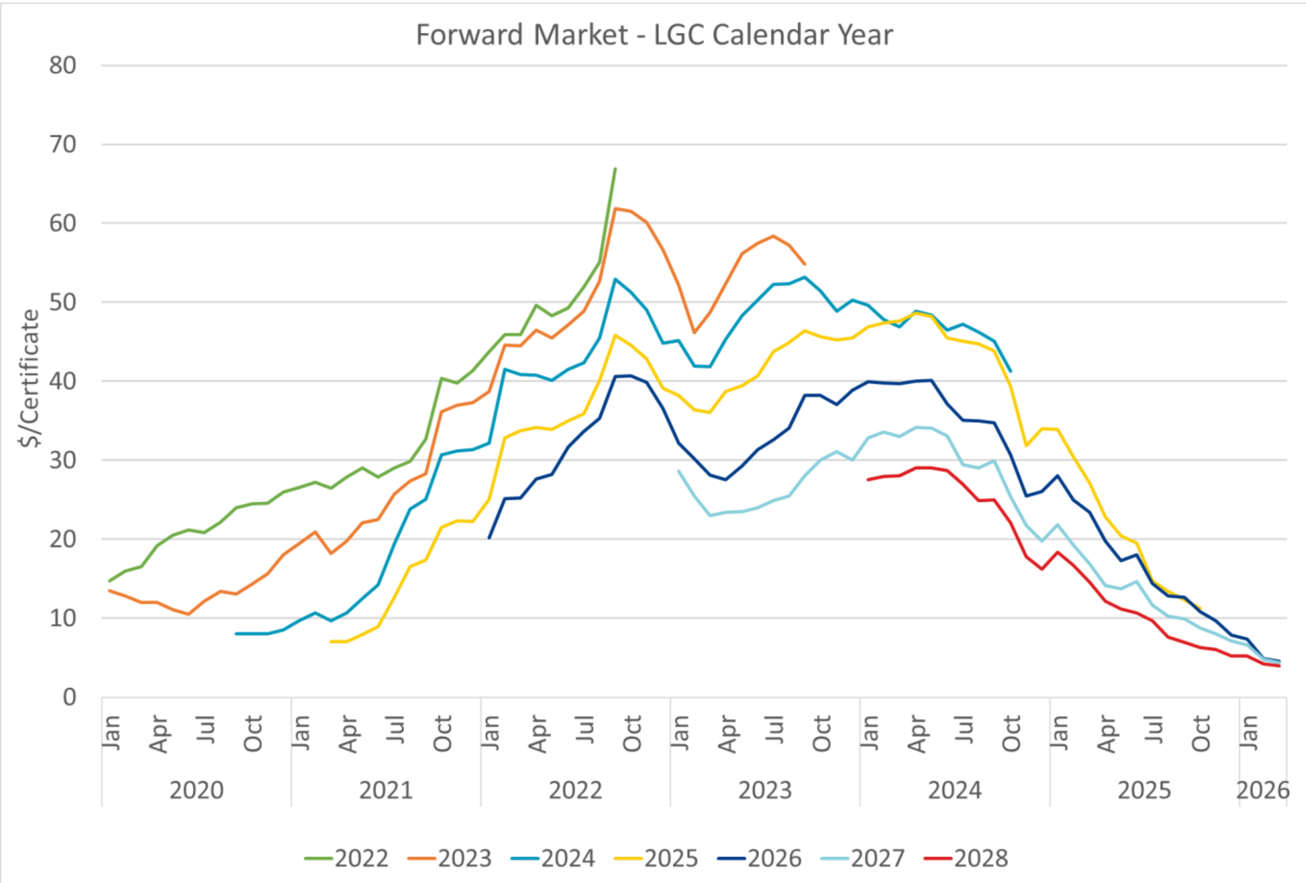
Large Scale Generation Certificates (LGCs)

LGCs continued to soften through February, with spot values falling steadily across the month and ending near $3.75 by 27 February before dipping further to $3.50–$3.30 in early March. Market sentiment remained weak, driven by thin liquidity and ongoing surplus conditions, with multiple spot parcels trading between $3.15 and $3.90 across February. The decline was reinforced by the Clean Energy Regulator's release of the 2026 Renewable Power Percentage (RPP), which was set at 16.67%, down from 17.91% in 2025. The CER attributed the reduction primarily to:

- Lower estimated relevant acquisitions of electricity, reflecting updated wholesale-load forecasts.
- A negative cumulative adjustment of –2.31 TWh, indicating that historical liabilities exceeded targets, requiring reduced surrender volumes going forward.
- Updated estimates of exemptions for emissions-intensive trade-exposed industries.

Together, these factors lowered liable demand for LGCs in 2026, further entrenching the oversupply narrative and contributing to softer pricing.

Source: CER

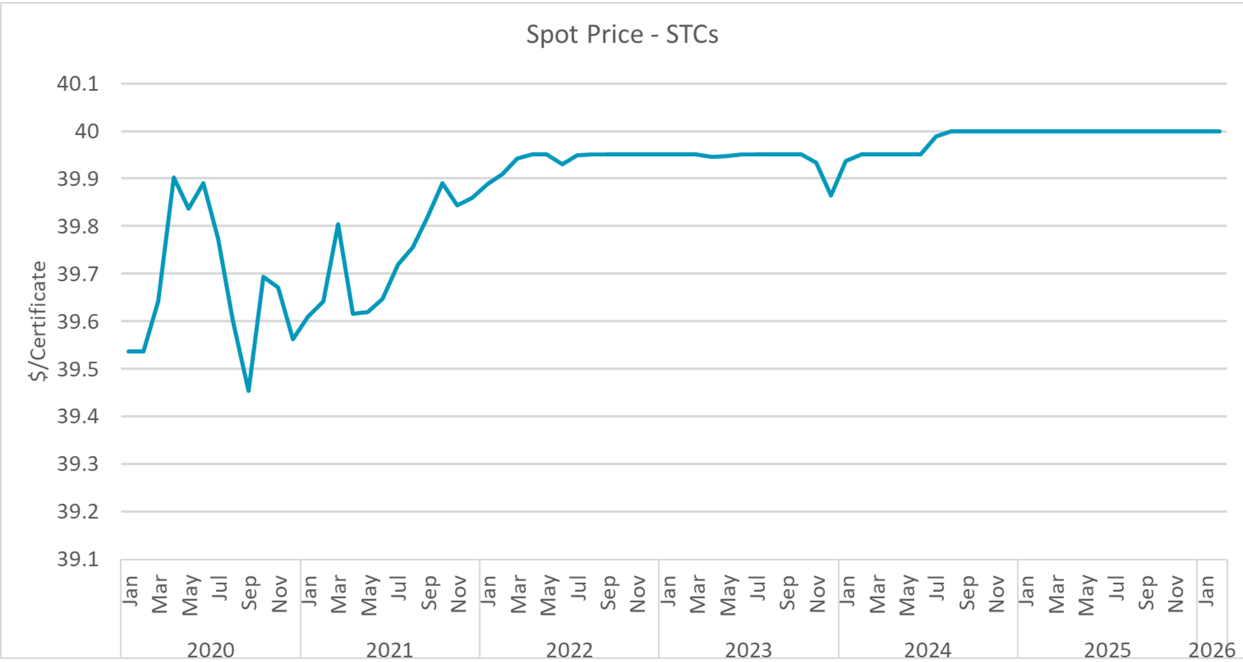


Source: Shell Energy Customer Strategically Timed Energy Procurement (STEP) Portal

Small Scale Technology Certificates (STCs)

STCs were largely unchanged in February, holding close to $39.60–$39.65 throughout the month. Trading was active but directionless, with minimal day-to-day variation and no material shifts in market fundamentals. The Clean Energy Regulator's release of the 2026 Small-scale Technology Percentage (STP) confirmed the setting at 11.67%, down from 13.89% in 2025, reducing liable demand for STCs in the 2026 compliance year. The CER attributed the lower STP to updated modelling showing slowing STC creation and reduced expected small-scale system installations, as well as revised estimates of electricity acquisitions and exemption levels, which collectively lowered the required surrender volume. The updated STP therefore reinforced the market's expectation of a more balanced supply-demand outlook for 2026, helping keep STC prices stable through February.

Source: DCCEEW



Source: Shell Energy Customer STEP Portal

Peak Reduction Certificates (PRCs)

PRCs were quiet and stable across February, with the spot price holding at $2.95 in every reported trade. There was no significant volatility across the month, and forward markets remained largely inactive. Spot liquidity was limited, with a handful of trades (typically 50–80k) confirming the market's steady, surplus driven profile.

Source: IPART

Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificates (VEECs)

VEECs traded in a tight band across February, generally oscillating around $82–$83. Prices firmed modestly mid-month, with several spot trades clearing at $83.00, before softening slightly into early March at $82.15–$82.50. There was some light trading across the forward curve, with most forward vintages anchored near the $80 mark.

Source: VEU

Energy Saving Certificates (ESCs)

ESCs remained stable but slightly softer through February, trading largely between $22.00 and $22.50. Early-month volumes cleared in the low $22s, with intermittent dips to $22.05–$22.20. Over the month, there was reported low certificate creation and subdued forward activity, which helped maintain overall price stability.

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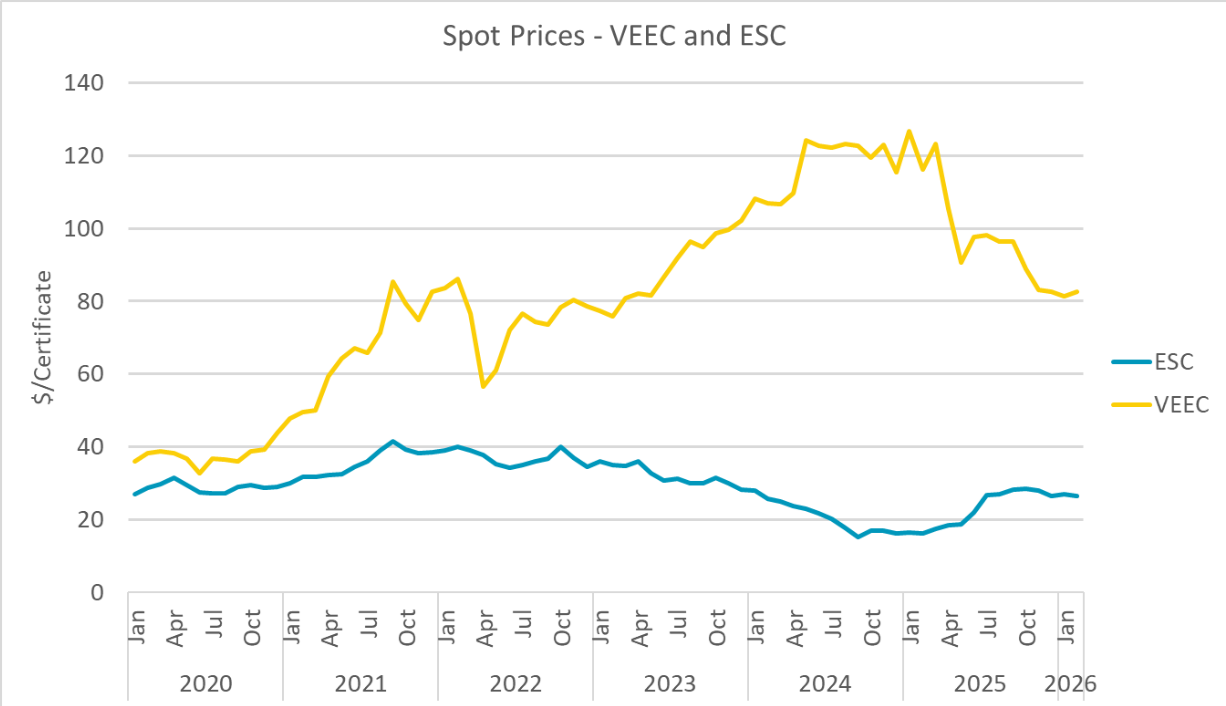


Source: Shell Energy Customer STEP Portal

Gas Forward Market

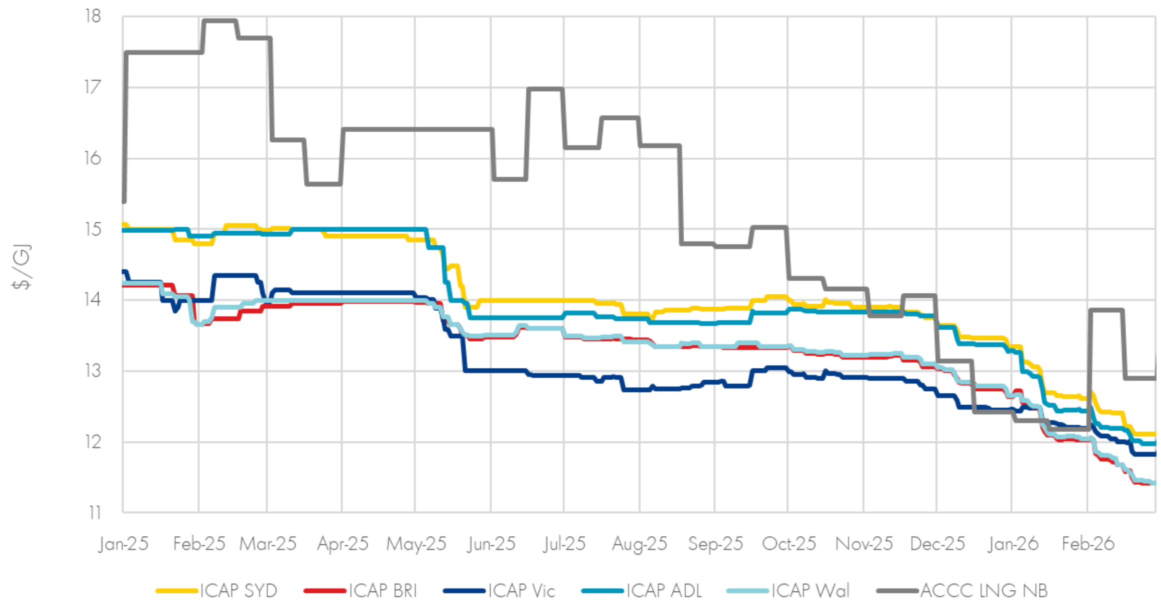
Calendar Year 2026 (CY26)

Forward prices for CY26 declined again in February. Weak demand and strong supply in the spot market led to lower buyer activity for the remainder of the year.

February 2026, $/GJ

Market	Period Low	Period High	Opening Price	Closing Price	Monthly Change ($/GJ)	Monthly Change (%)
ICAP Brisbane	$11.42	$12.05	$12.02	$11.42	-$0.61	-5.0%
ICAP Sydney	$12.10	$12.71	$12.61	$12.10	-$0.50	-4.0%
ICAP Adelaide	$11.98	$12.49	$12.44	$11.98	-$0.46	-3.7%
ICAP Victoria	$11.83	$12.24	$12.20	$11.83	-$0.37	-3.0%
ICAP Wallumbilla	$11.42	$12.05	$12.04	$11.42	-$0.61	-5.1%
ACCC LNG NB	$12.90	$13.86	$12.17	$12.90	$0.73	6.0%

CY26 Flat Calendar Year | 1 January 2025 to date



Source: ICAP Energy Gas Forward Price Curve Data, ACCC historical and forward short-term LNG netback price (https://www.accc.gov.au/regulated-infrastructure/energy/gas-inquiry-2017-25/lng-netback-price-series)

Spot Prices: East Coast Gas Market

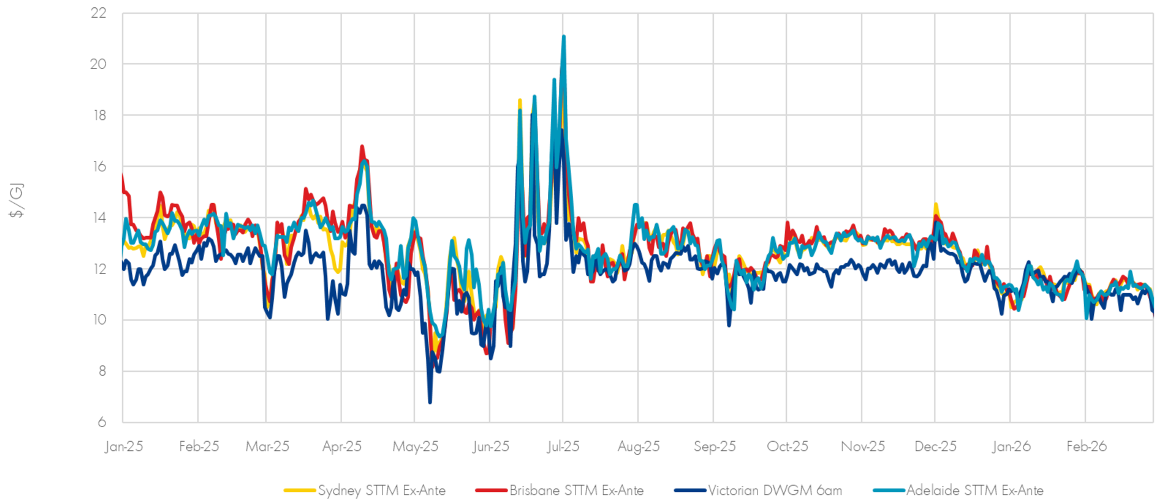
Spot prices in February were similar to the previous month, averaging in the $11 per GJ range. A well-supplied market combined with low gas-powered generation consumption during peak hot weather periods resulted in stable prices.

February 2026, $/GJ

Market	Average Spot Price	Minimum Spot Price	Maximum Spot Price
Brisbane STTM[1]	$11.27	$10.69	$11.70
Sydney STTM	$11.27	$10.61	$11.58
Adelaide STTM	$11.15	$10.07	$11.90
Victorian DWGM[2] 6am	$10.89	$10.05	$11.26

[1]STTM = Short Term Trading Market, [2]DWGM = Declared Wholesale Gas Market. The STTM and DWGM markets represent the daily balancing markets administered by AEMO, which primarily serve to balance wholesale supply with end consumer demand.

Gas Spot Prices | 1 January 2025 to date



Source: AEMO Market Data

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