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I wish to register my opposition to the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed charges component of electricity pricing will discourage people from minimising electricity usage and time shifting usage to more environmentally friendly times. If fixed charges continue to rise over time it will also encourage those who can afford it to seriously consider going off grid which will result in a higher burden for those that either don't want to or can't afford this option to minimise their energy costs. It will disproportionately affect pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

Moving toward increased fixed charges will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries.

I have invested in a moderate solar and battery installation to not only minimise energy costs but also to assist in the efficient operation of the grid and minimise my impact on peak usage requirements.

I urge the AEMC to protect fair usage-based pricing and maintain strong incentives for households to reduce demand and invest in clean energy.

Please reject changes that increase fixed charges at the expense of equity, efficiency and long-term grid stability.

Regards,

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