

Grants Decisions – 2014/15

APPLICATION NUMBER	FINANCIAL YEAR	APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT PURPOSE	AMOUNT SOUGHT	AMOUNT FUNDED	STATUS
710	2014/15	Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology, Sydney	Facilitating Public Input to the DMIS rule change	To maximise the likelihood that the AEMC will adopt the proposed National Electricity Rule change, which requires the AER to adopt an effective Demand Management Incentive Scheme (DMIS)	\$35,000.00		No
711	2014/15	Engineroom Infrastructure Consulting	Investigation of the costs of type 5 and type 6 meters	Advocacy materials and recommended positions in relation to exit fees and price caps for type 5 and 6 meters.	\$43,740.00	\$43,740.00	Approved
712	2014/15	St Vincent de Paul Society National Council and Victoria	Mapping electricity disconnections in the NEM	To ensure that consumer advocates, regulators and policy makers have a better understanding of where and when disconnections occur, as well as factors that influence the prevalence of disconnections.	\$59,500.00	\$59,500.00	Approved
713	2014/15	St Vincent de Paul Society	Tariff-tracking and price analysis in NSW, QLD, SA,	To inform residential consumers in the NEM about changes to electricity and gas prices post	\$55,250.00	\$55,250.00	Approved

		National Council and Victoria	the ACT and TAS post price resets in July 2015	the price re-set in July 2015, and decision-makers about market trends, tariff changes and issues arising in NEM retail markets, to inform advocacy.			
714	2014/15	Ethnic Communities Council of New South Wales	CALD connections with emerging products and services in the energy sector	To ensure CALD consumers are supported and protected in evolving marketplace, that they can benefit from those changes, and that service providers are aware of CALD needs.	\$81,300.00	\$81,300.00	Approved
715	2014/15	Ethnic Communities Council of New South Wales	Research the knowledge and participation of CALD consumers in the energy market, particularly in the new and emerging products and services sector.	To inform and support ECC advocacy on behalf of CALD consumers.	\$38,000.00	\$38,000.00	Approved
716	2014/15	Saturn Corporate Resources Pty Ltd	Impacts on consumers of deficiencies in the implementation of government initiatives	To estimate the costs to consumers of deficiencies in the implementation of selected government initiatives	\$18,000.00		No
717	2014/15	Tasmanian Council of Social Service	TasCOSS Energy Advocacy and Research Project	To ensure the ongoing affordability of household energy supply to all residential consumers, and to ensure Tasmanian households, particularly disadvantaged, vulnerable and low-income consumers, enjoy the full benefits of protections and assistance.	\$57,121.00	\$57,121.00	Approved

718	2014/15	Uniting Care Australia	Energy Advocacy 2015-16	To ensure the needs of modest and vulnerable households have been understood by government, regulator and industry; ensure the knowledge, needs and preferences of households are considered in policy and regulatory decisions on electricity prices	\$128,988.00	\$128,988.00	Approved
719	2014/15	Environment Victoria	A Best Practice Energy Efficiency Plan for Victoria's Homes	To ensure Victorian Government energy efficiency strategy includes a commitment to implement a best practice plan for Victorian homes, with a particular emphasis on reducing barriers for low-income consumers to access efficiency benefits.	\$55,000.00		No
720	2014/15	IES Advisory Pty Ltd	Quantifying electricity savings available to NEM residential consumers using Energy Storage Systems, and the resulting changes in residential electricity load profiles		\$34,450.00		No
721	2014/15	South Australian Council of Social Service	Demand Tariffs for Small Customers – dealing with uncertainty	To trial a shared approach to communicating tariff structure change to households, small businesses and community organisations, and managing transitional customer impacts.	\$43,600.00	\$43,600.00	Approved

722	2014/15	South Australian Council of Social Service	New technologies: framework and protections for consumers in embedded networks and communities considering off-grid supply	To ensure that fair and reasonable frameworks and protections exist for all NEM Consumers, including those in embedded networks and communities considering off grid supply	\$44,900.00	\$44,900.00	Approved
723	2014/15	South Australian Council of Social Service	SA energy pricing and emerging themes for the NEM	To ensure consumers receive reduced prices from engagement in the NEM, and that consumer representations on energy pricing are fully informed about emerging themes in NEM energy pricing flowing from consideration of the SA jurisdiction.	\$86,200.00	\$86,200.00	Approved
724	2014/15	South Australian Council of Social Service	Network tariffs masterclass - a lamplight for consumers	o expands consumer knowledge of electricity pricing structures with a specific focus on cost-reflective network pricing so that advocates can more effectively engage with the development of Tariff Structure Statements by network businesses.	\$27,980.00	\$27,980.00	Approved
725	2014/15	South Australian Council of Social Service	Embedding better practice among energy retailers	To ensure that optimal outcomes occur for consumers at risk of or directly experiencing energy hardship and affordability issues by targeting 6 major energy retailers to embed the SACOSS Better	\$68,150.00		No

				Practice Guideline for Energy Retailers.			
726	2104/15	Total Environment Centre; Northern Rivers Energy	Fitting the bill: improving the regulatory regime for community retailing		\$29,500.00		No
727	2014/15	Public Interest Advocacy Centre	A consumer perspective on how to regulate network businesses' use of distributed generation and storage	To determine and promote consumers' interests in the design of regulatory and commercial arrangements for network service providers (NSPs) involvement in distributed storage and decentralised generation	\$38,400.00	\$38,400.00	Approved
728	2014/15	Alternative Technology Association	Advocacy in relation to appropriate gas market development and informed fuel choices by consumers	To minimise the gas price shock experienced by consumers, and to ensure consumers and decision-makers understand the changed economics of consumer choices between fuels, that gas network investment considers reduced demand.	\$49,345.00	\$49,345.00	Approved
729	2014/15	Alternative Technology Association	Advocacy in relation to consumer protections in the context of innovative technology and energy services in the NEM.	To ensure consumers accessing new energy technologies and services are provided with appropriate energy-specific protections and that the benefits and costs of new energy technologies are distributed equitably and fairly	\$46,350.00	\$46,350.00	Approved
730	2014/15	Enhar Pty Ltd	Small business to benefit from solar PV energy price	To ensure small business consumers wishing to benefit	\$20,000.00		No

			improvements, faster receipt of rebate payments and greater certainty on pricing of solar PV electricity	from >100kW solar PV systems will be treated fairly and reasonably by the Clean Energy Regulator.			
731	2014/15	Energy Users Association of Australia	Development of cost-reflective pricing tariffs for Australia's distribution networks	To effect network tariff reform in a manner that reflects the concerns of all energy consumers, and ensuring proposed network pricing and AER decisions reflects their long-term interests, and that consumers are able to benefit from effective price signals	\$39,550.00	\$39,550.00	Withdrawn
732	2014/15	Energy Users Association of Australia	Ensuring Victorian DNSPs 2016-2020 revenue determination reflect consumers' long-term interests	To ensure the DNSP revenue outcomes are in line with consumer needs, and do not lead to unrealistic price increases, compromise on reliability of supply or water down consumer obligations.	\$39,275.00	\$39,275.00	Approved
733	2014/15	National Irrigators Council	Data and analysis of network and retail tariffs applicable to irrigators in the NEM	To ensure that irrigators are able to effectively advocate for their interests in retail markets and in the development of Tariff Structure Statements (TSS) by DNSPs.	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00	Approved
734	2014/15	Canegrowers	Development of network tariffs for electricity used for irrigation in food and fibre production	To develop a suite of network tariffs to meet the needs of food and fibre producers using Ergon's network	\$22,910.00	\$22,910.00	Approved

735	2014/15	Total Environment Centre	Protecting Solar Customers	To better protect bills and other interests of solar households and small businesses by these consumers being directly represented in regulatory processes affecting them	\$22,700.00	\$22,700.00	Approved
736	2014/15	Total Environment Centre	Assets not Liabilities: ensuring fair regulatory valuations for Australia's electricity networks	To submit a rule change to the AEMC to implement an asset valuation methodology that would better reflect consumers' long-term interests.	\$36,900.00	\$36,900.00	Approved
737	2014/15	Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action	Geospatial mapping and consumers: improving the use of geospatial data by local government	To provide local government and non-profit organisations with improved ways for developing targeted community-based programs on consumer energy efficiency and utility consumption through the use of geospatial data analysis.	\$35,500.00		No
738	2014/15	Queensland Council of Social Service	Enhancing advocacy on behalf of regional Queensland consumers in the context of proposed major electricity policy and reform developments in 2015/16	To ensure decision-makers consider Qld regional residential electricity consumers' interests, and develop strong, informed and sustainable advocacy networks in regional Qld.	\$127,744.00	\$127,744.00	Approved
739	2014/15	Major Energy Users Inc	AER Review of Qld electricity transmission revenue reset (Powerlink) 2016 -2020	To ensure the cost to consumers for the service is minimised while ensuring that sufficient funds are provided to maintain reliability, quality and security of supply	\$16,800.00		No

740	2014/15	Major Energy Users Inc	AER Review of Victorian electricity transmission revenue reset (Ausnet) 2016-2020	To ensure the cost to consumers for the service is minimised while ensuring that sufficient funds are provided to maintain reliability, quality and security of supply	\$16,800.00		
741	2014/15	Major Energy Users Inc	AER Review of Victorian electricity distribution revenue reset 2016-2020	To ensure the cost to consumers for the service is minimised while ensuring that sufficient funds are provided to maintain reliability, quality and security of supply	\$40,000.00		No
742	2014/15	Major Energy Users Inc	AER Review of SA gas distribution revenue reset (Australian Gas Networks (AGN)) 2015-2020	To ensure the cost to consumers for the service is minimised while ensuring that sufficient funds are provided to maintain reliability, quality and security of supply	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00	Approved
743	2014/15	Major Energy Users Inc	AER Review of Darwin Amadeus gas pipeline revenue reset	To ensure the cost to consumers for the service is minimised while ensuring that sufficient funds are provided to maintain reliability, quality and security of supply.	\$28,000.00		No
744	2014/15	Alternative Technology Association	Advocating for positive consumer outcomes from the introduction of cost reflective network pricing.	To ensure new process for setting cost reflective network tariffs is implemented effectively, that decision-makers commit to a coordinated long term approach on consumer education; and that the impacts on vulnerable consumers are explored	\$34,670.00	\$34,670.00	Approved

745	2014/15	Alternative Technology Association	Advocating for better consumer outcomes through improved energy market governance	To ensure: new process for setting cost reflective network tariffs is implemented effectively and consistently; that decision-makers commit to a long term approach on consumer education;	\$15,165.00	\$15,165.00	Approved
746	2014/15	Alternative Technology Association	Advocacy to improve demand side participation for consumers	To ensure: Power of Choice reforms are implemented expediently to provide consumers with effective opportunities to engage; that equity and disadvantage are considered in the reform's implementations.	\$29,570.00	\$29,570.00	Approved
747	2014/15	Starfish Initiatives	Increasing consumer access to new technologies	The NSW, Victorian, Queensland, South Australian and ACT governments proactively support new community energy business models that open up the benefit of new technologies such as solar and storage to new segments of energy consumers	\$81,565.00	\$81,565.00	Approved
748	2014/15	Consumer Action Law Centre	How can consumers engage with the energy market and drive real competition?	Consumers can confidently participate in a market that is optimised for consumer benefit and are able to confidently select energy products that are understandable, affordable and appropriate to their needs.	\$84,570.00	\$84,570.00	Approved

749	2014/15	Consumer Action Law Centre	Demand-side Energy Reference Group		\$115,081.00		No
750	2014/15	Consumer Action Law Centre	Making Markets simple: The Consumer Care Index		\$153,808.00		No
751	2014/15	Public Interest Advocacy Centre	Putting consumers at the centre of the NEM – legal, institutional, and economic analysis for input into the Governance Review	To engage external legal and economics expertise to assist PIAC advocacy to the COAG Energy Council Governance Review	\$38,400.00	\$38,400.00	Approved
752	2014/15	Public Interest Advocacy Centre	Merits reviews of the NSW distribution networks revenue determinations by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER).	To apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal (the Tribunal) for a limited merits review of each NSW determination to substantially lower bills for consumers	\$308,700.00	\$308,700.00	Approved
753	2014/15	Total Environment Centre	Model network demand management guideline	Preparation of a model demand management (DM) guideline will accelerate progress towards coordinated and efficient uptake of DM by networks.	\$46,900.00		No
754	2014/15	Beyond Zero Emissions	Net Zero Energy Home Workshops		\$47,000.00		No
756	2014/15	Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry	CCC Inquiry into Competitiveness of Eastern & Southern Wholesale Gas Markets – Issues Paper Submission on Behalf of Business Consumers (especially SMEs)		\$20,200.00		No

758	2014/15	Consumer Action Law Centre	Power Transformed: Understanding consumer decision making in the complex and transforming energy market	To develop a better understanding of real consumer decision-making and a reformed approach to demand-side energy policy, rules and regulations to enable good consumer outcomes	\$111,770.00	\$111,770.00	Approved
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