

## **Submission: Concerns About Increasing Daily Electricity Charges**

I'm writing to say that I do **not** support any proposal to increase the daily fixed charge on electricity bills.

Increasing the fixed part of the bill would unfairly affect low-income households, renters, and anyone who already uses less energy. These groups often have the least ability to install solar, and review documents highlight that current cost-recovery methods can already shift more costs onto people with less ability to absorb them.

Raising fixed charges also reduces people's ability to control their bills. When more of the bill is unavoidable, there is less incentive to save energy or shift usage in ways that support the energy transition.

On top of that, increasing fixed charges would work against environmental goals. By reducing the financial benefit of lowering consumption or using energy more efficiently, it becomes harder for households to contribute to reducing emissions.

While I understand the need to recover network costs, there are more equitable ways to do this. Pricing changes need careful consideration to avoid unfair outcomes. **Let's be honest, this proposal is basically just going to support rich people and harm the environment.**

For these reasons, I strongly oppose increasing the daily charge and ask that the AEMC consider options that keep pricing fair, encourage efficient energy use, and support both consumers and the environment.