

Do you see similarities or differences in the approach of Australian utilities to the implementation of IEC 61850?

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# Australia: From wires to datasets







# Wires to Datasets – the Australian experience

- Specify compliant devices
  - No context of requirements
- Learn from first principles
  - Create a "sandpit"
  - Limited to IEDs provided
    - Even IEDs from same vendor sometimes not interoperable
  - Building a sand-castle doesn't mean you can build a castle"
    - Learn what you <u>shouldn't</u> do
    - Not necessarily learn what you should do





## Utility approach spectrum

 "Only we know our system – we'll work it out for ourselves"

- We need experience to guide us
  - -Buy a system
    - "...our standard template but using GOOSE"
    - "State-of-the-art substation with 200MVA capacity"
  - Create
    - Intellectual Property (specifications/designs)
    - Intellectual Capability (processes, tools)
    - Intellectual Capacity (skill development)

#### Engineering the system

- IED tools vs. System Integration tools
  - "SSD + ICD + Comm = SCD ">> "CID1 + CID2"
  - Documentation outputs
    - (new CIGRE WG B5.39)
- Functional specification
  - Control & protection "what if .."
    - Reliability objectives & FMEA
    - Is it <u>really</u> duplicated <u>& segregated</u>?
  - Isolation
    - "The relay & the HMI are complex beasts and to expect field operators to pick there way through the maze is unreasonable and risky....we will want a mechanical, visual device to mimic the functions of links for isolation purposes"
      - .. Executive Manager Transmission



#### Projects to watch

- Transpower (transmission NZ)
  - RTU only replacement project legacy interfaces
- TransGrid (transmission Aus)
  - Hardware specs
  - Tool specs
  - System solution development in 2011
- Integral Energy (sub transmission distribution Aus)
  - "No wires between panels or IEDs"
  - multivendor station bus No.1 and No.2 systems
  - No.3 multi-vendor '9-2' switched network process bus
- Energy Australia (sub transmission distribution Aus)
  - "state of the art substation"
- Transmission utility process bus trial (transmission Aus)
  - Australian & international sensors



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