

Grants Decisions – 2016/17 Q1

APPLICATION NUMBER	FINANCIAL YEAR	APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT PURPOSE	AMOUNT SOUGHT	AMOUNT FUNDED	STATUS
798	2016/17	Tasmanian Small Business Council	CEO GRANT Travel to DIIS data access workshop	To represent small business consumers at the Commonwealth Dept of Industry, Innovation and Science workshop on access to metering data on 8 April 2016.	\$1,800.00	\$800.00	Approved
801	2016/17	Public Interest Advocacy Centre	Provision of legal expertise to consumer advocacy organisations in relation to limited merits review and associated judicial review proceedings	To improve consumer organisations' understanding of and capacity to participate in limited merits review processes, leading to improved energy affordability.	\$154,375.00	\$154,375.00	Approved
804	2016/17	Tasmanian Council of Social Service	TasCOSS energy advocacy and research project - bridging grant	To ensure the ongoing affordability of household energy supply to all residential consumers, and that those living on low incomes, disadvantaged and vulnerable to financial hardship enjoy the full benefits of protections and assistance	\$29,811.00	\$29,811.00	Approved
809	2016/17	Ethnic Communities	CALD Connections with emerging products and	To ensure CALD consumers are supported, protected and can	\$40,750.00	\$40,750.00	Approved

		Council of New South Wales	services in the energy market - bridging grant	benefit from changes in an evolving marketplace. That Service providers and regulators integrate the particular needs of CALD consumers into their activities.			
810	2016/17	South Australian Council of Social Service	National Consumer Roundtable on Energy - organisation of meetings	To act as an incubator for consumer-focussed energy policy and program development, provide consultation vehicle for senior industry stakeholders and mechanism to facilitate advocates to respond to emerging issues, document strategic agenda for national.	\$103,725.00	\$103,725.00	Approved
812	2016/17	South Australian Council of Social Service	Embedded Network and On-Sellers Framework - Advocacy for exempt consumers	To provide an IDR mechanism for exempt consumers, enhance AER's monitoring, reporting and enforcement role with respect to embedded networks and on-sellers, coordinate key stakeholder support for more effective oversight of reliability and safety.	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	Approved
813	2016/17	RMIT	Electricity pricing and managing heatwaves at home: mitigating health and financial risks for heat-vulnerable household consumers	To build a data/ evidence base on the potential financial and health implications for heat-vulnerable households, alert advocates and decision-makers to the risks, develop strategies to manage adverse outcomes while balancing costs.	\$156,684.00	\$156,684.00	Approved

820	2016/17	Melbourne Energy Institute	Open NEM	To make NEM data publicly available and accessible, so building sectoral capacity for more effective advocacy and research.	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00	Approved
825	2016/17	Consumer Action Law Centre	Fair access to safe and affordable energy for domestic retail consumers - Bridging funding application	To continue CALC work to maintain dialogue with industry leaders and influence demand-side policy and regulation, bring a consumer focus to assessments of competition effectiveness in Vic and nationally & engage in implementation of VIC hardship framework.	\$114,908.00	\$114,908.00	Approved
827	2016/17	Uniting Communities	Five Minutes More - promoting consumers' perspectives in the rule change proposal to move wholesale market to 5-minute settlement	To identify the likely benefits and detriment to small electricity consumers, assessed against the National Electricity Objective, to influence decision on the rule change	\$28,205.00	\$28,205.00	Approved
828	2016/17	Uniting Care Australia	Living DNA - bridging grant	To enable network service providers to regard direct engagement with consumer interests to seek agreement, as their preferred approach to all major aspects of network regulatory practice, including major investment decisions.	\$60,757.00	\$60,757.00	Approved
832	2016/17	Bundaberg Regional Irrigators Group (BRIG)	Research and Advocacy materials on the feasibility of rural electricity users in	To analyse the feasibility of going off grid in response to rising electricity prices that are having a severe impact on	\$42,750.00	\$42,750.00	Approved

			Queensland going off-grid and in particular, irrigators	irrigated agriculture and households. The work will assess cost savings by going off-grid, and encourage dialogue with retailers.			
833	2016/17	Cummings Economics	Estimating the impact of electricity bills on business in regional Queensland	To quantify the effect of continued rises in electricity prices on the viability and employment numbers of small business in regional Queensland.	\$19,200.00	\$19,200.00	Approved
834	2016/17	Tasmanian Small Business Council	Advocacy on behalf of Small Business to Tasmanian Energy Security Taskforce Inquiry	To provide small business related advocacy to Tasmania's Independent Energy Security Taskforce which is about to embark on an inquiry into Tasmania's energy security risks.	\$47,550.00	\$47,550.00	Approved
837	2016/17	Total Environment Centre	New Network Regulatory Reforms	Increased input from energy consumer advocates into two upcoming network regulatory reform processes will lead to consumer outcomes: lower capex requirements and more opportunities for local generation, storage and other network solutions.	\$21,800.00	\$21,800.00	Approved
839	2016/17	Alternative Technology Association	Gas vs Solar: cost effective strategies for small energy consumers	To understand the most efficient way to access stationary energy in the NEM in 2016, the balance between grid supplied and demand side energy. To improve understanding for consumers and NEM stakeholders in cost	\$38,964.00	\$68,964.00	Approved

				effective strategies for small consumers.			
840	2016/17	Alternative Technology Association	Assessing and improving consumer outcomes of network pricing reform	To improve consumer outcomes of network tariff reform in the following ways: analysis of DNSPs tariff structure statements to inform responses to AER draft determinations; assessment of cost impacts of proposed tariffs on diff types of small consumers.	\$36,010.00	\$36,010.00	Approved
841	2016/17	University of NSW	Photovoltaics on Apartment Buildings	To improve investment decision making in relation to the deployment of photovoltaics on Australian apartment buildings, thereby enabling apartment residents to potentially share the financial and other benefits of on-site renewable energy deployment.	\$61,765.00	\$61,765.00	Approved