

## National Electricity (Energy Consumers Australia) Amendment Rule 2014

### National Electricity Law – Section 90E

I, Tom Koutsantonis, Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy for the Crown in right of the State of South Australia, as the Minister administering the *National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996* of South Australia, hereby make the National Electricity (Energy Consumers Australia) Amendment Rule 2014 under section 90E(1) of the *National Electricity (South Australia) Law* on the recommendation of the Council of Australian Governments' Energy Council sitting as the Ministerial Council on Energy for the purposes of that section.

These Rules have been signed by me for the purposes of identification as the National Electricity (Energy Consumers Australia) Amendment Rule 2014 and commence operation on 30 January 2015.



**Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP**

Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy

30 /01/2015

## **National Electricity (Energy Consumers Australia) Amendment Rule 2014**

### **1 Name of Rule**

This Rule is the *National Electricity (Energy Consumers Australia) Amendment Rule 2014*.

### **2 Commencement**

This Rule commences on 30 January 2015.

### **3 Amendment of the National Electricity Rules**

Schedule 1 amends the *National Electricity Rules*.

## Schedule 1      Amendment of the National Electricity Rules

(Clause 3)

### [1]      Amendment of Chapter 8 (Administrative functions)

Part G (Consumer Advocacy Panel)

*Omit, substitute*

#### Part G      Consumer advocacy funding

##### 8.10      Consumer advocacy funding obligation

- (a) *AEMO* must pay to ECA the amount of its consumer advocacy funding obligation for each financial year.
- (b) *AEMO* may recover the costs of meeting its consumer advocacy funding obligation from *participant fees* and may allocate the costs to *Market Customers*.
- (c) The amount to be paid by *AEMO* to ECA under paragraph (a) is to be made available under a scheme agreed between *AEMO* and ECA or, in default of an agreement, on a quarterly basis.
- (d) In this rule:

**consumer advocacy funding obligation** means ECA's total projected expenses for a financial year, in so far as those expenses are allocated to electricity in its final Annual Budget for that financial year, and including but not limited to:

- (1) all operational and administrative costs relating to the performance of ECA's activities relevant to consumers of electricity; and
- (2) grant funding for any current or proposed grants relevant to consumers of electricity.

**final Annual Budget** means ECA's final Annual Budget for a financial year, as issued by ECA in accordance with its constitution to *AEMO*.