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Demand management incentive scheme – submissions to consultation paper made through Choice website

Choice provided the opportunity for individuals to provide a submission to the AEMC's consultation paper on the demand management incentive scheme rule change through its website. To facilitate this, Choice provided a template submission that people were able to add their name to and forward to the AEMC by email.

The AEMC received a total of 1,106 submissions from the public through Choice's website. Of these submissions, 1,067 followed the template submission, which is set out below.

A list of those individuals that provided template submissions is contained in pages two to eight of this document. This list does not include the 27 people that requested their names not be made public.

The AEMC also received a further 39 submissions that deviated from the template, which are reproduced in pages nine to 47 of this document.

Template submission

Dear AEMC,

I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.

Right now, you can change the rules to help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future.

Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.

It will provide greater incentives for electricity distribution businesses to undertake projects that reduce demand and benefit consumers.

Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.

List of Choice members that provided submissions

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Michael Sleba
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Submissions that deviated from Choice's pro-forma submission

Dear AEMC,
I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.
Right now, you can change the rules to help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future.
Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.
It will provide greater incentives for electricity distribution businesses to undertake projects that reduce demand and benefit consumers.
Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.
This needs to be addressed asap, please do not ignore it as many thousands of Australians are suffering greatly with inflated energy prices. For example, when I asked for an extension to pay my massive electricity bill last year (even though I use minimal electricity as I live on my own and are on a disability pension), the response I got from Synergy was "well stop using so much electricity, then you won't have a problem"!!!!!! Disgraceful.
Yours sincerely,
Amanda Thompson
Perth WA 6010, Australia

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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market. As it is I cant cope with the increasing bills for only very little usage!!! I am struggling even on my paid job, struggling to eat let alone pay the bill in installments among many other bills! Why are you inconsiderate of this fact electricity companies??? I dont want to pay more than i can afford to put a meal on my table and keep a roof over my head! If you want our continued business, then suggest u loweerr the electricity rates by 50-60% so then we dont lose our homes or skive off paying a bill because we cant afford to pay you!!! It makes sense if u lower the rates, you will get MORE people paying you and more giving u business! So grow up and get with the times and be realistic!!!!

Yours sincerely,

Chelle Destefano

Adelaide SA 5163, Australia

I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014. Decentralised and distributed energy production from wind and residential solar system is changing the way energy is produced and distributed. Blindly investing into an outdated model of only centralised power stations and costly transmission infrastructure is a dead end.

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Yours sincerely,

Christfried Webers

Canberra ACT 2602, Australia

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Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.
It will provide greater incentives for electricity distribution businesses to undertake projects that reduce demand and benefit consumers.
Many consumers cannot afford to pay these high prices and should only pay for the electricity that they need, not for unnecessary infrastructure.
Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.
David Bedford

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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.
In my own circumstances, I am a small PV energy generator via the solar system on my roof. In investing in this technology, hundreds of thousands of Australians have lowered the pressure on infrastructure, by generating energy that goes to their neighbours with negligible transmission loss through existing poles and wires. We have also contributed to the lowering of demand during peak load periods in summers, where transmission losses are typically at their greatest.
The National Energy Market has become a system to serve suppliers, rather than consumers, and I urge you to redress the supplier bias of the last ten years and understand that energy is a basic need in the modern age, and is not something that should be put out of reach of the aged, the poor, or the otherwise disadvantaged.
Energy does not have to be expensive if the reliance on non-green solutions is reduced, and we move to a sustainable supply chain that makes use of existing infrastructure in partnership with new green technologies.
David Burne

Dear AEMC,
As a self-funded retiree I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.
This was far worse than the carbon tax.
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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.
Yours sincerely,
David Horwood
Sandringham VIC 3191, Australia

Australian electricity prices doubling between 2007 and 2014 is just one bit of evidence for the one-sided approach to network management by energy distributors. A close reading of the rules for making network determinations makes it very clear that upgrading and building new infrastructure is the simplest way for network businesses to make money. Changing the rules so that it's as simple to help end-users reduce or shift demand will change the networks' approach and yield a string of related benefits including lower overall prices, lower bills for households, greater amenity for low income households (by helping them to overcome financial barriers to upgrading major household appliances such as heaters, hot water systems, and fridges), and better environmental outcomes through reduced emissions.

Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.

Yours sincerely, Dean Lombard Footscray VIC 3011, Australia

Dear AEMC,
I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014 for now other reason than to enrich hidden men, rather than encourage people to cut down on energy consumption.
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Yours sincerely,
Dennis White
Sydney NSW 2069, Australia

I have a 3kw solar electricity system and solar hot water.

I see new home installations everywhere.

Our local council is putting in a 15 megawatt solar farm So, to me it seems logical to decentralize.

Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.

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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.

Dennis Woodford

Dear AEMC,
I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014 and I am concerned that this does not reflect any kind of commitment to reducing carbon emissions.
Right now, you can change the rules to help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future.
Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.
It will provide greater incentives for electricity distribution businesses to undertake projects that reduce demand and benefit consumers. I feel very strongly about this since we are so short of time to effect real change and prevent disaster.
Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market. I appreciate you taking this very seriously.
Thank you very much
Kind regards
Di Rayson

Dear AEMC,
It seems to be some sort of game. Imagine greatly more capacity requirement than needed - install that capacity and charge greatly inflated prices for the excess installation THEN complain about solar installation.
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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.
Yours sincerely,
Errol Firminger
Melbourne VIC 3125, Australia

Dear AEMC,
Please save our valuable resources, including electricity!
I am deeply concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.
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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.
Yours sincerely,
Fiona Workman
Sydney NSW 2039, Australia

I support the campaign initiative of Choice to encourage more effective use of electricity and the lowering of energy cost.

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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.

Yours sincerely, Frank Dawson Victoria 3664, Australia

Dear AEMC,
Especially for businesses, it doesn't make sense that commercial gets charged almost double servicing fees for doing the exact same thing, same meter, same spot, same time. It doesn't make sense that commercial is not allowed night tariff.
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Yours sincerely,
Frans Van Dyk
Townsville QLD 4810, Australia

As I can see from my bills, Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014. This has created some stress for me and I am concerned about future increases if regulatory changes to encourage competition and different thinking are not introduced.

Right now, you can help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future.

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It will provide greater incentives for electricity distribution businesses to undertake projects that reduce demand and benefit consumers.

Please fix our electricity market and do the right thing by Australian consumers such as me.

Yours sincerely,

Giuseppe De Simone

Kew VIC 3101, Australia

Dear AEMC,
Today I would like to communicate to you that I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.
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Yours sincerely,
Glen Wheatley
Glenside SA 5065, Australia

Dear AEMC,
I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014, not for myself, as I have been off-grid since 1991, but I know others who are suffering from the excessively high power prices.
Right now, you can change the rules to help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future.
Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.
It will provide greater incentives for electricity distribution businesses to undertake projects that reduce demand and benefit consumers.
Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.
Yours sincerely,
Gordon Garradd
New South Wales 2340, Australia

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My own experiences over a number of years working with Western Power in WA lead me to believe that reform of this kind is essential to push these unwieldy organisations toward providing better services, instead of mindlessly continuing with business-as-usual practices. I would hope that this change being made in the NEM would encourage WA to follow suit in our own rules.
Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.
Yours sincerely,
Ian Dodson
Perth WA 6022, Australia

The cost of electricity for our household more than doubled from 2007 to 2014, even though my wife and I are retired and our lifestyle has not changed. My military superannuation pension (which was indexed to CPI) definitely did not double over this period and I have concluded that my electricity supplier has been encouraged to "dip his hand deeper into my pocket" because the rules allow him to. All the reports I've read indicate that money is being legally wasted on un-needed infrastructure. You can change the rules to help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future.

Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system. It will provide greater incentives for electricity distribution businesses to undertake projects that reduce demand fairly and benefit all consumers.

Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.

Yours sincerely,

James Elsbury

Canberra ACT 2612, Australia

Dear AEMC,
I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.
Right now, you can change the rules to help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future. And put them underground in inner city areas so we don't look like a 3rd world country and have streets of ridiculous lopped (not pruned) trees please.
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Jana Atrens

I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014, with over half of this related to network costs for building infrastructure to meet projected increases in consumption and peak demand, much of which has not eventuated.

Your Power of Choice research showed that if Australia realised the full potential of it's available demand management resources, this could save households \$120-500 a year off their electricity bills. Power of Choice also recommended a Rule change to make the Demand Management Incentive Scheme more effective.

Three years on, that Rule Change is now finally being considered. Please follow through on your 2012 Power of Choice recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and enable our electricity network business to invest in demand management to reduce peak demand in constrained areas, rather than invest in further network infrastructure which we as consumers will have to pay for, for decades to come.

Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and help ensure our electricity market regulation meets the National Electricity Objective by incentivising behaviour from our electricity network businesses that is in the best, long term interests of consumers.

Kind regards, Jenni Downes Sydney NSW 2015, Australia

Dear AEMC,
I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.
I am also concerned that in Victoria, the solar feed-in rebate was reduced on 1st February 2015, from 8 cents to 6.2 cents per kwh, a reduction of 27%, in (my case), in 3 months: equivalent to 108% per annum. I have received no notification of this - it just happened. This measly 27% of what I have to pay peak rate (c. 23cents per kwh). There is nothing fair about this - it is a rip off!
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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.
John Nightingale

Dear AEMC,
I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.
Right now, you can change the rules to help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future- although I am certainly supportive of changing poles and wires where there are safety issues.
Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.
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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.
Julie Cody

Dear AEMC,
I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.
Right now, you can change the rules to help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future, albeit maintenance must be maintained
Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.
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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.
Yours sincerely,
Ken Hooke
Sunshine Coast QLD 4556, Australia

Dear AEMC,
I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014. This has huge impact on people living on low or relatively fixed incomes as well as being unsustainable for the general population.
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Yours sincerely,
Kristin Stempf de Vargas
Melbourne VIC 3032, Australia

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Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.
The service fee on our power bill is ridiculous & in many cases higher than the actual power we consume. This is a totally unfair charge that gets higher every bill. Where does this end.
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Yours sincerely,
Lin Chandler
Queensland 4613, Australia

Between 2007 and 2014 the cost of the electricity I use doubled others in the community.	d. This is of concern to me and to many

Changing the rules would help ensure billions of dollars are not wasted on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future.

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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.

Yours sincerely,

Dear AEMC,

Lynda Gordom-Squire

Sydney NSW 2193, Australia

Dear AEMC,			

I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.

Right now, you can change the rules to help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future. Money that could be spent on clean renewable energy to help us quickly get out of dirty fossil fuel generated energy and avoid dangerous climate change.

Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.

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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.

Yours sincerely,

Michael and Jenny Ellwood

Sydney NSW 2076, Australia

Dear AEMC,
I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.
South Australia has the highest electricity costs in the world, this is shameful.
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Yours sincerely,
Milan Foll
Woodcroft SA 5162, Australia

I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014 because you were asleep at the helm and had established an incentive scheme that established an outrageous conflict of interest for the industry to make more money by building transmissions systems we do not need and of the wrong type for the distributed power generation systems of the future.

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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market. I imagine you may also be held legally liable if you do not act responsibly. I for one would be very pleased to see a class action regarding the \$45B that appears to have been wasted in systems we do not need.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Room

Canberra ACT 2617, Australia

Dear AEMC,
I am deeply concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.
Right now, you can change the rules to help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future. Please do something for ordinary consumers this once by following through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.
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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.
Yours sincerely,
Paula Gunning
Adelaide SA 5008, Australia

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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market. If it is not fixed there will be a lot of people living in the dark
Yours sincerely,
Robyn Coleman
Adelaide SA 5092, Australia

Much has been made of electricity prices over the past few years with the issue being very much on the political agenda. It seems, however, that despite all the talk, little has been done to ensure that consumers are made aware of the need to reduce energy use and that there are incentives in place to encourage consumers to do so. Reduced energy use benefits society through reduced emissions and the individual through reduced costs.

Ways of generating and distributing power are changing with changing technology and energy companies need incentives to implement new, cleaner and more efficient generation, distribution and use. Incentives currently reward unnecessary provision and upgrading of 'poles and wires', which is a wasteful use of money.

Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system. It will provide greater incentives for electricity distribution businesses to undertake projects that reduce demand and benefit consumers.

We need to ensure businesses become more responsive to community and customer needs in developing their business strategies; please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Hook

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I want to see renewable energy supplying at least 50% on Australia's electricity by 2025 provided that this is sufficient reduction of carbon emissions to keep the temp. increase below 2 deg C.
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Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.
Yours sincerely,
Sapoty Brook
New South Wales 2482, Australia

Dear AEMC,
Action needs to be taken to assist struggling families and pensioners in our country. I too am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.
Right now, you can change the rules to help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future.
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Yours sincerely,
Scott Spaulding
Melbourne VIC 3138, Australia

With the rise of the lithium battery (becoming cheaper and more available by the year) I am fairly sure that the distribution of electricity will be at crisis point within a decade as more and more people store sufficient electricity for their daily needs and elect to disconnect from the grid. When this happens the "grid" will need to have contingency plans to wind down. I'm not sure how this fits in with your considerations but the changes I see coming will significantly affect the cost-effectiveness of "poles and wires" in the fairly near future - I believe you need to start planning a response to this change.

Yours sincerely, Simon Beard Tasmania 7054, Australia

Dear AEMC,
I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014 and will continue to increase at rates way above the 'Cost of Inflation'.
As the requirement for energy has decreased, these rules can be changed to help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary 'poles and wires' in the future.
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Tony Grounds

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Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system. Please do more to support solar energy - here in the NT sun is something we get a lot of, why not use it?
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Yours sincerely,
v mitchell
Northern Territory 0870, Australia

Dear AEMC.

Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.

According to Chris Dunstan from the Institute for Sustainable Futures at UTS:

"Electricity consumption is trending down, while solar power is steadily increasing. Lights, appliances and buildings are becoming more efficient, and battery energy storage and electric vehicles are expected to proliferate.

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It sounds encouraging, but we are at a turning point. The development of a cleaner, more affordable and sustainable energy future depends crucially on what happens next. Will our energy companies seek to embrace or delay decentralised energy?"

If this rule change is not adopted, it will lock Australia into an outmoded, centralised model of electricity generation, at a time when technology and market trends all point towards more decentralised energy.

Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.

Yours sincerely, Xavier Mayes New South Wales 2776, Australia