

Comments on:- AEMC - The pricing review - Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future.

Thanks for opportunity to comment on draft report.

A general comment.

Regulations, and definition of network, seem to stop at meters. Household solar and batteries are ignored. Hybrid battery and solar farms are similarly hidden behind meters.

Household solar and batteries are as much an investment in the broader network as any other investment.

The benefits of those investments for the broader network are ignored in the report.

A simple example. A household battery that supplies the evening household peak with energy that was generated earlier in the day reduces the peak demand on the network, thus reducing peak wholesale price. Ultimately one hopes to the benefit of consumers without rooftop solar and batteries.

Missing is market power, households are price takers not price makers.

When the regulator, in this report, discusses fair pricing, it needs to consider the general network and consumer benefits resulting from investments behind the meter.

Surely it is the role of the regulator and keeper of rules to consider the whole network.

By ignoring a large part of the network the report risks killing a goose that lays golden eggs.

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