



Submission by

Alternative Technology Association

on

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The ATA welcomes this timely review, and thanks the AEMC for the opportunity to provide this brief submission.

Founded 35 years ago, the ATA is a National, not-for-profit organisation whose 6,000 members are mostly residential energy consumers with an interest in affordable, sustainable energy and resource use.

Through the application of our in-house expertise and experience in energy policy and markets to our continuing advocacy and research, and close collaboration with fellow members of the National Energy Consumer Roundtable, the ATA is an important voice for energy consumers Australia-wide and in each of the NEM jurisdictions.

ATA presents a uniquely two-fold perspective in the energy policy debate: as well as representing all Australian energy consumers by promoting improvements to the energy market, we speak with authority on behalf of the growing portion of the consumer base that has an active interest in DSP.

ATA's consumer advocacy is funded by Energy Consumers Australia.

On the whole, ATA supports this Draft Advice prepared by the AEMC. In particular, we commend the AEMC's suggested approach to modifying arrangements for the IEC.

In ATA's view the IEC, being a highly skilled and experienced body, will make efficient decisions wherever doing so presents no conflict for member businesses. However, the current IEC is not the right body to make decisions relating to innovative or advanced energy services, due to an inherent conflict of interest when it comes to allowing new entrants to the market and improving competition.

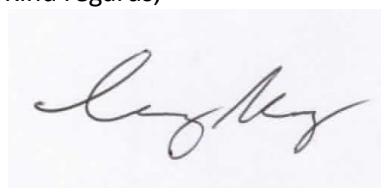
While ATA's view is that the nature of the challenges around membership and voting for an industry led model are such that they would be most effectively addressed simply by not using an industry led model, the revised membership arrangement proposed by the AEMC is an important step in future-proofing the energy market.

On a related matter, ATA notes that the Review Panel's Draft Report for the Review of Governance Arrangements for the NEM does not specifically address the matter of the constitution of the IEC, in spite of the matter being raised in submissions and public forums for the process.

ATA suggests that the AEMC and/or COAG Energy Council raise the matter of the constitution of the IEC with the Review Panel, and encourage them to respond to the submissions made to that process in their final report to COAGEC.

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Kind regards,



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