

Objective of the forum and assessment framework

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Objective of the forum

- To discuss proposed change to the National Energy Retail Rules to prohibit retailers from varying prices under fixed term and fixed benefit period market contracts

Session 1:

Is there a problem that requires a regulatory response?

Session 2:

What is the appropriate response to any problems identified?

The Commission's legal test

The Commission's rule making test has two parts

***National Energy Retail
Objective assessment***

Focuses on the long term interests of consumers

- efficient investment, operation and use of energy services

***Consumer protections
assessment***

Compatibility with the application and development of consumer protections

The Commission's assessment framework

- Our assessment framework focuses on the following key issues:

Allocation of costs and risks between retailers and consumers

Consumer participation and engagement

Impact on competition between retailers, including on product diversity and consumer choice

Consumer protection issues, including interaction with the Australian Consumer Law and other consumer protections

The Commission's rule making options

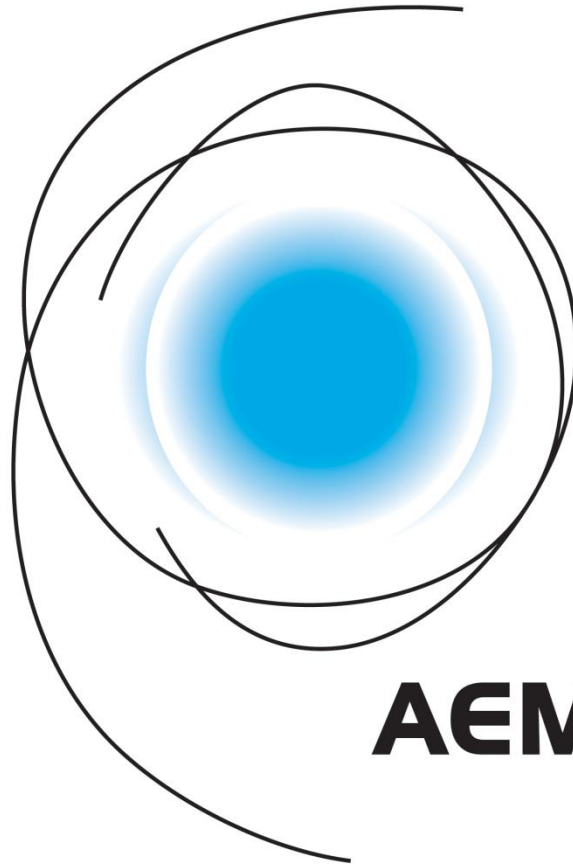
Commission's rule making options

make the rule as proposed

make no rule

make a more preferable rule

The Commission may make a more preferable rule if it is satisfied the more preferable rule will or is likely to better contribute to the National Energy Retail Objective.



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