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Last Name: [REDACTED]

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Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing as a residential consumer who has invested significantly in rooftop solar and battery storage to reduce reliance on the grid, lower emissions, and contribute to a more resilient energy system.

Opposition to Higher Fixed Network Charges

I strongly oppose any reform that results in materially higher fixed network charges.

As a household that has invested tens of thousands of dollars in solar panels and battery storage, I have deliberately reduced my reliance on grid electricity. I consume very little from the grid compared to the average

household. However, under a pricing structure with higher fixed charges, I would still be required to pay substantial costs regardless of how little energy I use.

This undermines the fundamental principle that consumers should be rewarded for efficiency and responsible investment.

Disincentivising Private Investment in Clean Energy

Households like mine have:

Reduced peak demand on the grid

Lowered overall network stress

Contributed to emissions reduction

Reduced the need for costly infrastructure upgrades

Yet we are currently paid approximately [REDACTED] for exported solar energy while paying approximately [REDACTED] when importing electricity. The price differential is heavily weighted against small-scale generators.

If fixed charges are increased further, the economic return on solar and battery investment deteriorates significantly. This will:

Extend payback periods

Discourage future investment in rooftop solar and batteries

Reduce voluntary household participation in the energy transition

At a time when Australia needs distributed energy resources to support grid stability and decarbonisation, policies that weaken investment signals are counterproductive.

Equity and Fairness Concerns

Higher fixed charges disproportionately affect:

Low-usage households

Energy-efficient households

Solar and battery owners

Retirees and people who actively manage consumption

Fixed charges reduce consumer control. When a larger portion of the bill is unavoidable, households lose the ability to lower bills through behavioural

change or investment.

Consumers who have acted responsibly to reduce grid usage should not be penalised through structural cost increases.

Risk to Long-Term System Outcomes

Australia's energy transition depends heavily on distributed energy resources. Households have been encouraged for years to invest in rooftop solar to support system transformation.

Shifting cost recovery toward fixed charges sends the opposite signal. It risks:

Slowing rooftop solar adoption

Undermining battery uptake

Increasing long-term system costs by reducing private capital participation

The draft report's stated objective is to support a consumer-driven future.

Increasing fixed charges moves the system toward a less consumer-responsive model.

Recommendation

I urge the Commission to:

Avoid reforms that materially increase fixed network charges.

Preserve strong volumetric price signals that reward efficiency and self-generation.

Ensure distributed energy investments remain economically viable.

Protect consumer agency and maintain incentives for innovation and participation.

Households that have invested in clean energy should not face structural disadvantages as a result of doing so.

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First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Absolutely ridiculous that anyone is looking at increased fixed daily supply charges. We all knew this would happen though as people moved towards battery storage and therefore paying less to the power companies. Another example of the public forking out for something (solar) that was supposed to help overall grid issues only for us to then be slugged because we don't draw from the grid and therefore don't pay as much (or in my case, nothing)

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Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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It is unfair and raises on cost/payback time.of home green energy projects.

It targets low energy use and low income households.

It moves money from average consumers to big businesses for no logical reason.

Please reject these increases.

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the rule changes which would increase connection charges to the grid. This would be regressive, discouraging and / or penalising investment in renewable energy by consumers, such as rood top solar and batteries. It will increase costs for those who generate power through solar. It will also increase the charges for smaller scale and lower income users, when compared to larger scale / higher energy users who can better afford to pay. As an instrument of policy it is contrary to well planned and consistent transition to a more sustainable renewable energy system.

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: We fully object to this ignorant proposal. These changes will be the catalyst to finally make the decision to take our solar panels and battery off-grid. At present, we feed most of the energy we generate into the grid to power other households. We are already 100% self sufficient and electricity purchased from the grid is due our equipment staying in phase with an unreliable grid, we can already do without you. Do not make this mistake that will harm your network and the Australian people.

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: With the popularity of the home battery rebate scheme I don't understand why there is talk increasing the fixed costs for electricity supply. The proposed changes will punish the less well off who typically use less electricity. It will also discourage all users from efforts to make their homes more energy efficient. It will also devalue the investment ordinary Australians (like me) have made in home batteries which are

improving the stability and reliability of the electricity grid. In all ways this change would have negative effects on the move to a clean energy future.
Thanks for the opportunity to have my say.

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Organisation: self

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Increasing the fixed supply charge will destroy my ROI for a solar/battery system. So I won't invest. If upgrades need to be funded then increase the cost per kWh instead, with a sliding scale for consumption so as not to disadvantage the less well off.

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Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Commentary

Solar and battery households hate the idea of higher fixed tariffs:
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o register your opposition

[REDACTED] 2026 8:59 PM

Solar and battery households hate the idea of higher fixed tariffs:
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still time to register your opposition

From: Renew Economy Reader

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

I was shocked to learn from your article - Consumers face five-fold hike in network charges under regulator plan - that the energy rule maker is going to jack up the network fixed charge such that there's nothing I can do to minimise this cost, even if I was to improve my energy efficiency or adopt solar and a battery.

Given submissions to the Australian Energy Market Commission are closing on the February 13, do you happen to have a template submission I could borrow from to get something done quickly?

From: [REDACTED]

To: Renew Economy reader

Normally I try and steer clear of writing submissions. I decided a while ago that my time was best employed communicating with large numbers of people rather than a narrow group of people who read submissions and who have usually already made their minds up.

But if I was to write a submission it would say:

I would strongly urge the AEMC to abandon its proposal to shift network charges away from being tied to power demand to instead become largely fixed.

This should be abandoned for the following reasons:

- It will hurt lower income households who on average tend to consume less energy than high income householders.

- It will undermine efforts to cost-effectively decarbonise our energy system (which is contrary to one aspect of the energy market objective which the AEMC is obliged to address) by substantially reducing the financial incentive for consumers to adopt energy efficiency measures as well as solar and batteries.

- It creates the risk of requiring substantial extra, unnecessary, costly investment in new supply capacity in both generation and networks. Decarbonisation of the energy system will require increased reliance on renewable energy and electrification of household heating loads and transport.

The increased reliance on renewable energy (particularly solar) when it intersects with increased reliance on electricity for heat poses challenges

for ensuring reliable winter supply of electricity at reasonable cost. This

makes it very important that electrification involves using highly energy efficient options and sensible timing of their use. Your proposal will send

completely the wrong signal to householders about undertaking electrification

in an energy efficient manner. In addition, electric vehicle charging represents a very large new electricity load. Households need to see a clear

and long-lived incentive to undertake charging outside the evening peak otherwise it will lead to a blow out in network costs.

- It will do nothing to address renters lack of access to the financial benefits of electrification, energy efficiency and solar and batteries which

is a product of the split- incentive problem afflicting the Tenant-Landlord

relationship. Your implied suggestion that electricity retailers will roll-out these technologies to renters via subscription models illustrates a

laughable lack of understanding of the credit risks involved in rolling out

long-lived fixed equipment to renters who are non-permanent residents of a residential premise.

- Lastly your suggestion that we introduce highly variable dynamic network

tariffs only once a network area is close to its capacity limits fails to appreciate the nature of household energy usage behaviours and a naïve

understanding of how electricity networks respond to financial incentives within the regulatory framework.

Networks will likely only introduce these tariffs at a minute to midnight before the network needs upgrading because they don't actually want to avoid upgrades and would prefer to grow their asset base so as to milk what are excessively generous weighted average cost of capital allowances that the AER seems happy to repeatedly grant them.

These dynamic tariffs will almost undoubtedly come too late for households to effectively change their energy-using equipment and learn new behaviours. Household energy usage is a product of often long-lived energy using equipment and embedded behaviours that can take quite some time and sustained incentives to change.

In addition, a sudden and highly geographically isolated introduction of dynamic tariffs will likely lead many households to be taken by surprise such that they end up with a rude shock when they get their electricity bills. This could be especially bad for the vulnerable households you profess to care about.

Can you please stop.

Yours sincerely,



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Email: [REDACTED]

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Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm deeply concerned with the way that some of the recommendations in this review could take the energy market in Australia.

As is usually the case with an arbitrage opportunity, a large corporate body will usually come and fill it.

Energy is not a commodity like wheat, sugar or coal. It is a fundamental requirement for industry. Failure to provide competitiveness in the energy market has the potential to make entire industries unviable. Increasingly with the cost of living and through it the cost of new housing in Australia, energy prices have an undeniable flow-on impact on inflation -- potentially even moreso these days than the conventional RBA interest rate lever.

Question 1: Remove retail loyalty tax

Response 1: This question is loaded and misses the point. The structure of the retailer market *encourages* companies to structure their bills like this and responsible companies are required to act in their shareholders best interests. This change will only encourage retailers to further fragment their offerings. We will see a 2026 Saver Plan and then a 2027 Saver Plan and

so on that will have different rates. A much stronger signal to the market would enforce that a retailer can only offer *one* plan, that all customers must be on it and that retailers themselves cannot be owned by the same parent company to make these sorts of games significantly harder to play.

Question 2: Introduce a competitive franchise for the cohort of customers who have not chosen a market offer. Again, this is adding complexity rather than removing it and the reason we have exploitation of customers is not for lack of complexity but because of too much. The title of this review is for a "consumer-driven future". Simplification wins for consumers. New rules do not. Reduce the complexity of offers that retailers can provide. Do not add further complexity to address the problem of complexity.

Question 3: Periodically review whether regulations are supporting good consumer outcomes in an evolving market. This is a pointless question. Of course the AEMC should review the impact of its decisions or else it would be instituting policy based on what? Blind guesswork? This question is pointless filler IMHO.

Question 4: Make it easier for consumers to compare offers. I've emailed AER in the past asking for access to the data set they publish as a website so that I could programmatically make the best choice (for myself). Providing this data and allowing third party websites to pop up and monitor your alternatives for you would certainly be a strong answer to this question. Unfortunately in REF3069971 I was told the following:

The bulk offer information energy retailers provide to the AER is solely for the purpose of publication on Energy Made Easy. Accordingly, the AER does not:

- share offer or pricing data with external parties (with the exception of other regulatory agencies), or
- facilitate access to offer or pricing data (for example through web scrapes, XML feeds or API calls).

It seems the excuse of data ownership is weaponized by the retailers to inhibit true competition and the AER is complicit in facilitating this by refusing to consider retail energy plan datasets as public domain. If you sincerely care about a "consumer-driven future", you should begin by going back to the basics and liberating the data sets that would allow consumers to

make their own choices their own way rather than funneling money into a government website that does not provide features like "notify me if a cheaper plan comes up".

Question 5: Implement reforms such that network tariff design is focused on efficiency

I worry that allowing network operators to design tariffs that suit their business plans does not encourage long term efficiency -- it facilitates incumbent inefficiency. Network tariffs should reflect unavoidable physical

realities around load, distribution supply and demand. They should not be a

knob that network providers are free to use as they like. Allowing network

providers to change their tariffs more easily encourages them to use tariffs

as a profiteering tool with lower oversight. Given again that these are companies designed to profit at the expense of their customers. This is not

in-fitting with a "consumer-driven future" in any way shape or form.

Rather,

network tariffs should, IMHO, be applied based on demonstrated need in a public forum with publicly accessible data sets to validate stated claims with a publicly visible review process. The hint is in the name --

network

tariffs. They apply to the distribution network to address a physical problem

using a monetary signal that allow *shiftable* loads to move. Many consumers

don't have the luxury of shifting loads, so retailers paper over the gaps by

playing risk management games and this leads to further confusion and complexity. Allowing more complexity will not benefit consumers.

Question 6: Ensure that network tariffs are developed and designed for energy

service

providers

Comprehensible policies are required for customers to make informed decisions. Once again, this comes back to minimising complexity and I fear

that the proposals set forth here allow for further complexity with reduced

oversight. I fear that companies will do what companies do and will leverage

this to increase profits. I cannot see how these proposals are in the consumers best interests.

What would I do?

Step back and consider the "clip a ticket" cost of energy in Australia through the privatisation of poles and wires, retail and metering.

Consider

the very real flow on impact of inefficiencies in this sector and how high

energy prices can kill industry, reduce retail margins and have a real impact

on cost of living. Liberate *data* so that an ecosystem of websites can be built such that retailers cannot continue to fleece customers who may not have the time or means to realize they are being fleeced. Step back and consider a simplified structure WRT tariffs and plans that *increases* comprehensibility rather than declaring it bankrupt. Keep the cost of staying connected to the grid low and address capacity and costs through AEMO market means.




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Submission Type: Market Review


Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Retired Individual with investment in solar & considering batteryng ba

First Name: 

Last Name: 

Email: 

Phone Number: 

Comments: "I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.”

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: A citizen of Australia

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello,

I am a private citizen who has installed a solar PV and home battery system over the last 2 years for our home, which now satisfies our energy needs almost all of the time.

We have invested over \$[REDACTED] of our savings into this so that we could become effectively cost[REDACTED] and simplify our cost of living for years to come despite remaining connected to the grid in case the weather gods don't play nicely.

I am concerned about the proposal to increase fixed daily charges to remain connected to the grid, which appears designed primarily to keep citizens like myself paying large power bills to utilities for the foreseeable future and effectively deliver a 'contrary outcome' making our considerable investment in energy and financial cost of living security a farce. IF this rule change proceeds, the business case for investing in solar PV and battery solution at home becomes void and we likely should have just stayed on being reliant upon the grid (which of course might be as-intended by existing grid powers)...

Please do not burn people like me who have put up significant savings now to try to avoid financial pain later.

Regards

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Personal

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

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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.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges.

This change will disproportionately penalise households reducing their energy consumption, as well as households that have invested in solar and batteries, more sustainable energy sources.

The investments that solar and battery households have made have helped stabilise the grid and transition the country towards a clean energy future.

They should not be penalised for doing so. These changes will lead to a significant decline in home battery investments, which are needed to help reduce peak consumption and grid maintenance costs. This will also further incentivise users leaving the grid, resulting in further instability and a two tier system.

These changes dampen price signals that incentivise households to shift heavy loads away from peak times, increasing grid instability and increasing reliance on fossil fuel generation.

If this was targeted at commercial or industrial customers there would be many rounds of consultation, negotiations, more certainty and long transition periods. Why are individual households, which act as one of the largest sources of power generation in Australia, not receiving the same level of regulatory protection?

Please reject changes that increase fixed daily charges, and ensure that any future proposals mandate long transition periods to give certainty and confidence in future investments in green energy.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Self

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This is a terrible proposal. This will punish most energy users by raising fixed charges. This will impact low income households the most as they factually use less variable energy. It rewards investment in fixed infrastructure that is not optimal for Australia. There are better and cheaper ways to provide electrical energy. We should be trying to minimise excessive and inefficient infrastructure investment. Electrification changes the assumptions of what our electrical provider structures should look like. We should encourage nimble, efficient new ways to provide electricity, not increase fixed costs. A horrible proposal that if successful will be remembered as the killing of the chance for Australia to have cheaper energy for consumers and also for business.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I would strongly urge the AEMC to abandon its proposal to shift network charges away from being tied to power demand to instead become largely fixed.

This should be abandoned for the following reasons:

- It will hurt lower income households who on average tend to consume less energy than high income householders.
- It will undermine efforts to cost-effectively decarbonise our energy system (which is contrary to one aspect of the energy market objective which the AEMC is obliged to address) by substantially reducing the financial incentive for consumers to adopt energy efficiency measures as well as solar and batteries.
- It creates the risk of requiring substantial extra, unnecessary, costly investment in new supply capacity in both generation and networks. Decarbonisation of the energy system will require increased reliance on renewable energy and electrification of household heating loads and transport.
- The increased reliance on renewable energy (particularly solar) when it intersects with increased reliance on electricity for heat poses challenges for ensuring reliable winter supply of electricity at reasonable cost. This makes it very important that electrification involves using highly energy efficient options and sensible timing of their use. Your proposal will send completely the wrong signal to households about undertaking electrification in an energy efficient manner. In addition, electric vehicle charging is a

very large new electricity load. Households need to see a clear and long-lived incentive to undertake charging outside the evening peak otherwise it will lead to a blow out in network costs and potentially slow down the decarbonisation of the grid.

- It will do nothing to address renters lack of access to the financial benefits of electrification, energy efficiency and solar and batteries which is a product of the split- incentive problem afflicting the Tennant-Landlord relationship. Your implied suggestion that electricity retailers will roll-out these technologies to renters via subscription models is not informed by the credit risks involved in rolling out long-lived fixed equipment to renters who are non-permanent residents of a residential premise.

- Lastly your suggestion that we introduce highly variable dynamic network tariffs only once a network area is close to its capacity limits fails to appreciate the nature of household energy usage behaviours and a naïve understanding of how electricity networks respond to financial incentives within the regulatory framework.

Networks will likely only introduce these tariffs at right before the network needs upgrading because they don't actually want to avoid upgrades and would prefer to grow their asset base so as to milk what are excessively generous weighted average cost of capital allowances that the AER seems happy to repeatedly grant them.

These dynamic tariffs will almost undoubtedly come too late for households to effectively change their energy-using equipment and learn new behaviours. Household energy usage is a product of often long-lived energy using equipment and embedded behaviours that can take quite some time and sustained incentives to change.

In addition, a sudden and highly geographically isolated introduction of dynamic tariffs will likely lead many households to be taken by surprise such that they end up with a rude shock when they get their electricity bills. This could be especially bad for the vulnerable households you profess to care about.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097 and have the following comments:

1. For decades Government have been encouraging households to switch to energy efficient appliances, insulate houses to be more energy efficient and reduce energy usage. The proposed changes are in complete contrast to Government policy. The proposed changes reward big energy users through lower usage charges and penalise low energy users through higher fixed charges. This is exactly the opposite of what Governments have been encouraging.
2. Households have invested significant capital in installing solar, battery systems and energy efficiency in order to reduce the demand on the grid and enable self sufficiency. The proposed changes penalise these people. As the Government policy has actively encouraged this practice, I would argue that a class action is warranted against the Government and the AEMC to recover the investment should the proposed change proceed
3. The poles and wires (transmission assets) were sold off to private enterprise. In selling these assets the ownership and operating risk was passed to private owners. When the contract was executed the new private owners would have been aware of the pricing structure that existed and this would have been the basis of their acquisition. To now suggest that this pricing structure is inadequate is too bad...that's the risk you take when acquiring any business. The proposed pricing changes should not proceed so the private owners can maximise their profits. If they are unable to operate under the existing pricing structure then the assets should be returned to

public ownership.

4. The cheapest form of energy is renewables and the Government is committed to the transformation of energy generation to 100% renewables. Changing the pricing structure as proposed will reduce the attractiveness of renewal energy (particularly consumers installing solar and batteries) which will have a direct adverse impact on the renewable rollout strategy.

5. The people hardest hit by the proposed changes are those who can least afford it. Pensioners, people living on disability support and low income earners will have higher power bills than they currently do, even though they have the lowest per capita energy consumption. Why should these people have to compensate big energy users? How is this fair and equitable?

6. The current structure in place for distribution assets rewards the private owners for gold plating the network, rather than making it more efficient. This was a terrible contract that needs to be cancelled. Localised solar and batteries actually reduce the strain on the grid and ease the burden on transmission assets. Households should actually be rewarded and not punished for helping the grid.

If the Government agrees with the AEMC's proposed changes it will be political suicide. I for one will not be voting for any any party that supports these changes.

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

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There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

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should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

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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.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: My name is [REDACTED] I am an architect with a particular emphasis on energy efficient and sustainable design.

I have invested [REDACTED] in excess of [REDACTED] of my own capital to install [REDACTED] of solar and [REDACTED] of battery in [REDACTED] home. As a result of my capital [REDACTED]

investment, I have dramatically reduced my energy usage from the grid and I also support the grid by exporting energy, particularly during peak times. I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

I submit that the proposal will have a number of negative impacts upon consumers and well as the grid including:

- 1) It devalues the capital investment by consumers who have installed solar and batteries to their homes
- 2) It financially penalizes consumers who reduce their power usage whether through consumption habits or capital investments to reduce usage
- 3) It disproportionately penalizes low energy use consumers in comparison to high energy use consumers as the fixed daily charge will make up a larger percentage of their bill
- 4) It disproportionately penalizes low income consumers for the same reason
- 5) It provides a disincentive (or reduces the incentive) for users to install solar and batteries to their homes
- 6) It provides an incentive for consumers to disconnect from the grid altogether as technology evolves and grid disconnection becomes more viable.
- 7) In the long term, it will reduce the growth in solar and batteries being installed in homes and therefore a reduction of the support to the grid of from these systems.
- 8) It will lead to a less stable grid as the proposal will result in a disincentive for solar and battery home systems to support the grid.
- 9) It will lead to a slowing of the transition of the grid to a more sustainable, low carbon, renewable source of energy

I submit that the proposed EPR0097 changes in inequitable to the majority of residential energy consumers and is fundamentally at odds with the principle of fairness as well as the AEMC's goals of the transition towards a stable, renewable, low carbon grid.

Regards



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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Home Owner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: -Just when you thought the cost of living in Australia couldnt get any higher and we couldnt be taxed anymore the government and AEMO find another way to increase Electricity Prices. After years and years of steering/forcing consumers towards getting solar and now batteries to reduce house hold electricity bills, service providers and retailers need to find a way to make up for lost \$\$\$\$. Why penalise households/business that have done what the governement has asked in a quest for the net zero falacy. Only to then turn around to those very people and slap them with a 5x increase in supply charges.

As I mentioned previously it doesn't suprise me however as Australia has gone from the land of oppurtunity to the land of "taxes" and everyone just waits for the next segment in which big business and governement can fleece their hard earned money.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: If you wish to drive those with solar and batteries off grid, increasing the fixed charge to access the grid is the perfect way to do this.
All this will do is inflate the energy costs for those without solar and batteries, and reduce the number of people dependent on the grid. It stands to reason that if there is a drop in the number people accessing the grid, then the costs for everyone else will be forced to cover the difference. Reducing the variable costs whilst increasing the fixed (access) cost does nothing, except line the pockets of those responsible for the grid. Until you act on behalf of the users/consumers first, you will continually prop up a system that is for the benefit of the generators and distributors. Doing this forces the generators and distributors to address efficiency and technology urgently, rather rewarding laziness.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am totally against raising the fixed daily charge. You are punishing those of us who are trying to improve the world situation by installing solar panels and batteries.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Supply charges, or fixed costs to access the grid, should not be substantially increased for residential consumers.

Many residents have made large personal investments in increasing the supply of electricity through installation of solar power systems and energy storage batteries. These supply energy at peak consumption times. Such consumers are already not paid a fair price given that the wholesale cost can be very high at peak times and "conventional" suppliers can attract a much higher price

than [REDACTED] currently offered by Synergy in WA. Increasing the daily supply charge would only penalise these consumers more harshly for doing the right thing.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: private citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that

shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Self

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: "I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Although I am supportive of the 3 themes and 6 recommendations in the pricing review draft report, I am very much against the idea of making most of the network charges a fixed component. This idea will greatly reduce incentives for efficiency improvements, will severely impact the economics of

rooftop PV and batteries, and can greatly undermine efforts to decarbonise our energy system. It will be regressive in hurting low income low electricity users. It will also incentivise some people to defect from the grid, which is in no-one's interest.

I am in favour of dynamic network charges. Having very low network charges at times where an increase in electricity demand will provide no risk to network limits, such as during the middle of the day during peak solar hours is extremely important to enable economic electrification of commercial heat and improve the economics of EVs. However the proposal for a dynamic charge that is zero most of the time except for during narrow windows when and where the network is likely to exceed network capacity has taken this idea much too far. It is likely to appear much too late for consumers to materially change habits to avoid the need for the network upgrades. The dynamic component should appear during a much wider window in periods when the network is likely be nearing capacity limits many years in the future. The time period needs to be sufficient to give consumers ample opportunity to change behaviour before decisions are made to spend money to upgrade networks. By having dynamic charges over a much wider window of intervals allows the dynamic charges to comprise a much large component of the total network costs, and remove the need for the fixed component to provide the majority of network revenue.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the AEMC,
I formally oppose the proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. This approach fundamentally reduces consumer control over bills, undermines equity, and destroys the incentive for efficient energy use.

1. Impact on Investment & Innovation

Current modelling demonstrates that households with existing solar and battery systems face bill increases under this proposal, while the ROI for new installations would be substantially reduced. This sends a damaging market signal that will stall the uptake of distributed energy resources (DER) just when Australia's grid needs them most.

2. Equity Concerns

Fixed charges are inherently regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households will be forced to pay more regardless of their efforts to reduce usage. This proposal entrenches structural inequity rather than addressing the root causes of network costs.

3. Lack of Evidence

As this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC must not progress such a fundamental shift without first publishing detailed bill impact modelling, distributional analysis, and evidence of retailer behavior. The current lack of data is unacceptable for a change of this magnitude.

Conclusion

I urge the AEMC to abandon the proposal for predominantly fixed charges and instead retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency and support the clean energy transition.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven

future

Organisation: Private customer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I was dismayed to learn that there is a proposal to increase the proportion of an electricity bill that is the daily service charge. This would be a perverse outcome for the small consumer who does his best to save on electricity usage. A saving that benefits the grid as a whole by reducing demand on the electricity system.

In effect this would be a retrospective charge on anyone who has invested in solar because saving on grid electricity usage would be diluted. Clean energy systems would take longer to pay off and low-use households will be hit hardest.

It takes away my ability to save on my bill by reducing the amount of electricity I use. because the new charge would be fixed daily charge

It's simply perverse as it discourages people from saving energy a crazy proposition in this day and age.

It undermines investment: I strongly oppose the proposal to raise fixed daily charges. I invested in solar/batteries to reduce my bills, and this change renders my investment a liability by limiting my ability to save.

It is anti-energy efficient: This policy punishes households in a retrospective way that have invested in efficiency and solar, punishing those who consume less energy from the grid.

It will impact on my cost of living: as a low-income/pensioner household, I rely on keeping my energy usage low. A higher daily fee forces me to pay more despite using less power. Once again we see the small consumer pay a disproportional charge

Another perverse outcome will be that increasing fixed charges will discourage people from installing solar and batteries, undermining Australia's renewable energy transition.

For the aforementioned reasons I strongly urge that the proposal to increase the daily charge be rejected.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: "I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

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use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

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older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

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There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

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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.”

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

Modelling shows that small business with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while small businesses considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake.

Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income small businesses would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer, small business and retailer behaviour.

I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

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electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.”

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hi, how are we supposed to afford more increases to our energy prices with the way inflation is at the moment. We put solar on our house several years ago and can't afford a battery. The electric prices have been increasing whilst the solar prices have been decreasing. We used to be in credit during summer which we could use towards our winter bills. That no longer happens. The solar plans also charge more for us to use electricity compared to the non solar plans which feels very unfair.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Personal

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed revision of electricity fees to shift costs into fixed user charges and away from usage charges.

Increasing fixed user charges undermines those among the general public who have spent their personal capital to reduce their energy usage whether by investing in solar and/or battery systems, building energy efficient homes, or other means.

Instead of being rewarded for this change which helps the overall grid by reducing user demand, they are now having the rug pulled out from under them.

The face value of this proposition reads only as if to prop up the profits of a privatised grid.

For those who already use little energy for other reasons (eg renters), they will also be punished under these changes. They will bear the majority of the burden of these price hikes of their overall bill, while heavy residential energy users will see a lesser percentage increase to their bills.

Longer term this change would undermine financial reason for the general population to buy into self-supply for new solar systems and replacement of existing systems at end-of-life. The currently-relied upon solar peak during the day and current government's promotion of residential batteries would shift this cost back to suppliers, giving further justification to increase fixed poles-and-wires costs on top of this proposal.

This change would go directly against AEMC's vision of a *consumer-focused* net zero energy system by harming those consumers.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed increase in fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Shifting more of the bill into fixed costs unfairly disadvantages households that use less electricity and those who have already invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have taken practical steps to reduce their demand on the grid and have spent their own money supporting the transition to cleaner energy. It does not seem reasonable that they should end up paying more as a result of doing the right thing.

Higher fixed charges also weaken the incentive to save energy. When a larger portion of the bill is unavoidable, the benefit of using less power or improving efficiency becomes smaller. That discourages people from installing solar, upgrading older systems, adding batteries, or making other efficiency improvements. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed energy

that actually helps reduce pressure on the grid, particularly during daytime demand.

This type of pricing structure hits smaller and low-use households the hardest. Pensioners, renters, apartment residents and energy-conscious families often use less electricity, yet they would carry a greater share of network costs simply because those costs are fixed rather than based on usage. That does not feel equitable.

There is also a longer-term concern. If fixed charges keep increasing, households that can afford solar, batteries and backup systems may start considering partial or full disconnection from the grid. That would leave fewer customers paying for shared infrastructure, which in turn pushes prices even higher for those who cannot afford to leave. It risks creating a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks operate as natural monopolies and are critical public infrastructure. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered better outcomes for consumers, and there have been credible concerns raised about rising costs. Any pricing reform should rebuild trust and fairness, not erode it.

With delays to large-scale renewable projects and transmission upgrades, locally generated energy is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is now a mainstream and valuable part of Australia's electricity supply, not a niche contribution. Policy settings should encourage participation and investment, not discourage it.

For these reasons, I urge the AEMC to maintain fair, usage-based pricing and protect incentives that reward households for reducing demand and investing in clean energy. Please reconsider any changes that increase fixed charges at the expense of equity, efficiency and long-term grid stability.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear AEMC

This proposal will have a number of perverse outcomes - it will reduce uptake of solar and battery systems by new customers, act as a disincentive for reducing electricity use by non-solar households and award higher consumption, and punish low-income households.

The only winners will be those that can afford to do entirely off-grid (ie have very large battery and PV systems).

I passionately urge the AEMC to reconsider this proposal,
ly,

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: self

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I think it is ridiculous to charge higher fixed prices for electricity rather than a user pays for the amount of electricity. The fixed rates are hardly competitive when you compare deals offered. The difference between the deals is always the rates for electricity used or put into the grid

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am absolutely opposed to the proposal to increase fixed electricity charges as per EPR0097. I have recently spent in excess of [REDACTED] to replace my existing, but old, [REDACTED] solar array with a [REDACTED] array [REDACTED] battery. I did [REDACTED] this based on my understanding that the [REDACTED] government wanted households to assist in alleviating the strain on the electricity networks by increasing the uptake of solar and batteries to provide more non-fossil fuel generating capacity and ease the evening peak loads on the network. This, I believed, was my contribution to the environmental concerns around fossil fuel based electricity generation. There is no way I would have considered this if I had any inkling that my base cost to maintain grid connectivity was going to be adversely affected by a massive price hike that would wipe out the savings that I was going to use to offset my major capital outlay. This is a retrograde step that will have massive negative consequences for household take up of solar and batteries. I am urging the AEMC to reject this fixed charge increase and protect the current fair usage-based pricing in place whilst ensuring the continued system of providing households the ability to recoup their massive capital outlays over a reasonable period of time as is currently the case. The proposed changes are inequitable, inefficient and will consequentially expose the grid to further long-term instability as the rush to solar and battery nosedives to insignificant numbers. Please apply some commonsense to your thinking and reject these changes in their entirety.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Personal

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: "I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: -

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

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Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices

or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27779>

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: "I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and

batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

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Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments:

I have only found out about this outrageous proposal & I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

This will increase power poverty, & remove incentives to increase uptake of renewable energy. It advantages corporates at the expense of ordinary consumers doing it tough.

There is a need to change billing for consumers who do not rely on high voltage transmission lines because they generate & consume energy locally.

This should result in a decrease in fixed prices, not an increase.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that

use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade

older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that

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There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

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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.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: "I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

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

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Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

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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.

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Date: 2026-02-13T12:19:26.0000000
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Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Lifting fixed charges punishes low-use households and those who've
invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These homes cut demand on the
grid
and paid for their own clean-energy upgrades. They shouldn't be penalised
for it.

Higher fixed fees weaken the incentive to save energy or invest in solar,
batteries or efficiency improvements. That slows the growth of local
clean
energy that actually supports the grid when it's needed most.

Small and low-use households – pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers
and energy-conscious families – will be hit hardest.

There's also a long-term risk: if fixed charges keep rising, more
households with solar and batteries will consider leaving the grid
entirely.
That shrinks the customer base paying for shared infrastructure and
drives
prices up for everyone else. It's the start of a two-tier system, and it
undermines electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a public good. Trust is
already fragile, and even the ACCC has questioned whether privatisation
has
delivered for consumers. Pricing reforms should rebuild confidence, not
erode
it.

With large-scale renewable projects facing delays, local generation
matters
more than ever. Rooftop solar is now a major part of Australia's energy
system. Policy should encourage participation, not discourage it.

I urge the AEMC to keep pricing fair, usage-based and supportive of
household investment in clean energy. Please reject any move to increase
fixed charges at the expense of equity, efficiency and long-term grid
stability.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27772>

From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au
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Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposal to increase the proportion of network costs recovered through fixed daily charges.

Higher fixed charges disproportionately impact low-use and low-income households, including retirees and apartment dwellers who actively minimise consumption. They also weaken incentives to invest in rooftop solar, batteries, and energy efficiency—investments that reduce peak demand and lower long-term system costs.

Moving costs into unavoidable fixed fees reduces price signals that reward efficiency and responsible energy use. Tariff reform should strengthen, not undermine, incentives that support Australia's energy transition.

I urge the Commission to reject significant increases to fixed network charges and to prioritise fair, cost-reflective pricing that protects vulnerable households and encourages demand reduction.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27771>

From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au
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Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Family

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097. As a Western Australian consumer who will inevitably be impacted by
any AEMC decision, I urge you to reject changes that increase fixed charges
at the expense of equity, efficiency and long-term grid stability.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that
use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. Poorly
thought-through and wasteful consumption will be encouraged. That weakens the
incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems,
add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing
the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that
shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners,
renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many
Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices
or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised
electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays,
locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever.

Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia’s electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au
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Date: 2026-02-13T12:09:05.0000000
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Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments:

This regressive AEMC proposal will increase solar household electricity bills by \$400 to \$600 per year and stifle the continued uptake of rooftop solar and batteries that are the main driver of lower electricity bills for all consumers. It is inconsistent with emissions reduction targets.

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Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097

Increasing the fixed portion of electricity bills would unfairly disadvantage low-use households and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced grid demand and funded private clean energy investments, and should not be penalised for doing so.

Higher fixed charges weaken incentives to conserve energy, upgrade solar systems, install batteries, and improve efficiency, potentially slowing the growth of distributed renewable energy that supports the grid. The burden would fall most heavily on small and low-consumption households, including pensioners, renters, and apartment residents.

Rising fixed costs also risk encouraging wealthier households to disconnect from the grid, shrinking the customer base that funds shared infrastructure and driving up prices for those who cannot leave – creating a two-tier system. Given that electricity networks are natural monopolies and an essential service, pricing reforms should build trust and fairness, especially amid concerns about privatisation outcomes.

With delays in large-scale renewable projects, rooftop solar remains a vital part of Australia's energy mix.

I call on the AEMC to safeguard equitable, usage-based pricing and preserve meaningful incentives for households to lower consumption and invest in clean energy technologies.

Please oppose reforms that shift costs into higher fixed charges in ways that undermine fairness, economic efficiency, and the long-term stability of the grid.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27768>

From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au
To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au
Date: 2026-02-13T11:59:47.0000000
User: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au
Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Home

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Surely you can't be serious about increasing the baseline supply charge for normal home users. How on earth are you supposed to think this is fair and reasonable for a normal home. If I use less power that should be a good thing. Don't increase the supply charge when normal people can't reduce their usage anymore. It's a heartless grab for money with no compassion or thoughts of fairness.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27766>

From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au
To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au
Date: 2026-02-13T11:59:44.0000000

User: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au

Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Personal

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I would like to urge the AEMC to abandon this proposal - Many homeowners have invested in solar and batteries and diligently monitor power use in order to maximise efficiency of the distribution network - load shifting their usage for the health of the network. Increasing fixed charges will reduce the ability to offset these costs. Currently, the health of the network correlates to being able to offset the cost of being connected to it. If the cost is increased, there will be reduced incentive to offset load. Secondly, those that can afford to use large amounts of electricity are penalised least - or to put another way, those who cannot afford power are penalised most. I believe this proposal may actually encourage distribution and transmission network growth; requiring further build-out of the network and therefore actually increasing cost. This proposal is short-sighted, impacts the most vulnerable, and will have a large detrimental effect to the ongoing health of the network and its users.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly oppose the lunacy of wanting to change the electricity prices by forcing a blanket increased daily charge. I have [REDACTED] solar , [REDACTED] inverter and [REDACTED] battery, I will gladly go off grid.

Drop the stupid policy and do the right thing, saving energy and drawing less from the grid should be rightly rewarded

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27764>

From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au
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Date: 2026-02-13T11:59:41.000000
User: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au
Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Residential customer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I do not support the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Shifting a greater share of costs into fixed daily charges unfairly disadvantages households that use less electricity and those that have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments that support Australia's energy transition. They should not be penalised for doing so. Higher fixed charges weaken the incentive to save energy. When more of the bill is unavoidable, the financial return from conserving electricity, upgrading solar systems, installing batteries, or improving efficiency is reduced. Over time, this risks slowing the uptake of distributed energy resources that help manage peak demand and support grid reliability. The most efficient and fair pricing structure is a well-designed Time of Use tariff for both electricity consumption and solar exports. Prices that reflect when electricity is used or supplied provide clear signals to shift demand, encourage storage, and better align household behaviour with system needs. Increasing fixed charges undermines these signals. Raising fixed costs also disproportionately affects low-use and small households, including pensioners, renters, apartment residents and energy-conscious families. A weaker link between usage and cost reduces fairness and equity. There is also a long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households that can afford solar, batteries and backup systems may increasingly reduce reliance on the grid or disconnect entirely. This would leave fewer customers to fund shared network costs, pushing prices higher for those least able to avoid them and undermining electricity's role as an essential service. Electricity networks are natural monopolies and critical public infrastructure. Pricing reforms should strengthen confidence in the system and encourage participation in clean energy, particularly as large-scale generation and transmission projects face delays. Rooftop solar is now a core part of Australia's electricity supply and should be supported accordingly. I urge the AEMC to prioritise equitable, usage-based pricing and reject reforms that increase fixed charges at the expense of efficiency, fairness and long-term grid stability.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27762>

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Date: 2026-02-13T11:59:41.0000000
User: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au
Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: No organisation

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposal to increase fixed charges seems like it won't reward reduced use of electricity or purchase of energy efficient household items. Indeed, the report says that fixed charges are "liked" because they "limited impact on consumer decisions". Surely we want to reward consumer decisions that benefit society. Further, low electricity users - those in energy efficient homes or people who are less wealthy - shouldn't have to pay for infrastructure that is built for the benefit of high energy users. The proposal for increased fixed charges seems perverse and counter to the intended aims.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27763>

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Date: 2026-02-13T11:50:08.0000000
User: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au
Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays,

locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27760>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources. Fixed charges means less uptake of solar and batteries which threatens Australia's renewable energy target and emissions reduction goals. Predominantly fixed charges are regressive and disproportionately harm low-consumption and lower-income households. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them. I live alone, I am an aged pensioner and use most electricity to keep warm in

winter. I have had solar panels for over 20 years to reduce my electricity consumption and my bills. I urge the AEMC not to proceed with its proposal to introduce fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27759>

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User: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au
Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Home Owner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To whom it may concern
I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097. Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it. Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks. Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that

shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families. There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service. Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it. At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it. 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.

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URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27758>

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: ██████████

First Name: ██████████

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Shifting a larger share of electricity bills into fixed charges would unfairly penalise households that use less energy and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have already reduced their demand on the grid and made substantial private contributions to Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be disadvantaged for doing the right thing.

In my own case, I recently invested around [REDACTED] in a rooftop solar and battery system for my home. This was a significant financial decision made on the basis of long-term, usage-based price signals. Increasing fixed charges would materially undermine the expected financial return on that investment and send a discouraging message to households considering similar upgrades.

Increasing fixed charges also weakens the incentive to save energy. It reduces the value of installing solar, maintaining or upgrading existing systems, adding batteries, or improving household efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, particularly during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households would be hit hardest. Pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families are disproportionately affected by pricing structures that shift more costs into unavoidable fixed fees.

There is also a significant long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households with the means to invest in solar, batteries and backup systems may increasingly consider disconnecting from the grid. This would shrink the customer base that funds shared network infrastructure, pushing costs higher for those who cannot afford to leave. Such an outcome would entrench inequity and undermine the principle of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes, and even the ACCC has raised concerns about the performance of privatised electricity assets. Pricing reforms should build trust and fairness, not erode them.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is now a central pillar of Australia's electricity system, not a fringe technology.

Policy settings should encourage participation and investment, not discourage them.

I urge the AEMC to maintain fair, usage-based pricing and preserve strong incentives for households to reduce demand and invest in clean energy. Please reject any changes that increase fixed charges at the expense of equity, efficiency and long-term grid stability.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27756>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: There's only one point that I would like to make and that is that wheels should not be retrospectively foisted upon those who purchased their solar under the rules at the time. It would be very unfair, for example to start charging persons for putting power back into the grid when they went to the expense of putting solar on their premises when there were no costs for putting power back into the grid.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Home owner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097. Increasing the fixed portion of bills will only discourage households like myself who have invested in Solar and Batteries from contributing to the national grid, by exporting at peak times.

Higher fixed charges will also reduce the financial incentive to deduce energy use at peak times by upgrading house insulation or adding to the existing BES.

If fix prices rise too far it may inadvertently create a situation where it encourages users with solar and large batteries to disconnect completely from the grid which I consider a bad outcome for all.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not

discourage it.

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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Submission Type: Market Review


Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: self

First Name: 

Last Name: 

Email: 

Phone Number: 

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade

older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

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



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Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Locking more of a customer's bill into unavoidable daily fees strips people of bill control, hits lower-consumption households the hardest, and weakens the very incentives that drive efficient energy use and investment in solar, batteries and other distributed energy resources. It's a step that cuts across equity, undermines consumer choice, and pushes Australia further away from the kind of flexible, decentralised energy system we're supposed to be building.

Fixed daily charges cut straight across the economics of rooftop solar and batteries by shifting more of a household's bill into a category they can't control or reduce. When people can no longer meaningfully lower their bills through self-generation or storage, the payback stretches out and the whole value proposition weakens. And once the numbers stop stacking up, uptake slows—exactly at the moment we need more distributed energy on the grid, not less. That slowdown doesn't just hit consumers, it hits the entire industry. Installers, manufacturers, and small businesses rely on steady demand to stay viable, keep people employed, and continue innovating. If fixed charges become the norm, we risk undermining one of Australia's most successful clean-energy sectors. More importantly, we jeopardise progress toward national renewable energy and emissions-reduction targets, because rooftop solar and distributed storage are doing a huge amount of the heavy lifting. Undermining them now pushes Australia in the wrong direction and increases long-term system costs for everyone.

Fixed charges are inherently regressive – they hit low-consumption and lower-income households the hardest while stripping people of any real bill

control. Shifting more of the bill into unavoidable fees only deepens inequity and weakens the incentives that drive efficient energy use and investment in solar, batteries and other distributed energy resources.

There's also no published bill modelling or real-world evidence to justify this shift. The AEMC is proposing a major change without showing how it affects actual households or whether it delivers the outcomes they claim.

I urge the AEMC not to proceed with predominantly fixed network charges. We should retain pricing structures that protect consumer agency, support equity, and maintain strong incentives for investment in solar, batteries and other clean energy solutions.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Member of public

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Reading your draft report has me concerned as a single person household and environmentalist. Specifically around the move to larger fixed costs and decreased usage costs.

This move will only disadvantage low income households who do not use a large amount of power, including single person households like myself, as well as retirees and low income families that are lower power users by nature of but

affording or wanting high powered devices.

It also disincentives renewable energy by increasing the costs they cannot escape even if they are 100% positive energy generation and only use battery stored power. I know multiple people that try to increase their solar banks to avoid paying ongoing bills... They have said if the fixed costs increase enough, they won't continue doing this as it won't be financially viable for them. Keep in mind that they can't disconnect from the grid, even if they wanted too so in their eyes are more forced to use it rather than rely on it.

If we want to reform costs to generate more money to cover the fixed costs I propose increased rated for high energy consumers and industrial / commercial customers. Let the businesses cover the cost of this, not families who are already struggling.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please consider the multiple points arguing for delivery of lower retail power prices equitably across the NEM. I experience increased retail fixed electricity charges already! Increased fixed charges have equity impacts for consumers, but also don't provide equitable treatment across all generators and BESS market participants. V2G is emerging power sink and source whose potential is yet to be realised - nocturnal EV charging tariffs should disappear as 'baseload' generation power stations expire.

Economically they support large incumbents and reduce responsiveness to market - a larger major generator/gentailer variable revenue share should improve system technical efficiency, resilience and retail prices.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I see no benefit to renters, low income earners, or non solar households, to increasing the daily supply charge for electricity. An increase must be accompanied by an easier process for going gridless as otherwise you are locking people into an unavoidable price hike during a cost of living crisis. This will not be popular nor will it reflect well on the push towards renewables in general.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual submission

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This proposal will disproportionately affect lower income households and households who have invested in optimising their energy efficiency.

It will create a disincentive to reduce their energy consumption which is something we should be incentivising instead.

I strongly reject this proposal that only benefits wealthy customers and the networks charging these fees.

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Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Household

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Shifting to a higher fixed fee vs higher consumable charge is counterproductive to the push for solar and green energy.

Households outlay more financially to install solar and batteries to

- 1) reduce their grid consumption and thus reduce the load
- 2) reduce their financial costs to help offset the increase in cost of living expenses
- 3) utilise renewable energy to reduce fossil fuel usage

But they are to now be penalised?

While I appreciate a fee is applied for connecting to the grid, the majority of the cost for grid energy consumers should be charged based on the amount of energy they consume from the grid.

Perhaps the shift to a higher connection fee is because grid energy usage has dropped, due to more households taking on solar, so energy suppliers are trying to recoup the profits they are losing due to lower demand? Wasn't the point of solar/battery to drive down grid usage and thus carbon footprint? Energy supplier charges should be based on energy consumption and not simply trying to make a profit.

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Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I urge the AEMO to move towards the networks being predominately only able to charge fixed costs.

This I assume will mean a limitation of the Demand Charges. It also seemingly means our usage costs are only directly reflected in the generation costs, no longer paying usage to the networks.

Access to the Poles and Wires - the maintaining of that network should not, in my mind, be linked to usage. It should be a fixed rate that they are paid to maintain the poles and wires.

My usage costs should be linked directly to the generation costs.

That is what I see being proposed.

I don't believe I (and those with larger solar/battery systems) should pay lower maintenance on a system I am using for insurance for the rainy days.

I also don't believe that those who use more electricity should be charged more for the access to the poles and wires than I am.

That is what Usage rates are used for, not network distribution rates.

I appreciate your consideration in abolishing usage fees being paid to distributors completely.

If we can separate distinctly the Usage and Network Access costs I believe this will create clarity for communities and an equitable rate for those accessing the network, and an applicable rate for those utilising energy.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: "I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise,

households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.”

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please treat this public post I have written as my submission to this matter. Link here:

[REDACTED]

Further, please note that my specific recommendation to the AEMC is that volumetric pricing that includes a ToU element (ie, peak and off-peak) should remain in place in residential network tariffs.

The balance between how much network cost recovery is done via fixed charges, and how much is done via volumetric charges, can reasonably be varied - but the proposal to entirely do away with volumetric charges in residential network tariffs can reasonably be expected to have highly regressive consequences on many low income consumers who lack the necessary agency to avoid the bill impacts.

This would be a serious own goal for the AEMC, who (along with Energy Ministers) will likely, and deservedly, be blamed in the press for bill shock to pensioners if this plan proceeds.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: -

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I would strongly urge the AEMC to abandon its proposal to shift network charges away from being tied to power demand to instead become largely fixed.

This should be abandoned for the following reasons:

- It will hurt lower income households who on average tend to consume less energy than high income householders.
- It will undermine efforts to cost-effectively decarbonise our energy system (which is contrary to one aspect of the energy market objective which the AEMC is obliged to address) by substantially reducing the financial incentive for consumers to adopt energy efficiency measures as well as solar and batteries.
- It creates the risk of requiring substantial extra, unnecessary, costly investment in new supply capacity in both generation and networks. Decarbonisation of the energy system will require increased reliance on renewable energy and electrification of household heating loads and transport.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly urge the AEMC to abandon its proposal to shift network charges away from being tied to power demand to instead become largely fixed.

This should be abandoned for the following reasons:

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Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private Power Plant (PPP not VPP)

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: After working in the Power Generation Industry for at least 15 years, and watching the industry very closely, I have already made the decision to sever ties with the poorly run industry and live 100% Off Grid.

My hand was forced by the rapidly changing aggressive electricity pricing.

Life has never been better since the departure, as we no longer have repeated

power outages. I hope thousands more people follow suit, it's very affordable

now. Good luck to your SCAM pricing.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27733>

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that

use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That

weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the Australian Energy Market Commission,

This is a submission from [REDACTED] to the Pricing Review:

Electricity Pricing for a Consumer-Driven Future, and to express our concerns about Recommendation 5.

We are deeply concerned that your pricing review will seek to change how consumers are charged for electricity in a way which would seriously undermine the energy transition in Australia. This is not in line with wishes of most Australians who want to achieve a reduction in our greenhouse gas emissions; nor is it in line with the trend among our international peers.

[REDACTED] Australians – [REDACTED] – have spent [REDACTED] joined the global

movement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Many Australian householders have invested heavily in installing solar PV, home batteries, and electric hot water and heating/cooling systems to replace old, expensive gas systems. Many have also bought electric vehicles, at great expense.

Now these householders are beginning to see the financial benefits of their investments, with lower electricity prices and no more outrageously high gas bills.

But your proposal to increase fixed network charges would negatively impact these many hundreds of thousands of householders. Energy-efficient households and people trying to do the right thing by reducing their electricity use, would be hurt by this proposal.

It would also disadvantage less well-off householders, such as those who have been unable to fund the conversion to more energy efficient homes. People who use the least electricity – including single-person households, apartment residents, retirees, and low-income households – would be forced to pay more under this proposal.

Increasing fixed network charges would be a blatant cash back handout to the poles and wires companies. And high-income households with high grid consumption – who have refused to decarbonise their homes even though they

can afford it – stand to benefit the most from this proposal. Under your proposal these wealthy, high consumption households could save hundreds of dollars every year on their energy bills even though they are using the most electricity.

We are also concerned that higher fixed charges would extend solar and battery payback periods and weaken incentives for future investment in consumer energy resources, risking slower uptake.

This is at odds with other government policies that encourage households to help deliver a cheaper, cleaner energy system – one that cuts emissions, brings down wholesale energy prices, and reduces the need for costly network upgrades.

Electricity pricing should encourage households to save energy, shift demand, and if they can, invest in solutions that lower system costs – not punish them with higher unavoidable charges.

We strongly urge the AEMC not to proceed with increasing fixed network charges and to properly assess alternative approaches that preserve strong price signals, support consumer energy resources, and deliver fairer outcomes for households.

We recommend that you revisit draft recommendation 5 to include a focus on incentivising consumers to reduce energy consumption and implement energy efficiency measures – such as installing solar PV and batteries – to bring pricing strategies in line with overall government policy and consumer interests. That is, to achieve the goal of a rapid transition to renewable energy and zero emissions. Recommendation 5 could read for example, as follows: “amend the rules to focus network tariff design on efficiency, supporting a lowest-cost grid and incentivising consumers to choose low or zero emissions energy options”.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello,

I would strongly urge the AEMC to abandon its proposal to shift network charges away from being tied to power demand to instead become largely fixed.

This should be abandoned for the following reasons:

- It will hurt lower income households who on average tend to consume less energy than high income householders.
- It will undermine efforts to cost-effectively decarbonise our energy system by substantially reducing the financial incentive for consumers to adopt energy efficiency measures as well as solar and batteries.
- It creates the risk of requiring substantial extra, unnecessary, costly investment in new supply capacity in both generation and networks.
- Fundamentally consumers should be encouraged by time of use pricing mechanisms to adopt greater efficiency. Removing the ability for retailers to increase 'daily availability' charges, and encouraging them to remove such fixed fees is the single biggest motivator to encourage consumers to use less power and reduce reliance on the grid in times of excessive consumption.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Personal

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake.

Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour.

I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly object to the idea of increasing the fixed component of electricity charges.

Higher fixed charges will reduce the incentive for households to to install solar and add batteries, or improve their overall energy efficiency by such means as improved insulation or installing heat pumps. This will slow the growth of clean energy, particularly distributed generation which reduces the load on electrical infrastructure. The measure would adversely affect smaller low-use households, ie the poorer members of society. Such a move would shift costs onto pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

As a [REDACTED] retiree living in country NSW who has invested subst in solar, a home battery and an EV, I would not experience significant hardship, but I am appalled at the negative effect it would have on some of my neighbours. We currently export [REDACTED] annually and our bill is minimal, but if this change causes our bi [REDACTED] rise significantly, there would be an incentive to go off-grid. If fixed charges rise, more households might consider leaving the grid, which would shrink the customer base, increasing prices for those who cannot afford to disconnect.

I strongly urge the AEMC to investigate ways of increasing incentives for households to reduce demand and to support investment in clean energy. The current proposal is the antithesis of that.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Not applicable

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and

undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear AEMC
I would strongly urge the AEMC to abandon its proposal to shift network

charges away from being tied to power demand to instead become largely fixed.

This should be abandoned for the following reasons:

- it will greatly decrease the incentive for people to decarbonize because if people cut their grid demand through efficiency or solar they still get hit with these greatly increased fixed charges.

- It will hurt lower income households who on average tend to consume less energy than high income householders.

- It will undermine efforts to cost-effectively decarbonise our energy system (which is contrary to one aspect of the energy market objective which the AEMC is obliged to address) by substantially reducing the financial incentive for consumers to adopt energy efficiency measures as well as solar and batteries.

- It creates the risk of requiring substantial extra, unnecessary, costly investment in new supply capacity in both generation and networks. Decarbonisation of the energy system will require increased reliance on renewable energy and electrification of household heating loads and transport.

The increased reliance on renewable energy (particularly solar) when it intersects with increased reliance on electricity for heat poses challenges

for ensuring reliable winter supply of electricity at reasonable cost.

This

makes it very important that electrification involves using highly energy efficient options and sensible timing of their use. Your proposal will send

completely the wrong signal to householders about undertaking electrification

in an energy efficient manner. In addition, electric vehicle charging represents a very large new electricity load. Households need to see a clear

and long-lived incentive to undertake charging outside the evening peak otherwise it will lead to a blow out in network costs.

- It will do nothing to address renters lack of access to the financial benefits of electrification, energy efficiency and solar and batteries which

is a product of the split- incentive problem afflicting the Tenant-Landlord

relationship. Your implied suggestion that electricity retailers will roll-out these technologies to renters via subscription models illustrates a

laughable lack of understanding of the credit risks involved in rolling out

long-lived fixed equipment to renters who are non-permanent residents of a

residential premise.

- Lastly your suggestion that we introduce highly variable dynamic network tariffs only once a network area is close to its capacity limits fails to appreciate the nature of household energy usage behaviours and a naïve understanding of how electricity networks respond to financial incentives within the regulatory framework.

Networks will likely only introduce these tariffs at a minute to midnight before the network needs upgrading because they don't actually want to avoid upgrades and would prefer to grow their asset base so as to milk what are excessively generous weighted average cost of capital allowances that the AER seems happy to repeatedly grant them.

These dynamic tariffs will almost undoubtedly come too late for households to effectively change their energy-using equipment and learn new behaviours. Household energy usage is a product of often long-lived energy using equipment and embedded behaviours that can take quite some time and sustained incentives to change.

In addition, a sudden and highly geographically isolated introduction of dynamic tariffs will likely lead many households to be taken by surprise such that they end up with a rude shock when they get their electricity bills. This could be especially bad for the vulnerable households you profess to care about.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private Citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: "I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.”

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Retail consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments:

I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia’s clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the draft recommendations proposing an increase in fixed network charges. While I support the AEMC's goal of modernising the grid, the current proposal to shift costs from variable to fixed components is regressive, undermines decarbonisation efforts, and unfairly penalises the most vulnerable consumers.

Following the AEMC Submission Guidelines, my concerns focus on the following key areas:

- 1. Regressive Impact on Low-Income Households**
Shifting to higher fixed charges effectively creates a "flat tax" on energy access. As highlighted by The Sydney Morning Herald, this change is projected to "sting" low-income earners by as much as \$200 more per year. Low-income households and renters often live in smaller dwellings with lower energy footprints. By increasing the fixed daily supply charge, these households lose the ability to lower their bills through conservation.
- 2. Erosion of Incentives for Consumer Energy Resources (CER)**
The proposal "slashes returns" on private investments in solar and batteries.
As per the RenewEconomy article, increasing fixed costs at the expense of

usage rates reduces the "avoided cost" savings that justify installing solar and storage. This creates a "taking from the poor to give to the rich" dynamic where those unable to afford CER subsidise the network, while those who have invested are stripped of their expected ROI.

3. Contradiction of Net Zero Objectives

To meet national climate targets, we must incentivise energy efficiency and peak demand reduction. If a larger portion of a bill is fixed regardless of usage, the price signal to conserve energy during peak times is weakened. This risks increasing overall system costs in the long run by necessitating further network augmentations.

4. Failure to Address the "Loyalty Tax" Without Collateral Damage

While I support the AEMC's intent to eliminate the "loyalty tax," it should not be done via a mechanism that increases the floor price of electricity. Regulatory efforts should focus on transparency and retail competition rather than guaranteed revenue for networks through higher fixed fees.

Conclusion

I urge the AEMC to reconsider the move toward higher fixed network tariffs. Instead, the Commission should explore "solar soak" incentives and flexible pricing that rewards consumers for moving demand, rather than penalising them for simply being connected to the grid.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: NA

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I wish to put forward my opposition to the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources. Which is something we as a household have invested personally large sums of money to go green and have long term savings to recoup our investment as well as add assistance to a struggling grid.

Rating fixed charges across the board will undermine our investment in solar and battery and will deter others from doing so in the future. It will most certainly deter us from further investment, upgrades or repair expenses. Current modeling shows this would raise costs for those who have already invested in green energy.

Raising Fixed prices are regressive and remove incentives as well as are moving the opposite way from countries moving towards time of use from fixed.

So far there seems to be no professional modeling done for raising daily rates to a fixed price model which in itself seems at best amateur and at worst deceptive.

We urge the AEMC not to cease progress of the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of electricity bills shifts costs away from usage and reduces incentives to invest in energy efficiency, rooftop solar and batteries.

Higher fixed charges disproportionately affect low-use households, including lower-income customers such as pensioners and renters. Over time, continued increases may also encourage some higher-income customers to disconnect from the grid, placing greater pressure on those who remain.

Rooftop solar combined with battery storage reduces peak demand and can lower network costs. Pricing structures should provide incentives that encourage this technology; the proposed measure is likely to have the opposite effect.

I urge the AEMC to reject changes that increase fixed charges and to maintain usage-based pricing.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Today I seek to encourage the AEMC to end its proposal to shift network charges away from being tied to power demand to instead become largely fixed.

This should be abandoned for the following reasons:

A. As a remote user ([REDACTED]) we realise that it will impact low income households first, whom on average tend to consume less energy than high income householders.

B. Crucially, it will undermine efforts to cost-effectively decarbonise our energy system (which is contrary to one aspect of the energy market objective which the AEMC is obliged to address) by substantially reducing the financial incentive for consumers to adopt energy efficiency measures as well as solar and batteries.

C. It creates the risk of requiring substantial extra, unnecessary, costly investment in new supply capacity in both generation and networks. Decarbonisation of the energy system will require increased reliance on renewable energy and electrification of household heating loads and transport.

The increased reliance on renewable energy (particularly solar) when it intersects with increased reliance on electricity for heat poses challenges for ensuring reliable winter supply of electricity at reasonable cost. This makes it very important that electrification involves using highly energy efficient options and sensible timing of their use. Your proposal will send completely the wrong signal to householders about undertaking electrification in an energy efficient manner. In addition, electric vehicle charging represents a very large new electricity load. Households need to see a clear and long-lived incentive to undertake charging outside the evening peak otherwise it will lead to a blow out in network costs.


D. It will do nothing to address renters lack of access to the financial benefits of electrification, energy efficiency and solar and batteries which is a product of the split- incentive problem afflicting the Tennant-Landlord relationship. Your implied suggestion that electricity retailers will roll-out these technologies to renters via subscription models illustrates a laughable lack of understanding of the credit risks involved in rolling out long-lived fixed equipment to renters who are non-permanent residents of a residential premise.

E. Lastly your suggestion that we introduce highly variable dynamic network tariffs only once a network area is close to its capacity limits fails to appreciate the nature of household energy usage behaviours and a naive understanding of how electricity networks respond to financial incentives within the regulatory framework.

Networks will likely only introduce these tariffs at a minute to midnight before the network needs upgrading because they don't actually want to avoid upgrades and would prefer to grow their asset base so as to milk what are excessively generous weighted average cost of capital allowances that the AER seems happy to repeatedly grant them.

These dynamic tariffs will almost undoubtedly come too late for households to effectively change their energy-using equipment and learn new behaviours. Household energy usage is a product of often long-lived energy using equipment and embedded behaviours that can take quite some time and sustained incentives to change.

In addition, a sudden and highly geographically isolated introduction of dynamic tariffs will likely lead many households to be taken by surprise such that they end up with a rude shock when they get their electricity bills. This could be especially bad for the vulnerable households you profess to care about.


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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Homeowner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments:

"I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many

Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.”

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and

batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

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If more of the bill becomes fixed, the payback on smaller or older solar systems stretches out.

That matters. It's a classic unintended consequence.

Many homes, like my own, installed 3kW or less systems a decade ago. They are simple, they work, and they still cut bills. But if savings shrink, fewer people will bother maintaining them. Some won't replace ageing inverters. Others won't upgrade at all.

Over time, thousands of small systems will quietly drop off, effectively laying waste to the STC subsidy paid for the glass on the roof too.

That's not just bad for those homes. It denies the broader grid a steady stream of clean energy generated right where it is used. Rooftop solar reduces strain on poles and wires, especially in the middle of the day when demand used to spike.

Small systems might look minor on their own. Together, they are a power station spread across the suburbs.

We were recently in discussion with a local solar company about upgrading our solar panels and adding a battery to take advantage of the federal government battery rebate. Now this proposal has completely stalled that upgrade as what

would be point if fixed charges would crush any short and long term savings ?

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: NA

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

IMPACTS ON SOLAR/BATTERY INVESTMENT

Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while

households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced.
This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake.

EQUITY AND AFFORDABILITY CONCERNS

Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

LACK OF EVIDENCE

Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour.

I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: [REDACTED] welcomes the opportunity to comment on the AEMC Draft Report on electricity network tariff reform.

As a supplier of [REDACTED] solar inverters and energy solutions to the Australian and New Zealand markets, we work closely with wholesalers, installers and households who rely on clear and predictable price signals when deciding whether to invest in solar and battery systems. These technologies are now a major part of the energy landscape, and the way network charges are structured has a direct influence on how quickly and confidently households continue to adopt them.

[REDACTED] has significant concerns about the proposal to shift network pricing toward charges that are largely fixed and unavoidable.

When a greater portion of a household bill no longer responds to how much electricity they use or when they use it, their ability to manage costs is reduced.

This also weakens the value of solar, batteries and demand shifting, because the financial benefit of using energy more efficiently becomes smaller.

For households that already have solar and batteries, the likely outcome is higher annual bills and a reduced return on their investment.

For those considering new systems, the expected savings would decrease and payback periods would lengthen.

This would make it harder for many customers to justify the upfront cost, and

it would slow the uptake of distributed energy technologies at a time when

Australia needs continued growth to support reliability and emissions reduction.

There are also important equity considerations.

Households that use relatively little electricity, including many with limited incomes or households with modest energy needs, would see fixed charges make up a larger share of their bill.

These customers have fewer options to offset higher costs, and the proposed approach risks placing a disproportionate burden on them.

The impacts extend beyond households.

A large part of the Australian solar and battery industry is made up of small

and medium sized installation businesses that operate in every region of the country.

These businesses depend on steady demand for new systems and upgrades. If the financial case for solar and batteries weakens, installers will feel

the effects quickly through reduced sales, fewer projects and less predictable work pipelines.

This would have flow on effects for local employment, training and regional

economic activity, particularly in areas where clean energy businesses are an

important part of the local economy.

There is also a broader system impact that deserves careful consideration.

If fixed charges rise to the point where households with the financial means

see little value in staying connected, some may consider going off grid.

This is already happening in parts of Australia where customers feel they cannot influence their bills.

If more households disconnect, the pool of home batteries available for virtual power plants and other flexible services becomes smaller.

These programs help manage peak demand, support system security and reduce

the need for expensive network upgrades.

They also allow households to earn additional value from their batteries, which strengthens the case for investment.

A reduction in connected batteries would limit the ability of networks and

retailers to use these services, and the benefits would be lost for the wider

system.

At the same time, if customers leave the grid, the fixed costs of maintaining

the network do not fall.

They are simply spread across fewer people.

This would increase network charges for households that cannot afford solar

or batteries and for those who already use relatively little electricity.

In effect, the people with the least ability to avoid higher costs would end

up carrying more of the burden.

Some international experience may also be relevant.

In parts of the United States, increases in fixed network charges during the

past decade led to concerns that households were losing the ability to manage

their bills.

This contributed to a slowdown in rooftop solar uptake in states such as Nevada and prompted later policy adjustments.

Similar issues have been raised in Canada, where rising fixed distribution

charges reduced the value of flexible energy use, and in the United Kingdom,

where increases in standing charges have led to ongoing reviews about fairness for low consumption households.

These examples show how changes that reduce the value of customer flexibility

can have broader and sometimes unintended consequences.

Given the scale of the change being proposed, we believe more detailed evidence is needed before progressing.

The Draft Report does not yet provide enough analysis of household bill impacts, distributional effects or likely behavioural responses.

A shift of this magnitude should be supported by clear modelling and a strong

demonstration that the benefits outweigh the risks.

[REDACTED] asks the AEMC not to advance the proposal for fixed network charges.

We encourage the Commission to maintain tariff structures that preserve customer choice, support investment in solar and batteries and deliver fair

outcomes across different household types.

A pricing approach that continues to reward efficient energy use and flexibility will better support Australia's clean energy goals and the long-term strength of the distributed energy sector, including the many installation businesses that rely on a healthy and growing market.

[REDACTED] appreciates the opportunity to contribute to this [REDACTED] is open to further engagement as the review continues.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: We respectfully object to the proposed increase in fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

We have monitored our electricity bills for the last 14 years and noted the significant increased in the fixed component of our bill during the period

2012-2016 [REDACTED] We invested in rooftop solar to both offset these fixed costs and reduce electricity usage bills in 2018, but the

significant reduction in solar feed-in tariffs has resulted in the FIT income being less than fixed costs. We further invested in a small battery a few years ago (prior to the federal battery rebate scheme), and the fixed costs are now the majority of our electricity bill.

Raising the fixed component of bills will disproportionately impact households that consume less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and battery storage, like us. These customers have reduced grid demand and made significant investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. It is unreasonable that their efforts are penalised.

Higher fixed charges dilute the financial incentives for energy conservation, potentially reducing motivation for households to install solar panels, maintain or upgrade existing systems, adopt battery storage, or enhance energy efficiency. This may ultimately hinder the growth of distributed clean energy sources that bolster grid reliability, particularly during periods of peak demand.

Small households and low-usage consumers, including pensioners, renters, apartment residents, and energy-conscious families, are likely to bear the greatest burden from a pricing model that emphasises fixed charges.

There is also a significant long-term concern. Continued increases in fixed charges could encourage more affluent households with solar, batteries, and backup systems to disconnect from the grid, thereby narrowing the customer base responsible for shared network costs. This scenario could drive prices higher for those unable to afford such solutions and lead to inequitable outcomes, undermining the principle of electricity as an essential public service.

Electricity networks represent natural monopolies and serve as critical public infrastructure. Many Australians question whether privatisation has achieved lower prices or improved outcomes. The ACCC has raised issues regarding the performance of privatised electricity for consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should foster trust in the system, rather than erode it.

With large-scale renewable and transmission projects facing delays, locally generated energy is increasingly vital. Rooftop solar now forms a substantial element of Australia's electricity supply, and pricing policies should incentivise participation rather than deter it.

I urge the AEMC to uphold equitable, usage-based pricing and preserve robust incentives for households to reduce demand and invest in clean energy.

Please reconsider changes that would increase fixed charges at the expense of fairness, efficiency, and long-term network sustainability.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that

use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it. Small and low-use

households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs

into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment

dwellers and energy-conscious families.

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.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Public

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase in fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Raising the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity, as well as those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced their demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be left worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges diminish the financial benefits of saving energy, which weakens the incentive for households to install solar panels, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this trend could slow the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, particularly during daytime peak hours.

Small and low-usage households, including pensioners, renters, and energy-conscious families, will be most affected. A pricing structure that

shifts more costs into fixed charges can create feelings of recognition and understanding for these groups, emphasising the importance of fairness and social equity.

If fixed charges continue to rise, households that are capable of installing solar panels, batteries, and backup systems may consider disconnecting from the grid entirely. This could lead to a shrinking customer base to fund shared network costs, resulting in increased prices for those unable to disconnect and creating a two-tier system that undermines electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered fair outcomes. Highlighting this concern can foster a sense of responsibility to ensure equitable pricing reforms that build trust in the system.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more vital than ever. Rooftop solar is a fundamental part of Australia's electricity supply, and pricing reforms should encourage community participation and sustainable progress.

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

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Re: Proposed changes to electricity pricing

I'm writing to oppose the proposed changes to electricity pricing. These changes will undo the benefits households have worked hard to achieve – and they'll hit people with low bills and those who've invested in solar and batteries the hardest.

Why this is a problem

It weakens price signals. If more of our bill stops reflecting how and when we use power, there's less reason to shift load off peak or invest in efficiency and storage. It punishes people who've already acted. If you've put on solar panels or bought a battery, those investments become less valuable under this model. It's unfair to low-consumption households. Pensioners, renters and low-income families who use very little electricity would be worse off. It discourages exports. People who export energy to the grid should not be effectively paying to provide power. It benefits heavy users. High-use households (pools, spas, saunas) stand to gain while those who have reduced demand lose out.

What I'd like to see

Keep strong time- and demand-based signals so consumers can make efficient choices. Protect vulnerable and low-use customers with targeted measures, not blanket changes. Ensure exports and small-scale generators aren't penalised.

Publish clear modelling showing how different groups are affected and run trials before big rollouts. Please reconsider these changes – they risk undoing progress on lower bills, lower emissions and more resilient homes. I'm happy to provide further information or take part in consultation.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private Household

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a concerned consumer I see increasing daily fees as no incentive to save electricity, as everyone will be paying high fees regardless of how much energy they are using. This takes away the incentive to save electricity, and isn't this whole point of the exercise.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Costs of living is getting higher every year. Consumers have moved to greener and more sustainable energy sources by installing solar panels and batteries. The change will penalize consumers who have jumped on the bandwagon. If sustainability and greener energy are the ultimate goals, the focus should be on the usage rather than connection to the grid.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: none

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097. Shifting more costs into fixed charges would unfairly penalise households that use less electricity, including those that have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced their demand on the grid and made substantial private investments that support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off as a result. Higher fixed charges also weaken the incentive to save energy. By reducing

the financial benefit of lower consumption, they discourage households from installing solar, maintaining or upgrading older systems, adding batteries, or improving energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that helps support the grid, particularly during daytime peak demand.

Small and low-use households will be disproportionately affected. Moving more costs into fixed charges places a greater burden on pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families who already consume less electricity.

There is also a significant long-term risk. As fixed charges rise, households that can afford solar, batteries and backup systems may increasingly consider disconnecting from the grid altogether. This would reduce the number of customers paying shared network costs, driving prices

even higher for those who cannot afford to leave. The result is a two-tier

system that undermines electricity as an essential service.

The ACCC has itself raised concerns about the impact of privatised electricity markets on consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should build trust in the system, not erode it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays,

locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever.

Rooftop solar is not marginal to the system – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation in distributed energy, not discourage it.

I urge the AEMC to protect fair, usage-based pricing and to 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.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This proposed pricing change will unfairly burden those who have made conscious choices to lower their energy consumption due to high cost of living. Users should be able to use less and be charged less.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the AEMC Project Team,

I am writing to formally lodge my opposition to the AEMC's Draft Report proposal to shift electricity network charges toward a predominantly fixed-fee model.

This issue is of direct personal significance to me. I have recently invested a substantial amount of my own capital to install a rooftop solar and home battery system. I made this investment in good faith, based on the

understanding that reducing my demand on the grid would allow me to manage my long-term energy costs. This proposal threatens to strip away the agency and financial security that such an investment is intended to provide.

My opposition is based on the following key points:

1. Devaluing My Investment in Solar and Batteries The proposal to increase fixed, unavoidable charges directly undermines the financial logic of my recent investment. I committed significant personal funds to solar and battery technology specifically to minimize my exposure to fluctuating energy prices. By shifting costs to a fixed daily charge, the AEMC is effectively "moving the goalposts" after I have already committed to this technology. Industry analysis suggests that households like mine could see bill increases of [REDACTED] per year. This proposal punishes proactive consumers who have taken financial risks to support a more sustainable energy system.
2. Damage to the Clean Energy Industry By reducing [REDACTED] annual savings of new solar and battery installations by [REDACTED] this proposal will significantly extend payback periods—in many cases beyond the typical warranty period of the equipment. This creates a massive disincentive for future adoption, threatening Australia's transition to a renewable grid and the viability of the distributed energy sector.
3. Regressive Impact on Vulnerable Households Fixed charges are inherently regressive. Low-consumption households—often those in smaller dwellings or on constrained incomes—already use less electricity. Under this proposal, they would be forced to pay higher costs regardless of their efforts to save energy. This structural inequity shifts the financial burden from high-consumption users onto those least able to afford it, entrenching energy poverty rather than solving it.
4. Lack of Evidence and Transparency I am concerned that this self-initiated review has progressed without the publication of detailed bill modelling or real-world evidence. A change of this magnitude—which removes the ability for a consumer to lower their bill through efficiency or demand shifting—requires a much higher threshold of evidence and public scrutiny than has been provided in the Draft Report.
5. Alignment with International Best Practice While international regulators are moving toward strengthening usage-based pricing to encourage flexibility

and equity, this proposal takes Australia in the opposite direction. We should be incentivizing consumers to interact with the grid intelligently through solar and storage, not locking them into high, unavoidable daily fees that offer no reward for efficient behavior.

Conclusion I urge the AEMC to abandon the proposal to shift toward predominantly fixed network charges. I request that the Commission retains pricing structures that preserve consumer control, reward personal investment in renewable technology, and protect low-income households.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private customer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy

transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None (Responding in a personal capacity)

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This response is purely a personal view and does not in any way reflect the views of my employer.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the AEMC's review of electricity pricing. One of the central concerns raised in this process is that low-income households are currently paying a disproportionate share of system costs. This is a valid and important issue. However, any approach to increased fixed charges risks worsening the very inequity the review seeks to address.

Low-income households typically use less electricity, often because they live in smaller dwellings, have fewer appliances, or already limit consumption to manage tight budgets. Their ability to reduce bills comes almost entirely from reducing usage. Increasing fixed charges removes this only lever. It locks a greater portion of their bill into an unavoidable fee, regardless of how efficiently they live or how carefully they manage consumption.

This creates a clear contradiction: the review identifies an equity problem, yet one of the proposed solutions would disproportionately harm the same households. Higher fixed charges may improve revenue stability, but they do so by shifting costs onto those least able to absorb them.

Usage-based price signals should continue to be the fundamental foundation of electricity pricing. Increasing the fixed costs would result in less focus on energy efficiency, resulting in overall higher demand on the grid, with the flow on effect of increasing pricing even further.

Any approach to increasing fixed prices does not at all align with the title

of the review - "Consumer driven future".

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: █

First Name: █

Last Name: █

Email: █

Phone Number: █

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that

shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Household

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This is very disappointing to read that saving energy incentives are taken away by the increase of fixed daily fees that are not related to the amount of energy consumed. Usage Prices should be going higher to give people the incentive to not waste energy.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: My understanding is that a new pricing structure option is based on the principle of reducing electricity unit price and increasing the fixed price component for residential users, to allow for cheaper bills for some users. Whether this is fair and productive for the customer and the planet depends entirely on the detail. The customer, the supplier and the planet should all be considered.

The principles of encouraging energy efficiency, rewarding "planet sensitive" behaviour, rewarding less use should all be followed. The supply chain needs to be sufficiently incentivised to remain in business, but no more than that.

It is fair to say that the "well off" could be given less consideration in this process than the average customer and the poorer customer. The argument that the "well off" are the ones who have benefited most from solar panel/battery rebates is not supported by evidence - most systems are in middle tier or poorer suburban areas, as they are the ones forced to make the most sensible economic assessments about these issues.

The argument that the poorest user is the most disadvantaged regarding panel/battery rebates is true. Renters have not benefited from panel rebates, although there is a strong argument that battery rebates have benefited all users by reducing peak demand requirements. Certainly those receiving battery rebates are most likely to benefit the most.

New pricing structures need to be sensitive of

1. The continuing need to reduce and eventually stop all fossil fuel use. Gas heating in Victoria should not be the cheapest option for households.
2. Poorer users should be prioritised, but not at the expense of perverse outcomes - users need to be rewarded for energy efficiency and lower usage (not penalised for lower usage and energy efficiency)
3. All decisions about changes to pricing structures should be fully aware of vested interests. Rich people with large panels and batteries, and high taxable incomes should have less input. Energy suppliers with significant fossil fuel components to their business should have less input. Submissions that are clearly intended to increase profit margins of energy suppliers should be ignored. Energy suppliers need to remain in business but nothing more. Asking them what they need to remain in business will not provide fair objective information.

The notion of completely removing unit pricing for electricity, and replacing it completely with a fixed price (regardless of quantity used), in scientific terms, would be called [REDACTED]

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear AEMC,

I am writing to make a submission to the Pricing Review: Electricity Pricing for a Consumer-Driven Future, and to express my concerns about Recommendation 5.

Increasing fixed network charges would negatively impact solar and battery owners, energy-efficient households, and people trying to do the right thing by reducing their electricity use.

Even households without solar, batteries and energy-efficient homes would be negatively impacted. People who use the least electricity - including single-person households, apartment residents, retirees, and low-income households - would be forced to pay more under this proposal.

Meanwhile, the poles and wires companies, and high-income households with high grid consumption stand to benefit the most from this proposal. These households could save hundreds of dollars every year on their energy bill, even though they are using the most electricity.

I am also concerned that higher fixed charges would extend solar and battery payback periods and weaken incentives for future investment in consumer energy resources, negatively impacting future uptake.

This is at odds with other government policies that encourage households to help deliver a cheaper, cleaner energy system - one that cuts emissions, brings down wholesale energy prices, and reduces the need for costly network upgrades.

Electricity pricing should encourage households to save energy, shift demand, and if they can, invest in solutions that lower system costs - not punish them with higher unavoidable charges.

I urge the AEMC not to proceed with increasing fixed network charges and to properly assess alternative approaches that preserve strong price signals, support consumer energy resources, and deliver fairer outcomes for households.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED] Resident

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and

batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: -

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Raising the fixed component of bills would unfairly penalise households that use less electricity, as well as those that have installed rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made substantial private investments to advance Australia's clean energy transition, and they should not be made worse off for doing so.

Higher fixed charges erode the financial reward for saving energy, weakening the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, particularly during daytime peaks.

Small and low consumption households will be most affected. A tariff structure that loads more costs into fixed charges disproportionately impacts pensioners, renters, apartment residents and energy conscious families.

There is also a serious long term danger. If fixed charges continue to rise, households that can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider disconnecting from the grid, shrinking the customer base that funds shared network costs and pushing prices even higher for those who remain connected. This would entrench a two tier system and undermine the principle of electricity as an essential service.

I urge the AEMC to preserve fair usage based pricing and maintain strong incentives for households to cut demand and invest in clean energy. Please reject any changes that increase fixed charges at the expense of equity, efficiency and the long term stability of the grid.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly disagree with the increase to a higher uniform tariff being imposed. The dynamic pricing has not been great, putting a high onus on residents to be aware of spikes in prices that dramatically increase bills. The average person doesn't have that much time to constantly check the value of energy and adjust usage on that basis, but this method persisted as it increased bill revenue. In response to this, it became economically viable to install a battery and to reduce the impact of dynamic pricing on bills. The Cth home battery program has seen over 180,000 batteries installed in 2025 alone. It feels like now that batteries have impacted the profitability of dynamic pricing, the way bills are calculated is being changed, and not because it was

previously impractical to have such dramatic price swings throughout the day creating unequally billing between homes pending on if they were aware of price fluctuations during each day. Changes will also impact the investment outcomes of everyone who bought a battery based on the perceived savings having a battery would make. The payback periods have been estimated based on continuity of the status quo over a 10 year buy back period. We anticipate our battery will pay for itself in 10 years. Changing the way power is charged changes this - we may never see a return on investment. Changing the structure to a higher charge also does not help people use less energy overall, people will care less about energy consumption and there are environmental impacts associated with that
Thank you

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Higher fixed charges disproportionately harm low-use households, including pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families,

because these costs must be paid regardless of consumption. At the same time, they penalise households that have invested in rooftop solar and batteries
– people who have reduced grid demand and contributed private capital to Australia's clean energy transition.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills also weakens incentives to conserve energy. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed energy that supports the grid, particularly during daytime peaks.

There is a further long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise a greater portion of households may consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the base of customers funding shared network costs and place greater pressure on those who cannot afford to disconnect.

For these reasons, I urge the AEMC to retain strong usage-based pricing and reject changes that increase fixed charges at the expense of equity and long-term system stability.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm delighted that a change to make residential tariffs more cost reflective is finally in train. The huge distortion in the current tariff structure, has been hurting the system economics, and business case for

efficient utility scale renewables, for years. If domestic systems are to remain viable, they must do so via genuine system value, not individual savings from cross subsidies that the current energy usage based charges effectively provide them.

Stick to your guns guys, this reform is critical for full electrification and accelerating the energy transition.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

tion: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to electricity pricing under EPR0097.

I am making this submission both as a private electricity consumer and as a committee member [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1. I oppose the proposed increase in fixed electricity charges.

Shifting a larger portion of bills into fixed daily charges will disadvantage households who use less electricity, including those who have invested in rooftop solar, energy efficiency, or load-shifting technologies. These

households have reduced their demand on the grid and contributed to system resilience. They should not be financially penalised for doing so.

2. Higher fixed charges weaken incentives for efficient behaviour

Households respond to price signals. When usage-based charges fall and fixed charges rise, the incentive to:

- reduce consumption
- invest in solar
- maintain or upgrade older systems
- add batteries
- shift EV charging to off-peak or solar-aligned times

is significantly reduced. This runs counter to the goals of a modern, flexible, consumer-driven grid.

3. Low-use and vulnerable households will be hit hardest

Increasing fixed charges disproportionately affects:

- pensioners
- renters
- apartment dwellers
- single-occupant households
- people who have already minimised their usage

These groups have the least ability to absorb higher unavoidable costs.

4. Rooftop solar and distributed energy are essential grid assets

Australia's energy transition depends on both large-scale renewables and distributed generation. Rooftop solar is now a major contributor to daytime

supply, reducing strain on transmission and distribution networks.

Weakening

the economics of small and mid-sized systems risks slowing adoption and reducing the long-term contribution of distributed energy to grid stability.

5. Risk of unintended consequences: grid defection

If fixed charges continue to rise, households with the means to do so will

increasingly consider partial or full grid defection using solar, batteries and backup systems.

This would shrink the customer base funding shared network infrastructure,

pushing costs onto those least able to pay. This outcome is inequitable and

undermines the principle of electricity as an essential service.

6. Pricing reform should strengthen trust, not erode it

Electricity networks are natural monopolies. Many consumers already question

whether privatisation and regulatory settings have delivered fair outcomes.

Increasing fixed charges at a time when consumers are investing heavily in clean energy risks further damaging public confidence.

7. AEMC should maintain strong usage-based pricing signals

A fair and future-focused pricing structure should:

- reward households that reduce demand
- support continued growth of rooftop solar and batteries
- encourage efficient EV charging behaviour
- avoid disproportionate impacts on low-use households
- maintain public trust in the transition

For these reasons, I urge the AEMC to reject proposals that increase fixed charges and instead pursue reforms that support equity, efficiency and long-term grid stability.

Thank you for considering this submission.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual Consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour.

I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I firmly believe that consumers electricity charges should primarily be based upon usage so that there is reward for minimising consumption and investment in home renewable energy such as solar panels and batteries. For many years governments have encouraged consumers to install solar panels via subsidies and this has now extended to home batteries. The rationale has been to increase renewable energy capacity and contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The plan to increase connection fees risks the incredible uptake of home solar and batteries that the government continues to promote as essential for meeting our climate goals.

As someone who has invested in both solar panels and batteries in good faith

I believe changing the rules in this way penalises me for investing in these systems. I would not have made the commitment if these rules were in place.

At a time when we are encouraged to change our water heating, cooking and cars to those that run on electricity we need to be encouraging consumers to

invest in solar and batteries rather than be discouraged by this proposed change. The advent of data centres and overall moves to increase electricity

use in industry is another reason to encourage the significant capacity home

solar and batteries are providing.

I urge you to offer encouragement to consumers to invest not discouragement

and to reward lower electricity use.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Householder

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

These changes are likely to force me, and my solar panels and battery off-grid.

At present, i feed most of the energy i generate into the grid tp power other households. And much of what i feed in is done during peak consumption times by discharging [REDACTED] my battery then.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid,

especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase in fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Shifting a greater share of network costs into fixed charges would disadvantage households that have deliberately reduced their grid demand, including those who have invested in rooftop solar, battery storage, and energy efficiency. These households have made substantial private contributions to the clean energy transition and to easing pressure on the network. It is inequitable for pricing reforms to leave them worse off.

A higher fixed component also dilutes the price signal that encourages efficient energy use. When a larger portion of a bill is unavoidable, the financial return from conserving energy, upgrading solar systems, installing batteries, or improving household efficiency is reduced. Over time, this weakens incentives for distributed energy resources that provide real system benefits, particularly during daytime periods of high solar generation.

The burden of higher fixed charges would fall disproportionately on low-consumption households. Pensioners, renters, apartment residents, and energy-conscious families typically have limited capacity to reduce fixed costs and would pay more relative to their usage. A pricing structure that shifts costs in this way risks undermining fairness and affordability.

There are also longer-term structural risks. If fixed charges continue to rise, households with the financial means to install comprehensive solar-battery systems may consider grid defection. This would reduce the pool

of customers funding shared network infrastructure, placing upward pressure on prices for those least able to leave. The result could be a two-tier system that erodes the principle of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks operate as natural monopolies and provide a critical public good. Pricing reforms should provide opportunities for distributed energy systems to share the benefits of their reduction in demand, not pay for impacts on the system they don't impose. Pricing reform should reinforce trust and transparency, not further undermine them.

At a time when large-scale generation and transmission projects face delays, distributed generation within cities and towns plays an increasingly important role in system reliability and supply. Rooftop solar is now a material component of Australia's electricity mix. Regulatory settings should encourage continued participation and investment, not discourage it.

For these reasons, I urge the AEMC to retain a strong usage-based pricing framework and to preserve clear incentives for households to reduce demand and invest in clean energy. Proposals that increase fixed charges risk undermining equity, economic efficiency, and long-term grid sustainability.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27677>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am dismayed to read that the investment I have recently made to reduce my electricity bill could be devalued by an increase in fixed charges. The investment was at considerable cost to me and not easily afforded. The changes proposed will hit me particularly hard as a single person and as an investor in solar energy. It is already extremely hard to make this investment work with the very low price at which electricity can be sold back, the limit on how much can be sold back and the weather conditions where I live so these changes would make the investment likely worthless. If this country wants to be clever and take full advantage of solar power the changes proposed would seem to be thoughtless or even intended to damage the future of renewable energy. Is the non renewable sector driving this idea?

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: We have gone down this bumpy road with irrigation water .Water was less than [REDACTED] and dairying was thriving then the smarter than smart introduced aproximately [REDACTED] a meg water but added around [REDACTED] meg in fixed costs result dairy farms d factories becoming unviable he same mindset with energy will have disastrous effects both intentional and

unintentional.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: "I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.”

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27673>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I cannot believe that this is even being considered, after decades of millions of Australians investing in solar and now batteries to reduce their usage of grid electricity. The anger in that being undermined by a shift to fixed pricing I think would enrage millions of Australians, and be disproportionately unfair to smaller users of electricity, many of whom are least likely to be able to afford an increase.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097. A fair grid should reward people who use less and generate clean power, not punish them for it.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27671>

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Personal

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Re "The pricing review - Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future".

The proposal claims to increase choice and competition for consumers. As a consumer, I am happy with current arrangements.

Having recently installed a solar and battery system, I have reduced load on the grid (positive for society) while dramatically reducing my power bills, which were, quite frankly, exorbitant.

This proposal comes across as seeking to recoup the losses from consumers such as myself dramatically reducing reliance on the grid. The proposed solution appears to dramatically increase connection fees, in order to maintain electricity providers profit.

Essentially, we are being punished for doing what the government hoped - reducing demand on the grid. This proposal is nothing more than a transparent attempt to maintain profit margins, and is to the detriment of the consumer, particularly this who have greatly reduced their reliance on the grid.

If this goes ahead, consumer and investor confidence in Australia will be further impacted, given the ever changing regulatory environment seeking to extract ever more from consumers and small businesses. This proposal particularly troubling as it demonstrates attempts to move from the grid, reducing demand and environmental impact, will be punished in order to maintain profit.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven

future

Organisation: Homeowner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Flat charges are already way too high and penalize people who use less power and/or have solar panels. People should pay only for what they use, fixed flat charges are for ripping off frugal poor people and subsidizing big consumption by the wealthy. Do the right thing by the bulk of consumers for once and reduce or remove fixed charges.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To whom it may concern,

"I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

It is very hard to know what the purpose of this rule change is apart from disadvantaging consumers who collectively have spent billions trying to

reduce the cost of providing electricity to their homes and thereby reducing the cost to other consumers who haven't had the funds or the opportunity to add solar and batteries to their homes or apartments.

Households with solar and battery will become the dominant provider of electricity to the grid in years to come with vehicle to grid in the future cementing that role. By generating and storing electricity on home and apartment rooftops in densely packed cities where it is most needed, you are in fact reducing the need to gold plate the network infrastructure. In other words, there is no justification for this rule change.

Furthermore, for the reasons outlined below this rule change goes against the government's policy to get to 82 renewables by 2030 and the need to make the grid as close to 100% renewable energy as quickly as possible because it will discourage households and apartment owners from adding solar and batteries to new builds and upgrading older systems to better and more powerful solar systems because it will significantly increase the payback period of installing solar and battery systems.

The following outlines my argument in more detail.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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

There is also the unintended consequence where a significant number of homes with well over a 100kW of storage, a very real possibility when vehicle to grid becomes commonplace, to disconnect from the grid, a scenario I am sure is the opposite to what you want for the grid, but is likely to happen if you go ahead with this rule change.

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

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Home user

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This change is a blatant effort by the grid operators to make more money without any risk or investment.

The production of energy locally reduces all of the transmission losses. These costs are charged to the local energy retailers who then charge consumers with these costs plus their profit. When they resell locally generated solar at [REDACTED] and sell it at [REDACTED] with no transmission losses they are getting super profit from this solar production.

Why is the regulator supporting the profit of energy retailers and grid operators getting extreme profits over the providing a cost effective energy solution for consumers.

This change is being driven by the corporate greed of grid companies and should be rejected outright

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms

should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly oppose any move to increase the fixed component of household electricity bills.

Shifting more costs into fixed daily charges removes the incentive for households to reduce consumption, invest in energy efficiency, or install rooftop solar and batteries. People who have taken responsibility for lowering their grid demand should not be penalised with higher unavoidable charges.

Higher fixed fees disproportionately affect low-usage households, including

many retirees and lower-income families, because they cannot reduce their bills through careful energy use. That undermines fairness and sends the wrong price signal at a time when we should be encouraging smarter, more flexible energy use.

If the goal is a modern, consumer-driven energy system, pricing should reward efficiency and demand reduction – not blunt it. I urge the AEMC to retain strong usage-based pricing and reject proposals that increase fixed charges.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: NA

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That

weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

Rural customers are already punished by paying much higher fixed charges than city electricity consumers. Supposedly to pay for the infrastructure to get electricity to these areas. Firstly, electricity is generated in rural areas and, secondly, many rural customers are net producers of electricity and if it is true that it costs more to get electricity to them then they should be paid more for the electricity they feed into the grid because they are reducing then amount needed to be distributed.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: personal

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am bitterly against this proposed change. ie increasing the fixed/ daily supply charge. It favors the rich/ high power users/ high power users, and severely penalizes low power users. At present we use [REDACTED] da [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] /da [REDACTED] he fixed charge would DOUBLE our quarter [REDACTED] ll [REDACTED]

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This proposal is perverse. Households were being told to load up on solar and battery storage. Government was incentivising to do so. To now whack a huge daily charge on being connected to the grid (albeit smaller usage) is the antithesis of what the intention was. It's basically saying "we don't want you on the grid but we want you to help us pay for it".

Small households that are low income and have no renewables will also be unfairly hit. It's hard to see how anything in this proposal is fair the the "average" person.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To whom it may concern,

Re: EPR0097 - Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

I'm writing as a homeowner with rooftop solar to oppose the proposed increase in fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

My household has made significant private investments to reduce our grid reliance: rooftop solar, an EV we only charge during daylight solar hours, and efficient hot water systems timed to run on solar too. We're even looking at investing in a home battery, though ironically, higher fixed daily charges would undermine the payback period on that investment and make it harder to justify.

These investments reduce demand on local infrastructure, help lower peaks, and contribute to cleaner generation that benefits everyone. Despite that, this proposal would see us pay more simply for being connected, regardless of how responsibly we use the system. That does not appear to promote the long-term interests of consumers. It punishes people who have done the right thing by reducing their demand and emissions.

Higher fixed charges also blunt the price signal that drives good behaviour. If more of the bill becomes unavoidable, there's less incentive to install solar, maintain existing systems, or improve home efficiency. Fewer distributed energy resources on the system means more strain on the network, higher overall system costs, and a less efficient use of existing infrastructure.

The proposal is also regressive. Low-use households, including pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers, and energy-conscious families, end up paying a higher effective cost per kilowatt-hour than large users. That is the opposite of fair and conflicts with an equitable approach to pricing for essential services.

There's a longer-term risk too: as fixed charges rise, households that can afford solar and storage will increasingly consider going off-grid entirely. If that happens, shared network costs are spread over a shrinking customer base, pushing prices up further for those who can't afford to leave. This would undermine both equity and efficient long-term investment in the grid.

A genuinely consumer-driven future should reward people for reducing demand and investing in clean, local generation, not lock them into higher unavoidable costs. In my view, maintaining a strong usage-based component and valuing distributed energy resources is more consistent with achieving the long-term interests of consumers and supporting a reliable, efficient, and fair electricity system.

I therefore urge the AEMC to reject this move to increase fixed charges and instead support pricing that preserves strong usage-based signals, fairly values distributed energy, and protects low-use and vulnerable customers.

s sincerely,

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Good Morning,
I would like to oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097 for the following reasons.
(1) The increases seem to penalise homeowners who have followed two government initiatives.
(a) The government subsidised solar panel scheme to make Australia a greener country with less fossil fuel pollution is undermined by the proposed fixed charge price rise. Australians who followed the government initiative to

reduce carbon emissions and reduce the greenhouse effect by putting on solar panels are now going to be punished with higher fixed prices whilst the people who use more electricity and cause the greenhouse problem continue to

fail to meet their obligations to society.

(b) The government subsidised battery scheme was proudly entered into by many

Australians to take the pressure of the grid and prevent black outs.

These

same Australians are now to be punished with higher fixed charges for following the government initiative and trying to be helpful. It is a not only a changing of the goal posts but a betrayal of the same people who were

trying to support the government.

(2) The increase in fixed charges will lengthen the cost of return on investment of panels and batteries to the point that they are not economically sensible to install.

(a) This will serve to place more pressure on the weakening grid by driving

away new home panel battery installations. Electrical business which have focussed on installing panels and batteries are likely to suffer and put off

employees.

(b) This will act as a further betrayal of solar and battery homeowners who

calculated their install to be safe because their recovery of investment was

within the ten year warranty period of the battery.

Homeowners did not enter solar panel and battery installation blind. They knew there would always be price increases to grid electricity. The proposed

changes however seem to undermine the government led initiatives which encouraged homeowners to install panels and batteries to reduce greenhouse

gases and protect the grid. As such, a user-pays profile should be maintained.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven

future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hi, I strongly oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I do not agree with the proposed changes. The charges should be demand based not trying to pry more money out of fixed charges.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

I am writing to express serious concern about proposals to increase the fixed components of household electricity bills.

Raising unavoidable charges places an unfair burden on consumers who actively limit their energy use and those who have invested their own money in solar panels and battery systems. These households help reduce pressure on the network and contribute to national emissions targets. Penalising them financially sends the wrong message.

When fixed fees make up a larger share of bills, the rewards for conserving power shrink. This weakens motivation for families to improve insulation, upgrade appliances, expand solar systems, or install batteries. Over time, this discourages participation in distributed energy and undermines efforts to build a more resilient grid.

Low-consumption households are particularly vulnerable under this model. Retirees, people living in smaller homes or apartments, renters, and budget-conscious families will feel the impact most. A shift away from usage-based pricing increases inequality and reduces fairness in the system.

There are also wider structural risks. If ongoing cost increases make grid connection less attractive, more financially secure households may seek to become self-sufficient. This reduces the pool of customers supporting shared infrastructure, leading to rising costs for those who remain. Such a cycle

risks entrenching disadvantage and weakening universal access to electricity.

Electricity networks operate as essential monopolies and should be managed in the public interest. Public confidence has already been eroded by high prices and concerns over privatisation outcomes. Regulatory decisions should aim to rebuild trust rather than intensify dissatisfaction.

With major renewable and transmission developments facing delays, decentralised generation has become increasingly important. Household solar is now a fundamental part of Australia's energy mix. Policy settings should recognise and support this reality, not undermine it.

I strongly encourage the AEMC to preserve pricing structures that reward responsible energy use and continued investment in clean technology.

Any reform that shifts costs away from consumption and onto fixed charges risks damaging affordability, fairness, and long-term system stability and should be reconsidered.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to lodge my objection to the proposed changes to

a higher fixed network supply charge. My family has just spent
[REDACTED] on a solar and battery system to reduce our power usage, in fact
100s of thousands of people have done the same thing, the government
introduced rebates for just that reason. Now these proposed changes would directly
counter that, it would increase the pay back period substantially and
also leave us paying more for our energy in the long run, its an absolutely
ridiculous idea and punishes people who have bought solar and batteries
and also low income earners and other vulnerable people. If anything you need
to go the other way. Please reconsider your plans.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven
future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I wish to express my strong opposition to any move to increase
base or fixed costs in electricity bills. We have recently invested in a home
solar and battery system, and any increase to fixed costs would devalue
our investment and act as a disincentive to small scale distributed energy
systems.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Raising prices for consumers just for a grid connection is a folly, it will just lower the rate of renewable energy adoption of roof top solar and batteries on residential homes, it will make systems already installed in homes less valuable to home owners who spent significant amounts of money based on projections of future costs. Those of us with big batteries will just disconnect from the grid to avoid the charges. What ever happened to the government mantra of "User pays" the more power you use, the more you use the infrastructure, the more you should pay, not the other way around.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments:

"I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms

should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia’s electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.”

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments:

“I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia’s clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That

weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.”

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed rise in fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Shifting more of the bill into fixed charges would unfairly disadvantage households that use less power, including those who have invested in rooftop solar and battery systems. These households have reduced their reliance on the grid and committed significant personal funds to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be penalised for doing so.

Higher fixed charges weaken the financial rewards for conserving energy. This reduces incentives to install solar, maintain or upgrade existing systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, such changes could slow the expansion of distributed renewable energy that helps support the grid, particularly during daytime peaks.

Low-consumption and smaller households would be disproportionately affected. Moving more costs into fixed charges places a heavier burden on pensioners, renters, apartment residents and energy-conscious families.

There is also a significant long-term concern. If fixed charges continue to increase, households with the means to install solar, batteries and backup systems may choose to disconnect from the grid entirely. This would reduce the number of customers contributing to shared network costs, driving prices higher for those unable to leave. The result could be a two-tiered system that undermines electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and vital public infrastructure.

Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. The ACCC has also raised concerns about the impact of privatised electricity on consumers and the broader economy. Any pricing reform should build public confidence, not erode it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in our cities and towns is increasingly important. Rooftop solar is no longer peripheral – it is a central component of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation and investment, not discourage them.

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

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

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Resident

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This proposal is totally unacceptable and more focus must be on eliminating waste in the supply industry.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

I am a pensioner who has invested in solar panels and we use very little imported energy from the grid. I have made a significant private investment to support Australia's clean energy transition. Raising the fixed charge will reduce the return on my investment. I have also spent considerable time and money in making my home more energy efficient.

On a broader level, if fixed charges are raised it will reduce the financial benefit of saving energy and will lessen the incentive for other people to install solar, add batteries or improve energy efficiency. It can only have a negative effect on the move to a more sustainable energy system in this country.

I urge the AEMC to protect the current reasonable price structure and keep in place the 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.”

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: AEMC should not shift network charges away from being tied to power demand to instead become largely fixed.

This should be abandoned for the following reasons:

- it will encourage me, someone that can afford to, and many more like me, to go off grid causing pain to whoever is left behind.
- It will hurt lower income households who on average tend to consume less energy than high income householders.
- It will undermine efforts to cost-effectively decarbonise our energy system (which is contrary to one aspect of the energy market objective which the AEMC is obliged to address) by substantially reducing the financial incentive for consumers to adopt energy efficiency measures as well as solar and batteries.
- It creates the risk of requiring substantial extra, unnecessary, costly investment in new supply capacity in both generation and networks. Decarbonisation of the energy system will require increased reliance on renewable energy and electrification of household heating loads and

transport. The future is clearly decentralised, not more gold plating.

The increased reliance on renewable energy (particularly solar) when it intersects with increased reliance on electricity for heat poses challenges for ensuring reliable winter supply of electricity at reasonable cost. This makes it very important that electrification involves using highly energy efficient options and sensible timing of their use. Your proposal will send completely the wrong signal to householders about undertaking electrification in an energy efficient manner. In addition, electric vehicle charging represents a very large new electricity load. Households need to see a clear and long-lived incentive to undertake charging outside the evening peak otherwise it will lead to a blow out in network costs.

- It will do nothing to address renters lack of access to the financial benefits of electrification, energy efficiency and solar and batteries which is a product of the split- incentive problem afflicting the Tenant-Landlord relationship. Your implied suggestion that electricity retailers will roll-out these technologies to renters via subscription models illustrates a laughable lack of understanding of the credit risks involved in rolling out long-lived fixed equipment to renters who are non-permanent residents of a residential premise.

- Lastly your suggestion that we introduce highly variable dynamic network tariffs only once a network area is close to its capacity limits fails to appreciate the nature of household energy usage behaviours and a naïve understanding of how electricity networks respond to financial incentives within the regulatory framework.

Networks will likely only introduce these tariffs at a minute to midnight before the network needs upgrading because they don't actually want to avoid upgrades and would prefer to grow their asset base so as to milk what are excessively generous weighted average cost of capital allowances that the AER seems happy to repeatedly grant them.

These dynamic tariffs will almost undoubtedly come too late for households to effectively change their energy-using equipment and learn new behaviours. Household energy usage is a product of often long-lived energy using equipment and embedded behaviours that can take quite some time and sustained incentives to change.

In addition, a sudden and highly geographically isolated introduction of dynamic tariffs will likely lead many households to be taken by surprise such

that they end up with a rude shock when they get their electricity bills. This could be especially bad for the vulnerable households you profess to care about. Further empowering bad-acting right wing misinformation attacking the energy transition.

Your proposal is likely to be as popular as a fart in a crowded elevator. Can you please stop.

Yours sincerely,

Someone with a vested interest in making the world a better place.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Submission Regarding EPR0097 - Opposition to Increased Fixed Electricity Charges

I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed component of electricity bills unfairly penalises households that use less energy and those who have invested in rooftop solar and battery systems. These households have reduced their demand on the grid and made substantial private investments that support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be financially disadvantaged for acting

responsibly and proactively.

Shifting more costs into fixed charges weakens the financial incentive to conserve energy. It reduces the benefit of installing solar, maintaining or upgrading existing systems, adding battery storage, or improving energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy – a resource that plays a critical role in supporting the grid, particularly during daytime peaks.

Low-use and small households will be disproportionately affected. Pensioners, renters, apartment residents and energy-conscious families would bear higher unavoidable costs regardless of how little electricity they consume. A pricing structure that increases fixed charges undermines the fairness principle that consumers should pay in proportion to their usage.

There is also a significant long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households with the financial capacity to install solar, batteries and backup systems may increasingly consider partial or full disconnection from the grid. This would reduce the number of customers contributing to shared network costs, placing greater financial pressure on those who cannot afford to disconnect. Such an outcome risks creating a two-tier system and undermines the concept of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and critical public infrastructure. Community trust in the energy system is already fragile, and many Australians question whether past privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Pricing reforms should strengthen confidence, transparency and fairness – not erode them.

At a time when large-scale renewable generation and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in our cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is no longer marginal; it is a central pillar of Australia's electricity supply. Regulatory changes should encourage participation in distributed energy, not discourage it.

For these reasons, 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.

A fair grid should reward people who use less and generate clean power, not punish them for it.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Domestic user

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will

increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose this recommendation. It will drive up prices and costs for those who use less grid electricity and those who have invested in solar and batteries. It will also discourage further investment in small scale solar and storage. It is very clearly a regressive policy.

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. This includes me. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this

risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families. As a pensioner in a single person household, with solar on the roof and low electricity usage, the fixed charges are already the largest segment of my bill.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how privatised electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27640>

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Australian citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I have committed to installing batteries in our household. We live in regional NSW. We own a home, with an EV. Induction cooking, heat pump hot water system.

All of these technologies so we consume less and do our bit for the climate in Australia. Why should I pay the same as a consumer WHO DOES not even attempt to invest in our future?

If I use less power, then am I not preventing wear and tear on the network? Why bother reducing our carbon footprint when other consumers will not do anything to contribute to reducing their carbon footprint?

People who consume but do not install solar or batteries need to be charged for their over consumption. And this should be an incentive for consumers to reduce consumption.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Resident

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a domestic consumer, currently with solar and installing a battery, i sm very against increasing the access charges for electricity. This going to reverse people going to renewable and drive consumers off grid. This is exactly the opposite market drivers that we need

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27637>

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This proposal undermines the whole idea of consumption based pricing. Those who don't have solar or batteries and have big pools and giant air conditioning units would be paying the same as the poor single parent trying to make ends meet with three children, sweltering through hot summers as they won't have the pool or air conditioning. This is just totally unreasonable and completely insane thinking.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: none

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: achieving the long term interests of consumers is the overarching objective of any rule change and this forms the basis for our decision making framework:

I was told you are considering changing how energy is charged for so that there is a uniform fee.... Surely NOT!

As a pensioner (disability) I struggle to meet my living costs (yes accommodation is the killer but utilities are a juggle). Imagine my horror at the idea of my electricity bill jumping due to such a system. As it is, it is the administration fee that is killing my budget. I do all I can to keep my power usage down so I can have power.

BUT if you make the change so that the 'fee' becomes uniform across users, or just increase it I will have no power at all because I simply cannot afford more. I am struggling at the current rate.

Surely your intention is NOT to stop people living around even slightly above the poverty line to no longer be able to have power in Australia?

What kind of country was I born in that I would not be able to have power thus hot water or basic cooking facilities- how do I cook heat, heat water, cool without electricity?

I currently pay around [REDACTED] a month for my power- with [REDACTED] of that admin

fees, this includes reduction for concession. Honestly if it goes up I will have to cut my supply off. That is contradictory to the intention as I understand it.

I have already had to go to hot spotting to be able to afford the internet, I gave up that connection cost. Because I just can't cover NBN fees. I regularly have minimal funds for food. Mortified I may be without power... How do I live without power, well at least I still have a roof over my head.

Mortified, terrified, incomprehensible
If anything admin fees need to come down NOT go up, most certainly become uniform across all Australians- which would be country to the very idea of using less power for sustainability reasons, let alone affordability for the many many Australian in the same financial place as I.

Please consider the impact on all Australians and espcailly those who simply do not have the funds to afford the current cost of living through no fault of their own.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: personal consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: First, I want to comment on the above selections to address the

changes to higher network tariffs. It is not clear to me at all if I have selected the appropriate submission form. Not consumer/user friendly. As to the potential change to driving up the network tariff charge to be 'equal for everyone', it will raise my bill every month and I do not see that as being anything close to 'equal'. What I see is the network companies and wealthy individuals enriching their pockets once again, in the case of network companies it is gold plating all over again. I choose to use less energy as I see it as good for my wallet and the planet. We need to move to a system of local energy with distributed energy assets first serving the locals then moving more regionally. This punitive tariff restructure will disincentivise local solar and batteries and if I had solar and batteries I would seriously consider going off grid as I'm seeing no benefit in the grid as it's proposed being structured.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Single father low income

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am a low income household, single parent. Further hikes to electricity rates would cripple my ability to keep the lights on. I already rent in an area where air-conditioning is mandatory in summer. This would plunge my living standards into complete chaos!

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27633>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Residential Solar Owner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: SUBMISSION REGARDING PROJECT EPR0097

To the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC),
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the draft recommendations in the Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future review, specifically the proposal to shift network costs toward higher fixed daily charges. As the owner of a 13.2kW solar system in Regional Queensland (Ergon network), I am concerned for the following reasons:
Penalising Investment: I invested in a large solar system to reduce my carbon footprint and manage my cost of living. These reforms devalue that investment by increasing "unavoidable" fixed costs while lowering the rewards for the clean energy I supply to the grid.
Inequitable Cost Sharing: Shifting to higher fixed charges punishes households that have proactively reduced their grid reliance. It creates a "connection tax" that persists even if I provide a net benefit to the grid.
Disincentivising Efficiency: By lowering "usage" rates and raising fixed fees, the AEMC is removing the financial incentive for consumers to be energy-efficient or to adopt new technologies like home batteries. I urge the Commission to abandon the shift toward higher fixed charges and instead focus on reward-based pricing that encourages, rather than punishes, the rollout of consumer energy resources.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Non affiliated

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: It is clear that the AEMC EPR0097 Pricing Review Theme 3 Section is primarily a pseudo-Tax on the poor and a substantial profit to the shareholders of the Network companies and those consumers who use more electricity.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: 0410445997

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Moving more costs into unavoidable charges reduces real control over bills, weakens incentives to use energy efficiently, and discourages investment in distributed energy resources.

I run a single-phase solar and battery system and actively optimise my consumption and exports. A pricing structure dominated by fixed charges undermines the value of making those investments in the first place. Currently approx [REDACTED] of my bill is network charges. Households that have already installed solar and batteries could see higher bills, while new adopters will see reduced benefits. That risks slowing further uptake.

Predominantly fixed charges also hit low-usage households harder. People end up paying more regardless of how carefully they manage consumption, which pushes costs in the wrong direction rather than fixing anything.

As this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not advance a change of this scale without publishing clear bill impact modelling and showing how consumers and retailers are actually expected to respond. That level of transparency matters.

For these reasons, the proposal should not proceed. Network pricing should keep giving people control, avoid punishing efficiency, and continue supporting investment in solar, storage, and other clean energy options. I actively manage my load and market exposure today, and changes like this directly affect how and whether those decisions make sense going forward.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: person

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear AEMC,
Increasing fixed charges would be disasterous for the electricity grid.

People with home solar and batteries would have no incentive to remain on-grid under this situation. As they disconnect from the grid, the grid cost becomes shared among fewer people, increasing prices, and forcing more people off grid.

Additionally, the exit of batteries from the grid will increase instability, and the exit of excess solar will reduce electricity supply. Both of these would make electricity more expensive, sending more people to the exits.

In this day of solar and batteries, the grid is increasingly becoming optional. If you make it expensive to access, then people will simply leave.

[REDACTED] rely,
[REDACTED]

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Personal

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am a residential customer in Queensland and an everyday end user of electricity. Over the past few years I have invested my own money—many thousands of dollars—in solar and battery storage. I did this because governments, regulators and industry have repeatedly encouraged households to reduce demand, shift usage away from peaks, and help stabilise the grid.

Now I am reading proposals that would increase daily supply charges, which effectively reduces the benefit of doing exactly what households have been asked to do. From a customer perspective, this feels like the rules are being changed after people have already made major financial decisions.

Higher fixed charges punish efficiency. If I use less electricity, invest in storage, and shift my demand, I still pay the same daily fee. That removes a large part of the incentive for households to be responsible energy users. It sends the message that reducing consumption and investing in technology doesn't really matter.

I am also concerned about fairness. Increasing fixed charges hits households who are actively trying to reduce their energy use, and many lower-usage households, harder than heavy users. It risks shifting costs in a way that benefits those who consume more power while penalising those who have tried to do the right thing.

Households like mine still rely on the grid as backup and to export surplus energy that supports the wider system. But we have also taken on significant personal cost to reduce peak demand and improve resilience. Pricing reforms should recognise and encourage this behaviour, not undermine it.

From an ordinary customer's point of view, increasing unavoidable daily charges feels like a step backwards. It reduces trust and makes people question whether investing in clean energy or storage is worth it at all.

I strongly urge the Commission to reconsider proposals that increase fixed supply charges and instead focus on pricing structures that reflect actual usage and peak demand, while preserving incentives for households to invest in technologies that benefit the grid as a whole.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: (a private individual)

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I do not support the proposal.
This proposal unnecessarily burdens low and middle income households who are currently struggling with a cost of living crisis amidst inflation above the Reserve Bank's target.
The current usage-based model promotes energy efficiency, and consequent reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
This fundamental pricing assumption has underpinned the economic feasibility calculations that have resulted in the millions of home solar installations across the country. In fairness to these people, the present rules should be grandfathered in for those who have made such an investment in Australia's energy future.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Na

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly oppose increasing fixed network charges. It punishes people who do the right thing and save energy. It reduces incentives to shift power consumption to benefit the grid and promote renewable energy.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27624>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: private householder

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am alarmed at the proposed changes to pricing of electricity

tarrifs by changing the relative importance of fixed versus usage components of the tariff. Like about 4 million other Australian households I have made an investment in solar and batteries on the basis that the relative magnitude of per day and per kWh prices would stay about the same. Contemplating changing the pricing rules when many people are only a small way into their planning horizon for those investments is straight out theft. One would liken it to sovereign risk if it were to be thought of at a larger scale where a government changes contracts on powerless companies. The review of pricing less than a decade ago set the current structure and people have made decisions on that in good faith. Changing the structure now will just ruin any prospect of people engaging in good faith in the energy system in the future. It also increases the inequality in access to energy for frugal users like pensioners and other welfare recipients.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the Australian Energy Market Commission,

I am writing to make a submission to the Pricing Review: Electricity Pricing

for a Consumer-Driven Future, to express my concerns, in particular related to Recommendation 5 which I oppose, in summary, for the many following reasons:

1. Slowing down the transition to net zero with all associated downsides
2. Inequity related to low energy users, including residential and small businesses
3. Inequity related to those who have installed or will install in solar / batteries
4. Reducing/ Removing pricing signals that drive more efficient customer energy use, and by default
 - 4.1 Actually increasing cost, in all likelihood to a majority of customers
 - 4.2 Increasing future grid energy needs - not decreasing it..
 - 4.2.1 Consequently needing additional future investment in both the grid, and grid level power generation and storage
 - 4.2.2 Thus increasing the investment (and profits) for the companies owning & operating and grid, and grid scale power generation and storage,
 - 4.3.3 Further increasing consumer energy charges

Most of the above obvious (very probable) outcomes, others may arise due the Law of Unintended Consequences!. I daresay there are other potential (unintended) consequences that I can foresee.

To me the failure consider and state negative impacts shows a bias which is also reflected in some of the language used in several parts of the draft report. Clearly a change of this nature will not be to the benefit of all consumers. Many statements seem unsupported by fact and often prefaced by "We consider" or "It is considered". The recommendations seem centred around the vested interests of Grid and Power Supply Companies, and not of all or even a significant majority of consumers.

The suggested pricing restructure is clearly at odds with multiple government policies that have encouraged, and continue to encourage, customers to help deliver a cheaper, cleaner energy system - one that cuts emissions, brings down wholesale energy prices, and reduces the need for costly network upgrades. I urge the AEMC not to proceed with increasing fixed network charges and to properly assess alternative approaches that preserve strong demand oriented pricing signals, support consumer energy resources, and deliver fairer outcomes for households and small business.

I trust that you will consider the above and reject the Draft Report.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity, punish low income earners, and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources. Because of rising power costs, 4.92 million Australian households and businesses have installed solar panels to off set the rising power costs. As on 2026 over 450 000 Australian households and businesses have installed batteries to off set rising power costs. If the AEMC wants to further punish Australian households and businesses with greater energy costs and unfair price gouging, they will be destroying their own business model by directly forcing Australian households and businesses to divorce themselves from the grid. Large capacity battery prices continue to fall, reliability of battery systems improves, and the economic feasibility of divorcing ourselves from the grid grows with each new price gouging initiative they burden Australians with. Milking aphids? Taking too much and you'll kill the host!

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments:

I would like to endorse the article by [REDACTED] in Renew Energy as follows:

I strongly urge the AEMC to abandon its proposal to shift network charges away from being tied to power demand to instead become largely fixed.

This should be abandoned for the following reasons:

- It will hurt lower income households who on average tend to consume less energy than high income householders.
- It will undermine efforts to cost-effectively decarbonise our energy system (which is contrary to one aspect of the energy market objective which the AEMC is obliged to address) by substantially reducing the financial incentive for consumers to adopt energy efficiency measures as well as solar and batteries.
- It creates the risk of requiring substantial extra, unnecessary, costly investment in new supply capacity in both generation and networks. Decarbonisation of the energy system will require increased reliance on renewable energy and electrification of household heating loads and transport

The increased reliance on renewable energy (particularly solar) when it intersects with increased reliance on electricity for heat poses challenges

for ensuring reliable winter supply of electricity at reasonable cost. This makes it very important that electrification involves using highly energy efficient options and sensible timing of their use. Your proposal will send completely the wrong signal to householders about undertaking electrification in an energy efficient manner. In addition, electric vehicle charging represents a very large new electricity load. Households need to see a clear and long-lived incentive to undertake charging outside the evening peak otherwise it will lead to a blow out in network costs.

- It will do nothing to address renters lack of access to the financial benefits of electrification, energy efficiency and solar and batteries which is a product of the split- incentive problem afflicting the Tenant-Landlord relationship. Your implied suggestion that electricity retailers will roll-out these technologies to renters via subscription models illustrates a laughable lack of understanding of the credit risks involved in rolling out long-lived fixed equipment to renters who are non-permanent residents of a residential premise.

- Lastly your suggestion that we introduce highly variable dynamic network tariffs only once a network area is close to its capacity limits fails to appreciate the nature of household energy usage behaviours and a naïve understanding of how electricity networks respond to financial incentives within the regulatory framework.

Networks will likely only introduce these tariffs at a minute to midnight before the network needs upgrading because they don't actually want to avoid upgrades and would prefer to grow their asset base so as to milk what are excessively generous weighted average cost of capital allowances that the AER seems happy to repeatedly grant them.

These dynamic tariffs will almost undoubtedly come too late for households to effectively change their energy-using equipment and learn new behaviours. Household energy usage is a product of often long-lived energy using equipment and embedded behaviours that can take quite some time and sustained incentives to change.

In addition, a sudden and highly geographically isolated introduction of dynamic tariffs will likely lead many households to be taken by surprise such that they end up with a rude shock when they get their electricity bills. This could be especially bad for the vulnerable households you profess to care about.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I would strongly urge the AEMC to abandon its proposal to shift network charges away from being tied to power demand to instead become largely fixed.

This should be abandoned for the following reasons:


- It will hurt lower income households who on average tend to consume less energy than high income householders.
- It will undermine efforts to cost-effectively decarbonise our energy system (which is contrary to one aspect of the energy market objective which the AEMC is obliged to address) by substantially reducing the financial incentive for consumers to adopt energy efficiency measures as well as solar and batteries.
- It creates the risk of requiring substantial extra, unnecessary, costly investment in new supply capacity in both generation and networks. Decarbonisation of the energy system will require increased reliance on renewable energy and electrification of household heating loads and transport. The increased reliance on renewable energy (particularly solar) when it intersects with increased reliance on electricity for heat poses challenges for ensuring reliable winter supply of electricity at reasonable

cost. This makes it very important that electrification involves using highly energy efficient options and sensible timing of their use. Your proposal will send completely the wrong signal to householders about undertaking electrification in an energy efficient manner. In addition, electric vehicle charging represents a very large new electricity load. Households need to see a clear and long-lived incentive to undertake charging outside the evening peak otherwise it will lead to a blow out in network costs.

- It will do nothing to address renters lack of access to the financial benefits of electrification, energy efficiency and solar and batteries which is a product of the split- incentive problem afflicting the Tenant-Landlord relationship. Your implied suggestion that electricity retailers will roll-out these technologies to renters via subscription models illustrates a laughable lack of understanding of the credit risks involved in rolling out long-lived fixed equipment to renters who are non-permanent residents of a residential premise.
- Lastly your suggestion that we introduce highly variable dynamic network tariffs only once a network area is close to its capacity limits fails to appreciate the nature of household energy usage behaviours and a naïve understanding of how electricity networks respond to financial incentives within the regulatory framework. Networks will likely only introduce these tariffs at a minute to midnight before the network needs upgrading because they don't actually want to avoid upgrades and would prefer to grow their asset base so as to milk what are excessively generous weighted average cost of capital allowances that the AER seems happy to repeatedly grant them. These dynamic tariffs will almost undoubtedly come too late for households to effectively change their energy-using equipment and learn new behaviours. Household energy usage is a product of often long-lived energy using equipment and embedded behaviours that can take quite some time and sustained incentives to change.

In addition, a sudden and highly geographically isolated introduction of dynamic tariffs will likely lead many households to be taken by surprise such that they end up with a rude shock when they get their electricity bills. This could be especially bad for the vulnerable households you profess to

sincerely,



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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: NA

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally submit my opposition to the proposed changes to our electricity pricing framework. The current trajectory of the energy market is increasingly inequitable, placing an undue burden on consumers while failing to recognize the significant private investment made by households and businesses to stabilize the grid.

1. Economic Harm to Households and Small Business

The proposed increases are fundamentally unfair to those least able to absorb them.

Vulnerable Households: Pensioners and low-to-middle-income families are already facing extreme cost-of-living pressures. Energy is an essential service; when prices rise, these households are forced to reduce spending on other essentials, driving further economic harm.

Small Business Strain: For small businesses, electricity is a leading overhead. These price hikes will force many local operators to raise prices just to survive, acting as a primary driver for inflation and reducing household discretionary spending across the country.

2. Erosion of Private Investment and the "Pub Test"

Over the past decade, Australians have invested billions of dollars into

rooftop solar and battery storage.

The Inequity of FIT: It does not pass the "pub test" for energy companies to procure household-generated solar for a negligible (or zero) Fixed Fee (FIT), only to resell that same energy at rates exceeding [REDACTED]

Job Market Impact: By reducing the return on investment for renewables, these changes threaten the home solar and battery job market. If the "payback period" becomes non-existent, consumer demand will stall, leading to significant job losses in the renewable installation sector.

3. Failure to Innovate

If energy companies cannot remain profitable while receiving raw energy during daylight hours for virtually nothing, it indicates a failure to innovate and work with modern market conditions. The consumer should not be the safety net for the poor strategic decisions or failed business models of energy corporations.

4. Proposed Legislative Change: The Right to Disconnect

If the industry continues to move toward a system that penalizes grid-connected users who have invested in their own energy independence, then the law must be amended.

Grid Independence: Legislation should be updated to allow consumers with sufficient solar and battery capacity to disconnect from the grid entirely without legal or financial penalty.

Consumers should not be "captured" by a system that charges high fixed costs and usage rates while providing almost no return for the energy they contribute back to that same system.

Conclusion

We need lower power prices, not a restructured system that ensures corporate profits at the expense of the taxpayer and small business owners. If companies cannot make a profit under current market conditions without charging unfair rates, they have failed to adapt. We bear no responsibility for their failure to innovate.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: [REDACTED]
I put 3x t[REDACTED]he grid
Through solar, and i get literally nothing for the 4000% mark up on their
resell of power i provide if they want to increase the daily charge then
they
should also be forced to pay 30% of the rate they charge, my grid use is
non
existant yet still i pay, I'd rather take my house off the grid and get
more
battery storage than play a part in this [REDACTED] theft.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Residential energy user

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I hereby submit my reactions to the proposal put by AEMC to -
".. shift network pricing away from charges that vary based on how much electricity households use and when they use it, toward a model where a much larger share of network costs are recovered through fixed, unavoidable daily charges."

As a residential energy customer with solar panels I dispute the statement

"Our reforms seek to provide a more equitable pricing framework for all consumers. "

1. Households and businesses have invested in panels and batteries for 2 reasons -

a. Reduce their costs,
b. Play a part to reduce carbon emissions

2. Low income households should not be expected to pay a higher proportional

cost relative to usage to be linked to the grid because -

a. They have no flexibility in their disposable income, and
b. Many are already going without 'normal' comforts rather than pay to use energy from the grid - sometimes so they have food on the table.
Why I think the current pricing structure should continue.

A. The current pricing structure encourages more efficient use of power -

both reduced use at peak use times and change in time of use; Both favours energy providers.

B. Those who invested in panels and batteries should not have the 'goal

posts' changed after installation. They have already seen their investments suffer due to reduced feed-in tariffs. The proposed changes would

be unacceptable,

C. Big consumers would be less inclined to be efficient as in A above.

D. The proposed changes will, in my opinion, increase the risk of power outages at times of heavy demand.

IN SUMMARY:

The AEMC should rescind their proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and they should retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

The proposed changes are not in line with the interests of individuals or of the future of Australia as a whole.

A final comment.

The proposed energy pricing structure would initiate a move that could simply be termed "The off the gridders" for those who have panels, adequate battery storage and an efficient utilization strategy.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments:

I have invested in my own assets for financial and grid independence reasons, reducing my carbon footprint, reducing the strain on the grid as well as helping my community and broader decarbonisation goals.

If you raise the fixed costs, like the daily supply charge, you're not helping people like me. That would directly devalue my entire solar system.

What you do not notice is that the return on my investment is going to take longer. For people who want to uptake new solar, this will be a damper on that.

Households like mine that have taken action to reduce their energy costs and emissions would see those efforts and systems devalued, as a large share of their electricity bill would no longer respond to how or when they use

electricity. Currently, I only pay the daily supply charge of [REDACTED]. It used to be [REDACTED]

My household is facing a cost of living pressure. I have taken out a loan to install my solar system. I've invested in new insulation. We are doing our best to keep our energy bills low because of cost of living pressures and you want to raise my daily supply charges and fixed costs?

No. Absolutely not. That does not help anyone.

If you want to help, you can start by removing that horrible Summer and Winter DEMAND tarrifs. WHAT A RIP OFF.

NO TO INCREASED SUPPLY CHARGES.
NO TO DEMAND CHARGES.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Personal

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Any shift to higher supply charges will act to disadvantage energy efficient households and low income/single occupancy households. I believe it will have disadvantages to the grid as price signals will be reduced thereby discouraging efficient time of use.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I would strongly urge the AEMC to abandon its proposal to shift network charges away from being tied to power demand to instead become largely fixed.

This should be abandoned for the following reasons:

- It will hurt lower income households who on average tend to consume less energy than high income householders.
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- It creates the risk of requiring substantial extra, unnecessary, costly investment in new supply capacity in both generation and networks. Decarbonisation of the energy system will require increased reliance on renewable energy and electrification of household heating loads and transport. The increased reliance on renewable energy (particularly solar) when it intersects with increased reliance on electricity for heat poses challenges for ensuring reliable winter supply of electricity at reasonable cost. This

makes it very important that electrification involves using highly energy efficient options and sensible timing of their use. Your proposal will send completely the wrong signal to householders about undertaking electrification in an energy efficient manner. In addition, electric vehicle charging represents a very large new electricity load. Households need to see a clear and long-lived incentive to undertake charging outside the evening peak otherwise it will lead to a blow out in network costs.

- It will do nothing to address renters lack of access to the financial benefits of electrification, energy efficiency and solar and batteries which is a product of the split- incentive problem afflicting the Tennant-Landlord relationship. Your implied suggestion that electricity retailers will roll-out these technologies to renters via subscription models illustrates a laughable lack of understanding of the credit risks involved in rolling out long-lived fixed equipment to renters who are non-permanent residents of a residential premise.

While you look at ways to gouge money out of NSW residents and mum and dad investors in solar and batteries, you are assisting foreign owned (and foreign government owned) companies to increase their profits and steal money from Australians, this is highly imoral and unfair.

You are also turning a blind eye to our gas being given away to foreign companies and foreign governments while charging Australians the highest price for gas in the world. We are even loosing 20% of our gas just to freeze it to ship overseas. All of this causes our power prices to keep increasing and your answer is to punish the mum and dad investors that have tried to assist by borrowing to install solar and batteries. All you are doing is covering for the corruption in Australian and state governments and causing more people to go off grid.

- Lastly your suggestion that we introduce highly variable dynamic network tariffs only once a network area is close to its capacity limits fails to appreciate the nature of household energy usage behaviours and a naïve understanding of how electricity networks respond to financial incentives within the regulatory framework.

Networks will likely only introduce these tariffs at a minute to midnight before the network needs upgrading because they don't actually want to avoid upgrades and would prefer to grow their asset base so as to milk what are excessively generous weighted average cost of capital allowances that the AER seems happy to repeatedly grant them.

These dynamic tariffs will almost undoubtedly come too late for households to effectively change their energy-using equipment and learn new behaviours. Household energy usage is a product of often long-lived energy using equipment and embedded behaviours that can take quite some time and sustained incentives to change.

In addition, a sudden and highly geographically isolated introduction of dynamic tariffs will likely lead many households to be taken by surprise such that they end up with a rude shock when they get their electricity bills. This could be especially bad for the vulnerable households you profess to care about.

Already we have a mass increase in homeless people burdening our communities.

What a terrible decision to gouge more money out of households and increase our power prices, this will only help the power companies and foreign investors.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Home owner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake.

Fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour.

I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This appears to be a thought that someone pulled out of their butt.

How can a pricing scheme such as this be proposed with any sort of

seriousness. The federal and nsw governments have provided rebates on solar and batteries to reduce pressures on the grid and increase renewables. There is a decarbonisation program for the nsw grid, coal mines are closing and so are coal fired power stations. There needs to be increased renewables in the grid to support to support the decarbonisation. Which also includes large scale renewables. Penalising those that have invested their money into solar and batteries is pure insanity. Allowing power companies and network distributors have the ability to charge whatever they want. They buy when energy is cheap and sell when it's high. They pay next to nothing for a solar FIT yet charge huge prices per kWh of electricity. This policy seems to be aimed at fattening the wallets of the power companies and wealthy people, while's middle and low income families or those with low energy use will be heavily penalised. This policy needs to be seriously reevaluated

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Home owner with solar and battery

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake.

Fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour.

I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Na

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Solar and battery households will be biggest losers from network tariff changes, advocates say <https://share.google/wGbhxzyesynQJJ0I0>

The proposal will only fuel further fossilisation. This is an ill conceived idea that only benefits energy companies and not the consumer.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Personal

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: What a surprise. Increasing fixed charges was always the go to model to protect industry players from potential decrease in user consumption due to their own investment.

Are you just here to protect industry profits at the expense of users??

The federal government is actively putting incentives for consumers to buy batteries to assist green electricity transmission, and you are actively proposing to stop consumers like myself from doing exactly that. Your decision will directly influence whether I, and no doubt thousands of others, whether they invest in a battery to lower their electricity usage and assist green transition and improve network resilience.

Stop putting industry profits ahead of consumers and the electricity transition.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am concerned that by increasing fixed charges, these rule changes could force consumers to desert the grid altogether, relying on polluting generators to fill the gaps when their own solar and battery systems are unable to supply further output. This would unnecessarily contribute negatively to the nation's lung cancer outcomes and global CO2 levels.

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Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Homeowner with solar and battery

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced.

This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake.

Fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour.

I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Increasing the fixed price is a VERY, VERY bad idea. Thousands of home owners like me who have invested in home solar and batteries (especially those who have only recently installed batteries under the Federal Government's cheaper battery scheme) will instantly see their investment crash in value. I envision that many of those, having just got huge batteries that is many times what their daily requirements are, will simply go off-grid entirely. This will deprive the network of their excess stored energy during peak periods through their participation in VPPs - in

other words, increasing the fixed cost portion of the electricity bill will work against EVERYTHING that both the NSW State Govt and Federal Govt have been trying to achieve. If this comes to pass, it will only enrich the network providers, and subsidize electricity for the high consumption rich customers, while penalizing poorer, low consumption customers and home owners who have invested in their energy independence, only to be betrayed as much of their savings from their investments will be wiped out in one stroke.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To: Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)

Subject: Submission regarding the Draft Report on electricity network charge recovery

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the AEMC's proposal to shift household electricity network charges toward a predominantly fixed, unavoidable model.

This proposal undermines the core principles of consumer agency, equity, and Australia's transition to a clean energy future. My opposition is based on the following key points:

1. Undermining Solar and Battery Investments

A shift to fixed charges strips away the financial benefits for households that have invested in solar and batteries to manage their costs. Analysis suggests that existing solar households could see bills increase by up to \$█ per year, while the incentive for new installations would be slashed by up to \$█ per year. This effectively devalues consumer investment and threatens the viability of the distributed energy sector.

2. Regressive Impact on Equity and Affordability

Fixed charges are fundamentally regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households, who often use less energy out of necessity, will be forced to pay a higher proportion of their income on unavoidable costs. This removes the ability for vulnerable consumers to lower their bills through efficiency or demand reduction, entrenching structural inequality.

3. Lack of Evidence and Transparency

This is a self-initiated review that proposes a fundamental shift in Australian energy pricing without sufficient published bill modelling or real-world evidence. A change of this magnitude requires a much higher evidentiary threshold and transparent distributional analysis to understand the impact on all consumer cohorts.

4. Contradicting International Trends

Regulators globally are moving toward usage-based and dynamic pricing to encourage flexibility and reward efficiency. Australia risks taking a backward step that ignores the benefits of a flexible, consumer-led grid.

Conclusion

I urge the AEMC to abandon the proposal for predominantly fixed network charges. Instead, I request that the Commission retains pricing structures that preserve the incentive for energy efficiency, reward household clean energy investment, and protect vulnerable, low-consumption consumers.

Yours sincerely,

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Homeowner with solar and battery

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake.

Fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

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I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose a higher fixed network tariff because it would reduce the consumer incentives that have made Australia a world leader in decarbonisation.

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Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Kodak lost out to digital - no bailout for Kodak. The company's owners lost out to technology they did not foresee and could not/did not respond to. No community bailout

Some record companies lost out to CD's. Others could see what was coming and changed. In the end, owners either lost or won. No community bailout

DVD hire companies lost out to digital media. Owners lost. No community bailout.

I could go on.

Polls and wires companies bought these assets with their eyes wide open. They have to wear the consequences of changing technology, either by innovating or adapting, or by selling up and moving on.

I invested my own money in solar and battery under the current rules. Companies bought their business under current rules. Things have now changed.

Seems individual consumers have "won" and business has "lost".

I do not accept that as business get difficult for the poles and wires companies, that rules should change so they can maintain their business models and profits at my expense.

Does it come down to a "them or us" scenario? Either you are supporting the consumer who has put their own money up under existing rules, or you support big business by changing the rules so they don't lose money and thus expect the consumer/community to pay.

I am tired of seeing regulators continually supporting business at the expense of consumers. I am sure that the more than 4 million owners of solar are also starting to get a bit pi#\$ed off by the continued efforts of regulators to support "them" rather than "us".

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources. Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake. Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them. Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour. I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives. Personally I already pay nearly [REDACTED] in daily supply charges just to have grid access. Sounds like whoever proposed this must have had some free fancy dinners and some expensive Christmas hampers. They aren't your mates, they're just using you. Hope the steak and lobster is worth increasing your own bills.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Submission opposing the AEMC proposal to shift households toward predominantly fixed network charges

To the Australian Energy Market Commission pricing review team,

I am writing to oppose the proposal in the draft report that would shift a large share of electricity network costs onto predominantly fixed charges that households must pay regardless of how much electricity they use.

One of the core benefits of consumption based network tariffs is that they allow households to reduce their bills through energy efficiency, demand management and behavioural change. Increasing fixed network charges removes this ability and reduces consumer control. While bills may appear more predictable, they become less fair for households that actively use less electricity or avoid peak demand.

Low usage households such as retirees, seniors, energy efficient homes and lower income households would be disproportionately affected. These households already consume less electricity and would see a greater share of their bill become unavoidable. This is inequitable and effectively penalises households for using less energy.

Shifting network costs toward fixed charges also weakens incentives to invest in rooftop solar, batteries and other behind the meter technologies. These investments rely on variable pricing to deliver savings by reducing grid consumption. Increasing fixed charges reduces the financial benefit of these systems, lengthens payback periods and risks slowing the uptake of distributed energy resources that reduce overall system costs and emissions.

Many households have already made significant investments in solar and energy efficiency based on existing pricing structures. Changing the framework in this way undermines those investments and creates policy uncertainty at a time when household participation in the energy transition should be encouraged.

Fixed network charges are also inherently regressive. High consumption households pay the same fixed charge as low consumption households, shifting costs away from those who use the most electricity and onto those who use the least. This exacerbates affordability pressures and provides no meaningful protection for vulnerable consumers.

The draft proposal does not appear to be supported by sufficient transparent modelling showing distributional impacts across different household types. A change of this scale requires clear evidence that it improves outcomes for consumers overall, particularly low income and low usage households. That evidence has not been demonstrated.

Rather than increasing fixed charges, network pricing reform should focus on improving cost reflectivity while maintaining strong usage based signals. This includes better peak pricing, support for demand response and storage, and targeted assistance for vulnerable consumers that preserves incentives to reduce consumption.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose any move toward predominantly fixed network charges and urge the AEMC to retain consumption based pricing structures that support fairness, affordability and investment in clean energy.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,



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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: [REDACTED]
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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: n/a

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I have just seen the review and as the submissions are due tomorrow at my time of writing I will keep my comment brief.

I am entirely opposed to the pricing creep which has been gradually (and sometimes not so gradually) imposed by electricity retailers on those of us who have done as urged by governments and invested in solar power.

I started in 2008 with a [REDACTED] system which cost [REDACTED] defrayed by government subsidy of [REDACTED] but [REDACTED] in those days was not so cheap as it now sounds. Soon after we were treated to the [REDACTED] Government's generous FiTs which enabled us to pay off our system in 5 years albeit steadily increasing rates.

We could not afford to invest again until 2017 when a further [REDACTED] was added to our new garage roof. By now the FiT was falling but still generous enough to allow repayment of the system cost in 5-6 years. Our total outlays [REDACTED] including subsidies but our typical bills remained around half what would have been without solar.

[REDACTED] forward to 2023 when we made the move to batteries with a further [REDACTED] panels and [REDACTED] of backup. The cost was around [REDACTED] which we hoped to recoup within [REDACTED] life of the batteries at around [REDACTED] years. We also bought an EV and struggled to enable cheap motoring and available power on all but the sunniest of weekends.

In the last year we have added a further [REDACTED] of battery power and this has offset the issue of charging the car to a fair extent but with our 17 year spend at a total of [REDACTED] and FiT rates at bare minimum as low [REDACTED] and summer producing excesses of over [REDACTED] per month bringing returns of [REDACTED] the days of expecting to pay off one's investment already seem like [REDACTED]'s gold. Rubbing salt into the wound it now seems obvious that the failing business model of the retailers can only be saved by them refusing to pay for the copious power we small suppliers put back in the grid while jacking up their standing charges.

It seems the system is telling us to "Get off the Grid" but this too would spell doom for the retailers were it not for the fact that our [REDACTED] investment would now be doubled to achieve such a goal.

When I saw this draft review it all becomes clearer, AEMO and the authorities have the same aim as the retailers - save the failing model at all costs and

penalise the two largest groups of consumers - the idiots who fell for the personal investment model but remained on the grid and the poor who will simply cop it as they do in most service provisions and then have to rely on a government bail out to keep the lights on.

Because in Australia the wealthy look after themselves through these types of Draft Reviews and the rest of us can pay.

Privatise the profit and socialise the costs and now the middle class who invested in solar to keep their electricity costs down and achieve an ROI at least in line with lifetime of the product will be hammered by the typical Australian backhander that engineers a solution for the too big to fail retailers at the expense of those of us who either have no choice or chose to support environmental goals, societal good and personal household investment.

Thanks a lot AEMO!

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To All Concerned - this is the first of what I expect will be a few of the same submissions, because I wrote this screed and publicised it for

others to use.

[REDACTED] has an audience of at least 40,000 interested punters we know
wsletter every week. Please don't assume they're some kind of
robot response.

I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under
EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise households
that
use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and
batteries. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made
significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy
transition. They should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That
weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or
upgrade
older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time,
this
risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports the
grid,
especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure
that
shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects
pensioners,
renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families.

There is also a serious long-term risk. If fixed charges continue to
rise,
households who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will
increasingly consider leaving the grid altogether. That would shrink the
customer base that pays for shared network costs, pushing prices even
higher
for those who cannot afford to disconnect. This creates a two-tier system
and
undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good.
Many
Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower
prices
or better outcomes. Even the ACCC has raised concerns about how
privatised
electricity has failed consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reforms
should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face
delays,
locally generated energy in cities and towns is more important than ever.
Rooftop solar is not marginal – it is a core part of Australia's
electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not
discourage it.

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.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Your proposal is utterly ridiculous and a back-flip on your your previous analysis. It's clear you shift your views depending on the direction the wind blows and it's clear you don't know the answers.

Australian households are doing it tough. I saved and invested in solar and battery which is something I'll be paying off for 7 years a your proposal means I will probably never pay it off. You can buy it from me if you like?
I've only had it a month and it has reduced my bills to provide network stability. At least that's we were told.

I strongly oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while

households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced.
This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake.

Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

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I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

I'm furious and so will most of Australia be should this ludicrous plan move forward.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/a

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Charging customers not based off use but based on being connected

will result in more people choosing to disconnected from the grid if they have solar and batteries resulting in the grid missing out on cheaper green energy during the day
I would rather producers of power including solar feed in share the cost based on amount of power produced for the grid
Tbh I would disconnect from the grid if that became an unreasonable increase
as my house can run off battery and solar and for a few days with no sun

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposal to increase the service to property is unfair and is contrary to the policy of encouraging reduced ower use.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: How are you expecting consumers to believe renewables are the way forward, when prices have consistently increased with the uptake of renewable energy.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To: Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)

Subject: Submission: Objection to Draft Report - Electricity Pricing Reforms [Project ERC0293]

1. Executive Summary

I am writing to formally object to the proposed shift toward increased fixed

network charges. As a 36-year-old investor with significant capital deployed in solar and battery storage, I view these reforms as a direct devaluation of my private assets. This policy replaces a "user-pays" system with a "connection tax" that punishes efficiency and removes the primary incentive for demand-side participation.

2. What Actually Matters

- **The ROI Erasure:** Transitioning to high fixed daily charges (decoupled from usage) removes the financial benefit of battery storage. My investment was predicated on "avoided cost." By shifting costs to a fixed daily fee, the regulator is essentially taxing my grid connection to subsidise network inefficiency.
- **Destruction of Price Signals:** If the variable component of a bill is reduced, the incentive to discharge my battery during peak periods to support the grid is eliminated. You cannot ask for "consumer energy resources" to save the grid while simultaneously removing the financial mechanism that makes doing so rational.
- **The VPP Trap:** Recent market behavior (e.g., Amber Electric) has shown that "smart" energy retail is currently plagued by software lock-ins and billing delays of 3+ months. Increasing fixed costs while consumer protections for battery control remain weak is a "pincer movement" against early adopters.

3. What is Noise

- **The "Fairness" Narrative:** The argument that solar owners don't pay their "fair share" is noise. It ignores the capital risk I have taken to reduce the local network's peak demand. A truly fair system would be based on Peak Demand (kW), not a flat daily rate.

4. Where the AEMC is Likely Wrong

- **Incentivising Grid Defection:** If the fixed cost of being connected to the grid exceeds the cost of additional battery capacity and a backup generator, high-end consumers will simply defect. This will lead to a "death spiral" for the network, where fewer participants are left to pay for the infrastructure.

5. The One Move to Shift the Outcome

The AEMC must mandate Cost-Reflective Demand Tariffs instead of flat fixed-fee increases.

- **The Logic:** Charge me for the maximum "pipe" size I use during peak events (kW), not for the mere fact that I have a meter. This rewards battery owners who keep their peak grid-draw at zero while ensuring the network recovers costs from those who actually stress the system.

Conclusion

I have built a system designed for resilience and autonomy. I object to any rule change that seeks to socialise the costs of network maintenance by

penalising those who have invested their own capital to solve the problem.

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources. Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake. Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them. Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Personal Submission

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Australia is rightfully encouraging all households to invest in local, sustainable solutions such as rooftop solar and local batteries for power storage.

Many households have spent thousands of dollars, encouraged by the various rebates and schemes to assist with payment, and most often for the reason of reducing or trying to gain more control over increasing power bills.

Moving to a fixed charge model intended to recover all costs associated with power consumption in these homes will render this significant investment made by them virtually worthless overnight, as all would see their power bills return to the same or higher points than before they had solar or batteries available.

This would cause significant financial impact to already struggling households across many different areas and income bands.

All have made the decision to invest in solar and/or batteries based on a model of consumption being directly related to cost - with the investment intended to reduce consumption and therefore ongoing regular cost.

Changing

this model is not an appropriate or fair decision for these households.

Furthermore, moving to a fixed charge model would set back the move for Australia to renewable energy sources. Overnight it would significantly reduce or possibly entirely stop the momentum of households moving to locally installed renewable energy sources. This is bad for Australia and bad for the world and our environment.

A fixed charge model would have a significant impact on lower income households who tightly manage budgets and may not be able to afford higher bills, even if those bills were deemed to be more consistent in their cost.

A fixed charge model may well also lead to significant numbers of households taking the opinion that as they were no longer paying for their power as a direct ratio to their consumption, that they can start to use more power with no regard for the overall usage or energy efficiency of their appliances. This would presumably lead to costs increasing for energy suppliers, and therefore to increased fixed costs for everyone - including those on lower incomes or who have been trying to do the right thing by managing their usage, and being considerate.

In short, I believe the proposal to move to a fixed cost model is a bad idea and would only serve to assist those on higher incomes or whose usage is very high. I cannot see a benefit for large numbers of the population.

Kind Regards



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Organisation: self

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This proposed electricity rule change by the Australian Energy Market Commission is in so many ways, highly detrimental to Australia.

- It punishes those who use the least amount of electricity
- It incentivizes the use of more electricity, and
- It stifles reform in the market.

Industry has the highest power demands and is often owned by multinational companies. Included in the group of incredibly high energy use, will specifically be that of data centres.

So under this proposed rule change scenario, ordinary Australians including pensioners, those on low incomes & others who already do or were considering producing more electricity by roof top solar, will face a cost penalty.

Multinational companies in contrast, would be given cost advantages resulting in increased profit margins.

This rule change would in effect, encourage more electricity use and increase demand on the grid. As such, this would result in increased electricity prices for Australians.

As we need more electricity and at lower costs, it would be against Australia's best interests to allow this rule change to come into effect.

This situation demonstrates the total failure of privatisation.

The Federal government should seriously consider buying out this sector & operate it as a nonprofit, in order to keep costs as low as possible and to be able undertake the required market reform.

This could be funded in two ways.

1. We could introduce a far more aggressive resource tax on the extractive industries, specifically the fossil fuel & mining sectors.

2. Data centres (& other high energy users) should be forced to have the true costs of electricity demands built into their contracts. They should also have to fund the building of more supply rather than taking from our existing grid, thus reflecting their true operating costs.

The Australian public should not have to underwrite high demand households, or industry.

As such, the proposed change to network charges are totally unacceptable and other alternatives must be explored and found.

The production and distribution of our electricity, needs to be considered in its entirety, not just one discreet part.

Applying the same rules to a totally different grid is not appropriate.

More of the same thinking will not solve our greatest challenges.

If the Australian Energy Market Commission cannot devise a better plan that benefits Australians, it should be wound up & be replaced with a new entity and a totally new board.

What we need is a total paradigm change.

Please do better.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Commission:

I strongly oppose AEMC's proposed scheme of shifting network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Higher fixed charges undermine equity and households investment in renewable energy systems, thus the energy transition.

Shifting network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges also causes low-consumption and lower-income households paying more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities.

I urge AEMC not to progress this proposal of introducing fixed network charges. Current pricing structure should be retained.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I object to any attempt to increase the fixed network charge component of electricity supply. Electricity should be considered a basic commodity and not as an excessive profit making product. I and many others have invested in solar and batteries as much to help combat climate change as cost saving. While I understand infrastructure needs to be maintained and this costs, the current system where multiple companies are adding admin costs and profits taking needs to be wound back not increased.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Households should have the right to withdraw from th to withdraw from network connection if they have a ailable power and also without the supplies continuing to reap the benefits of standing charges. Why do you need to pay for something you are not using? EspeciLy if you have set out to reduce costs and reliance on the network

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This submission is lodged from the perspective of an engineer

[REDACTED] experience on and off consulting to the the energy sector. the overall objectives of the report. However I believe there will

be unintended detrimental consequences to the proposed pricing reform. Hence

this submission is directed at questions 5 & 6.

1 Behind the meter battery storage and connected ev storage will be a valuable network asset going forward. Hence all possible steps should be taken to taken to prevent those assets being lost to the grid by going off-grid. Once off-grid they will be lost forever or expensive to entice back. Hence any increase in fixed network tariffs should be avoided.

2 Increased fixed tariffs will encourage consumers to go off-grid, leading to

the death spiral where fewer consumers share the grid network cost.

3. Connection to the grid should be treated and marketed as an opportunity to

use or supply, and charged for as such based on connection capacity. Commercial users have an incentive to reduce peak demand so they can reduce connection capacity.

A separate charge for the opportunity to supply could be charged based on the peak supply capacity to defray network costs associated with enabling two way energy flow.

4 Consideration should be given to subsidising storage capacity behind the meter in excess of what is cost optimal for the consumer. The marginal cost

of such extra capacity would be relatively low in many cases, and this marginal capacity would generally be available to the grid. If the level of subsidy were set below the cost of installing new grid scale capacity, then all stakeholders are commercial winners (consumers effectively pay for the opportunity to use more of their own stored energy than is cost optimal) In closing, compliments on making it easy to lodge this submission.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]
First Name: [REDACTED]
Last Name: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in my capacity as [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] to formally oppose the AEMC's draft proposal to move electricity network pricing toward predominantly fixed and unavoidable charges. This proposal represents a fundamental shift away from dynamic, usage-based pricing that reflects customer behavior and system demand. In practice, it would remove much of the incentive for households to invest in solar, batteries, and demand management – technologies that are central to Australia's clean energy transition.

From an industry perspective, the implications are severe. Undermining the economics of household solar and storage risks a sharp contraction in

deployment, threatening jobs, investment, and supply chains across the renewable energy sector. At a time when Australia must accelerate, not slow, clean energy adoption, this proposal would represent a major setback. Network pricing reform should encourage efficient behavior, reward consumers who reduce demand during peak periods, and support distributed energy resources – not strip away the incentives that drive these outcomes. For these reasons, I strongly urge the AEMC not to progress the introduction of predominantly fixed network charges and to instead pursue pricing structures that maintain fairness, reward consumer participation, and support continued investment in renewable energy.

Yours faithfully,




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Submission Type: Market Review


Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: myself

First Name: 

Last Name: 

Email: 

Phone Number: 

Comments: I am just an ordinary consumer representing myself.

AEMO is undertaking massive overreach in increasing fixed charges.

AEMO instead should be focussed on reducing overall costs rather than

redistributing wealth from the wealthy to the poor.

Poor people use less electricity and increasing fixed cost regardless of use just increased costs for the poor and increased inflation.

Maybe AEMO should instead be increasing cost to high usage consumers.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources. This is a very retrogressive policy with poor outcomes on all consumers

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the Australian Energy Market Commission,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to shift electricity network pricing toward predominantly fixed, unavoidable daily charges.

As a residential solar and battery installer, I work directly with households who are investing their own capital to reduce energy costs, improve grid resilience, and contribute to Australia's clean energy transition. The proposed shift toward higher fixed network charges would materially undermine the economics of these investments and weaken the financial signals that support distributed energy adoption.

Households currently make investment decisions based on the ability to reduce their electricity bills through efficient energy use, load shifting, rooftop solar generation, and battery storage. If a significantly larger portion of network costs becomes fixed and unavoidable, customers will lose meaningful bill control. This will directly reduce projected savings, extend payback periods, and in many cases push battery investments beyond acceptable financial timeframes.

In my experience, battery investment decisions are particularly sensitive to tariff structures. Time-of-use pricing and usage-based network charges create a clear value proposition for storing energy and reducing peak demand. Diluting these signals by increasing fixed charges would weaken incentives for households to support grid flexibility, which is increasingly critical as renewable penetration grows.

There are also significant equity concerns. Many of my customers install solar to manage cost-of-living pressures. Low-consumption and lower-income

households benefit most from the ability to control usage-based components of their bill. Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive and would disproportionately impact those with the least capacity to absorb higher unavoidable costs.

Beyond household impacts, this proposal poses risks to the broader clean energy sector. Reduced investment signals would likely slow solar and battery deployment, affecting jobs, small businesses, supply chains, and Australia's emissions reduction progress. Distributed energy resources play a vital role in lowering peak demand and supporting grid stability. Pricing reforms should strengthen, not weaken, incentives for these outcomes.

Given the scale of the proposed change, it is concerning that detailed bill impact modelling and distributional analysis have not been clearly published. Such a fundamental shift in cost recovery should only proceed with robust, transparent evidence demonstrating consumer benefit.

I urge the AEMC not to progress a move toward predominantly fixed network charges. Network pricing should continue to reflect consumption and time-of-use, preserve consumer agency, maintain equitable outcomes, and support investment in distributed energy resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important matter.

[Redacted signature]

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [Redacted]
[Redacted]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I agree with the recommendation for the end to the loyalty tax. However I do not see re number 8 recommendation customers would be appropriately rewarded for using energy in ways that contribute to a lower overall cost of energy for all consumers. It is unfair to those who have changed to solar power and batteries at a great expense [REDACTED] in our case.

We are pensioners and changed to solar as we wanted to reduce our power bills and to reduce the impact of climate change. The AGE 08/02/2026 reported that experts say that those who own a solar system could see their bills increase by around \$400 to \$700 per year ! We haven't even had a chance to use it as we are still waiting for the government inspector to check it. The Age also quotes that " low income houses would be \$200 worse off a year whilst wealthy families who use the most energy would benefit by as much as \$1400" How is this fair? The proposed changes are grossly unfair to low income earners and those who have spent large amounts of money to install a solar system. Our solar power is going to reduce the need for gas and its infrastructure and help stop blackouts in heat waves, and by costing the government less in managing to provide electricity for those who have no solar power.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven

future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly oppose this regressive AEMC proposal that will increase solar household electricity bills by \$400 to \$600pa and stifle the continued uptake of rooftop solar and batteries that are the main driver of lower electricity bills for all consumers.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The system is already fair...user pays. People were encouraged to get renewables and now you want to punish them for it, not to mention people who use little electricity being penalised. This is the greediest thing I have seen yet.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: homeowner in [REDACTED] Australia

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I have invested in my own home for financial and grid independence reasons, as well as helping the community and broader decarbonisation goals. This proposal is bull-shit as after investing over [REDACTED] of my own money (heat pump, induction cook top, battery and disconnecting from gas), and the next day you are proposing to change the rules of the game to stop me recouping any of my investment. I do not support the changes and believe households need certainty when investing.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Household

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am against this change as it punishes low electricity use households and solar and battery owners who contribute heavily to grid stability and reduced network costs.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly reject this change as it has a detrimental effect to many businesses and households.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the Australian Energy Market Commission,

I am writing to formally oppose Recommendation 5 in the draft determination for EPR0097: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future, which proposes an increase to fixed daily electricity network charges.

This proposal is regressive and fundamentally misaligned with Australia's stated energy transition objectives. Increasing fixed charges will disproportionately impact households that have invested in rooftop solar and batteries—consumers who have proactively reduced their reliance on the grid, lowered peak demand, and contributed to system-wide benefits for all electricity users.

Rooftop solar and distributed energy resources have consistently been shown to:

- Reduce wholesale electricity prices,
- Defer or avoid costly network upgrades,
- Lower peak demand pressures, and
- Improve overall system resilience.

Shifting network cost recovery away from usage-based charges and toward higher fixed daily charges removes the economic signal that encourages efficient energy behaviour. It penalises households who consume less

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: 1.Oppose predominantly fixed network charges

I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

2.Highlight impacts on solar and battery investment

Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake.

3. Raise equity and affordability concerns

Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

4. Call out the lack of evidence

Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour.

5. I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a Solar owner with full B.E.M.S capability it is farcical that the Generators take this price gouging cash grab at the low hanging fruit of 'fixed daily network charging .

In NZ the virus has spread to seeing different Gentailers charging different DSC in the same street !!

So it is a 'RUSE' to allow unfettered self policing of prices UNLESS a uniform DSC across the entire Network is 'MANDATED' ...What a Can of worms that would unleash .

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm investing in solar and battery and I oppose to move to flat rate charges. I'm investing to minimise my bills and I will sooner go off grid than pay more in bills.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a

fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts,
distributional
analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour.

I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly
fixed
network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer
agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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future

Organisation: Electricity customer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a pensioner who has always done everything humanly possible
to
keep my power usage frugal I am horrified to think that I will be paying
for
people who can't or won't control thier energy usage. Why should frugal
cost
conscious people pay for others that aren't?
erely
[REDACTED]

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources. Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake. Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them. Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behavior. I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer energy investment incentives.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual Consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Sir/Madam,

My Wife & I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity, and weaken incentives for efficient energy use & investment in distributed energy resources.

Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar & batteries, while households considering installation, would see benefits substantially reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals, and risk a sharp decline in uptake.

Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households, would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

I personally maintain a power efficient household, keeping our energy consumption to a minimum (average [REDACTED]). This not only reduces costs, but [REDACTED] any possible strain on the grid, during extreme events, and times of high energy usage.

Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis, and evidence of consumer & retailer behaviour.

I urge the AEMC not to progress with the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges, and to retain pricing structures, that encourage consumer rapport, equity, and clean energy investment incentives.

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: What a Cabal you all have at AEMC this is underhanded and DODGY . you are supposed to take care of consumers NOT the retailer who line your pocket ! you are at a crossroad . These retailer will be gone in 10 years
HELP THE CONSUMER NOT YOUR LORDS

YOU ARE NOT LISTENING !

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: I am not part of an organisation

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: If the National Electricity Objective as stated in the National Electricity Law (NEL) is to:

"to promote efficient investment in, and efficient operation and use of, electricity services for the long term interests of consumers of electricity with respect to:

price, quality, safety, reliability and security of supply of electricity;
and
the reliability, safety and security of the national electricity system;
and
the achievement of targets set by a participating jurisdiction— for reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions; or
that are likely to contribute to reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions."

Then the proposal is ensuring that those who have used their own funds to reduce their greenhouse emissions and reduce their burden on the electricity system (such as those who reduce their usage or install solar panels and batteries) are penalised for taking this action. Forcing consumers to pay more in fixed costs when the issue is the timing and availability of energy doesn't meet any of the goals of the NEL objectives.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: NA

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: My largest expense is currently Mt supply charge, please don't penalise electricity customers who have invested in minimising there usage by careful usage (like myself) and people who have invested considerable money into solar & batteries by increasing daily supply charges.

Also please get rid of the ridiculous demand charge which does absolutely nothing to encourage people to reduce their demand in my opinion. Being careful for 29 days of the month and having one bad day you penalise people with a demand charge for the whole month - very unfair!

Reward good behaviour, penalise bad behaviour with an appropriate TOU TARIFF.

Thank you.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: A ridiculous policy change directly targeting all the people that just took up your previously released battery/solar scheme and forked out their own money to buy a system to save money on power, only for a massive fixed rate rise???
Insanity

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: 1. I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward

predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control,

undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

2. Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems

would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while households considering installation would see benefits substantially

reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp

decline in uptake.

3. Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce

usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

4. Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a

fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional

analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour.

5. I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly

fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer

agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: We oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources. Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake. Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them. We urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: We strongly oppose this regressive AEMC proposal that will increase solar household electricity bills and stifle the continued uptake of rooftop solar and batteries that are the main driver of lower electricity bills for all consumers.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm writing to give firm feedback against any higher fixed charges in the AEMC pricing review.

Do not reduce market signals for consumption.

The economics are clear: Steeper price rises in the long term for everybody,
if you suppress the principle of "user pays".

We don't have a world with flat demand curves or flat supply curves:
PRETENDING that demand is flat will harm the marketplace. It will harm total
price.

Grid operators are a necessary and natural monopoly – their profits need
to
be reliable AND modest. "Blue chip" doesn't mean "most profit".

What this means –

So long as supply spikes and the curve in demand (every sunset) exist,
these
principles are imperative:

- tariffs must "transmit" feedback to customers for their consumption,
high or low

- tariffs must not encourage customers to waste energy
- tariffs must respect the true peak of demand after sunset
- tariffs must not camouflage spikes in demand in any severe supply constraint
- tariffs must not punish the enterprise of businesses and individuals who will relieve prices by competing at auction

The risk of "one size fits all" pricing: It will be a distortion of the marketplace.

After a decade, we will look back on this decision, of raising fixed charges, as the start of an acceleration in revenue extraction – like a blanket levy or new tax on the community.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: individual submission

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: What are you: Communists enabling overseas Robber Barons? You encourage prudent middle class savers to install panels and then take their feed in tariff away. Then when they pay much more to install batteries you change the rules again and charge them much more just to be connected to the

grid in the name of supporting people who cant afford panels or batteries.
But they too will pay the extra. The middle class savers and the poor will all pay extra to put more money in the hands of the overseas companies that own the poles and wires. It costs a lot to buy panels and a battery and even before this change the payback is six to ten years. It is even longer if you include the cost of spending the cost up front when that money could have been used to pay down the mortgage.
If this goes ahead then all households with panels or batteries will think of getting together and on a still day in winter isolating themselves from the grid and then see how your system works without the benefit of their substantial investments in green energy generation they contribute almost free to the energy market. And then that group can insist that AEMC be reformed and all the present members who vote for this ridiculous idea be dismissed.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Submission to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)
Re: Proposed Increase to Fixed Network Charges

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to increase

fixed network charges for electricity customers. This change would undermine years of policy direction, consumer investment, and community effort aimed at supporting a more resilient, decentralised, and sustainable energy system.

1. Households have invested heavily in solar and batteries – exactly as governments encouraged. For more than a decade, federal and state governments have actively encouraged households to install rooftop solar and, more recently, home batteries. This encouragement has included rebates, feed-in tariffs, public messaging, and regulatory settings designed to accelerate distributed energy resources.

Households responded. Many invested thousands – often tens of thousands – of dollars of their own money to reduce demand on the grid, lower emissions, and contribute to system stability. These investments were made in good faith, based on the clear policy direction that distributed generation was a public good.

Increasing fixed charges now effectively penalises those households for doing what they were asked to do.

2. Distributed energy has saved networks millions in avoided infrastructure upgrades. Rooftop solar and batteries have materially reduced peak demand and deferred or eliminated the need for expensive network upgrades. Without this widespread consumer investment, network businesses would have faced significantly higher capital expenditure to maintain reliability.

These avoided costs have benefited the entire system – including retailers, generators, and large industrial users – not just the households who installed solar.

It is unreasonable to now shift costs back onto those same households through higher unavoidable fixed charges, especially when their investments have already delivered system-wide savings.

3. Higher fixed charges disproportionately harm low-income and low-consumption households. Fixed charges are inherently regressive. They take no account of usage, efficiency, or ability to pay. Increasing them will:

- Hit low-income households hardest
- Penalise people who use energy responsibly and efficiently
- Reduce the incentive to invest in solar, batteries, and energy-efficient appliances

- Shift costs away from large commercial and industrial users and onto ordinary households

This is the opposite of what a fair and modern energy market should be doing.

4. The proposal undermines consumer trust and long-term policy stability. Energy policy only works when consumers can trust that long-term investments will not be undermined by sudden rule changes. Increasing fixed charges sends a clear message that consumer investment in distributed energy is no longer valued – or worse, that it will be punished.

This risks slowing the transition, reducing private investment, and increasing long-term system costs.

5. A fairer approach is available

If the AEMC's goal is cost-reflectivity and equity, there are better options than raising fixed charges. These include:

- Maintaining or reducing fixed charges while refining usage-based pricing
- Ensuring large users pay a fair share of network costs
- Supporting dynamic tariffs that reward households for reducing peak demand
- Recognising the value of distributed energy resources in reducing network expenditure

These approaches align with consumer expectations, economic fairness, and the long-term interests of the energy system.

Conclusion

The proposed increase to fixed network charges is unfair, regressive, and counterproductive. It punishes households who invested in solar and batteries, benefits large users at the expense of ordinary consumers, and undermines the very policy goals that governments have promoted for years.

I urge the AEMC to reject this proposal and pursue reforms that genuinely support affordability, fairness, and the continued growth of distributed energy resources.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: n/a

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposals to increase the network access fee is yet another cut aimed directly at the very people who are helping Australia make its energy transition.

It the AEMO is serious about encouraging the transition to renewable energy sources network access fees should reflect the amount of energy used from the network by consumers, rather than a flat rate which penalises those who use less energy, or even provide it to the network.

Combining reductions in the feedback tariff for solar inputs with increases in the access fee will simply discourage people from adopting renewables. As

the economic balance is tilted further and further from domestic solar energy providers towards big businesses that failed to adequately plan for the future.

Like many I adopted rooftop solar and a home battery in good faith, under a set of conditions that made economic sense. Since then feedback rates have dropped (again and again) and the network access fees increased to the point where I am providing electricity for corporations with no net benefit to me.

I am now finding myself doing the sums to see if installing a second battery and having my grid connection removed makes more sense than continuing in the current path.

The current business centric approach is actively punishing people who have acted in good faith by contributing to Australias energy transition. Personally I feel betrayed by the energy market and its regulators. Consider

the consumers, not just the companies bleeding us dry and paying bonuses to executives that failed to plan ahead.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the AEMC Pricing Review Project Team,

I am writing to formally lodge my objection to the proposed increase in fixed network charges as outlined in the Pricing Review Draft Report.

As a household that has invested in battery storage to actively participate in the energy transition, I find the Commission's move toward high, unavoidable fixed fees to be a move toward partial and lopsided transparency.

1. The Inconsistency of "Cost Reflectivity"

The Commission argues that shifting network costs into a fixed daily supply charge is necessary to "accurately reflect" the cost of the physical grid.

However, if the goal is true cost-reflectivity, then the variable usage rate must also reflect the environmental cost of carbon.

To increase the "hard" infrastructure cost (the fixed fee) while leaving the

"pollution" cost (carbon) hidden in an artificially low variable rate is intellectually inconsistent. It creates a market distortion where fossil-fuel generation appears cheaper than it actually is, while the grid connection appears more expensive.

2. Devaluing Clean Energy Investment

By failing to price carbon on the variable rate while simultaneously raising fixed charges, the AEMC is devaluing the services provided by battery owners.

As a battery owner, I provide the grid with carbon-free energy and demand-reduction during peaks. If the variable rate were to accurately reflect the source of energy—specifically the carbon intensity of peak-time generation—the value of stored green energy would increase significantly.

Under the current proposal, the AEMC is effectively protecting the revenue of monopoly network providers while de-risking the fossil fuel industry at the expense of those who have invested in the solution.

3. Policy Contradiction

This proposal directly undermines federal and state initiatives, such as the \$7.2 billion "Cheaper Home Batteries" program, designed to encourage household self-sufficiency. Shifting costs to an inescapable "Poll Tax" (fixed fee) removes the primary incentive for households to invest in the very technology needed to decarbonize the NEM.

Recommendation:

The Commission should not proceed with any increase in fixed network charges unless it is paired with a transparent Carbon Price on variable usage. Anything less is not "transparency"—it is a revenue protection scheme that favors dirty generation over clean storage.

Sincerely,



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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose any increase in the fixed price of electricity. Electricity prices in South Australia are one of the most expensive in the world and to just increase the fixed portion is just money grabbing from energy users.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The pricing review with proposed very large increase in network tariffs is a disproportionate and poorly targeted intervention. It fails to achieve a range of key outcomes:
1. Fairness. Peak network capacity seem to drive much of the need for investment in networks, yet this intervention disproportionately hits low

consumption (often low income) consumers - with potential increases in the realm of 200-350%. This cannot be offset by reduce consumption tariffs for low power consuming households.

2. Incentive for energy efficiency. The proposed new pricing approach disincentivises energy efficiency (lower peak consumption) by users.

Whereas

the current system of lower network tariff and higher single rate or ToU consumption pricing puts downward pressure on peak consumption - and thus moderating a key aspect of the need for network enhancements.

3. Lost opportunity: The opportunity exists to better capture the network benefits of private domestic user installation of battery/solar systems to

further reduce the peak consumption (and thus take pressure of peak network capacity).

Please reframe your proposal and work harder to leverage investment by (often higher income) consumers in grid-connect energy storage and drive an efficient and fair system for all consumers. You are doing a reverse Robin Hood here and it is WRONG.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I read the news that there was a draft proposed to increase price

of electricity service charges. We invested in clean energy by putting solar and batter storage. The last thing we want is increase on fixed cost from grid. This is totally wrong and authoritarian must block this proposed price increase draft from grid providers. Thank you.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Household

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: We strongly object to this proposal as the biggest winners will be high income and high use age households. One size does not fit all. It's amazing that the commission would self initiate such a regressive proposal. Small users with low incomes will be hit the hardest, like the elderly person who needs air conditioning in an increasingly hot climate. Please go back to the drawing board, this is greed in action and does not have the best interest of consumers in mind. You can do better than this, you should have a proposal that rewards battery owners and pushes those without them who have high incomes and high users to invest in solar. The Australian govt just spent millions in tax payer dollars to bring down energy costs and you come up with this?? As if cost of living pressures weren't bad enough already.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Retired

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the Australian Energy Market Commission,

I am writing to make a submission to the Pricing Review: Electricity Pricing for a Consumer-Driven Future, and to express my concerns about Recommendation 5.

I am furious that you are seeking to change the way of charging consumers for electricity consumption that would undermine everything that thousands of us have worked hard for over the past few years!

Like hundreds of thousands of other Australians, over the past five years I have spent many thousands of dollars decarbonising my home: I have installed solar PV, a home battery, replaced our previously gas hot water and heating/cooling systems with more efficient electric systems. And I have bought an EV. At great expense. This is part of my commitment to reducing my family's greenhouse gas emissions and to contribute towards a greener, more sustainable future for our communities.

Now I am beginning to see the financial benefits too, with lower electricity prices and no more outrageously high gas bills.

But your proposal to increase fixed network charges would negatively impact hundreds of thousands of people like me: solar and battery owners, energy-efficient households, and people trying to do the right thing by reducing their electricity use.

It would also disadvantage less well-off householders. Those who have been unable to fund the conversion to more energy efficient homes. People who use the least electricity - including single-person households, apartment residents, retirees, and low-income households - would be forced to pay more under this proposal.

This is a blatant cash back handout to the poles and wires companies. Also, high-income households with high grid consumption - who have refused to decarbonise their homes even though they can afford it - stand to benefit the most from this proposal. These wealthy, high consumption households could save hundreds of dollars every year on their energy bill, even though they are using the most electricity.

I am also concerned that higher fixed charges would extend solar and battery payback periods and weaken incentives for future investment in consumer energy resources, risking slower uptake.

This is at odds with other government policies that encourage households to help deliver a cheaper, cleaner energy system - one that cuts emissions, brings down wholesale energy prices, and reduces the need for costly network upgrades.

Electricity pricing should encourage households to save energy, shift demand, and if they can, invest in solutions that lower system costs - not punish them with higher unavoidable charges.

I strongly urge the AEMC not to proceed with increasing fixed network charges and to properly assess alternative approaches that preserve strong price signals, support consumer energy resources, and deliver fairer outcomes for households.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives. A move to predominantly fixed network charges would strip away much of the financial benefit households have gained by investing in solar and batteries.

We need to do everything we can to incentivise households and businesses to invest in solar and storage and this is not the way to go about it.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing on behalf of [REDACTED], a solar and battery retailer and installer, to express our position to the proposal outlined in your Draft Report to shift electricity network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges.

[REDACTED] opposes any move toward predominantly fixed network charges. Pricing should continue to reflect consumption and time-of-use patterns. Fixed, unavoidable charges fundamentally undermine the value proposition that solar and battery systems offer to Australian households and businesses, while removing the financial incentives that drive clean energy adoption.

As a solar and battery retailer and installer, we see firsthand how customers make investment decisions based on projected bill savings and payback periods. Currently, with support from the Cheaper Home Batteries Scheme (CHBS), we can offer customers payback periods in the 4-5 year range—a timeframe that makes solar and battery investment financially viable and attractive to households.

The proposed shift to predominantly fixed network charges would extend payback periods to 8-10 years, completely negating all the benefits gained through the CHBS. This would:

Undermine government policy: The CHBS was designed to accelerate battery uptake and make clean energy accessible to more households. Extending payback periods to 8-10 years would render the scheme largely ineffective, potentially causing its failure and making the modelling used to justify both the scheme and these proposed network charging changes fundamentally invalid.

Invalidate modelling assumptions: Government projections for renewable energy uptake, grid stability, and emissions reductions are predicated on continued growth in distributed energy resources. If the economics that drive this growth are destroyed, those projections become meaningless.

Break the investment case: When payback periods extend to 8-10 years—often exceeding battery warranty periods—customers simply will not invest. This fundamentally breaks the business case for solar and battery systems.

This proposal would decimate the renewable energy industry in Australia. The consequences would extend far beyond individual businesses:

Trade sector collapse: Solar and battery installers, electricians, designers, and support trades would face massive job losses. The skills and expertise built up over years would be lost as workers leave the industry.

Supply chain devastation: Suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, and manufacturers servicing the Australian market would face severe disruption or closure.

Customer impact: Households and businesses that have already invested in solar and batteries based on current economics would see their investment value destroyed. Those planning to invest would abandon their plans.

Major industry setback: The renewable energy sector would suffer a setback that could take years or decades to recover from, undermining Australia's energy transition at a critical juncture.

This is not a minor adjustment—it is a fundamental restructuring that would destroy the economic foundation of an entire industry and the livelihoods of everyone within it.

Predominantly fixed network charges are inherently regressive. Our customers who have invested in solar and batteries often did so specifically to gain control over their energy costs. Many are retirees, families, and small businesses seeking to reduce financial stress through clean energy investment.

Under this proposal, low-consumption households—including those who have reduced consumption through efficiency and solar—would pay disproportionately more regardless of their ability to manage usage. This penalises the very behaviour we should be encouraging and punishes households that have acted responsibly to reduce their energy costs and environmental impact.

Given this is a self-initiated review proposing fundamental changes to how Australians are charged for electricity, the AEMC should not progress this proposal without publishing:

Detailed bill impact analysis across diverse household types
Comprehensive distributional modelling showing equity outcomes

Evidence of actual consumer and retailer behaviour under fixed pricing structures


Real-world case studies from jurisdictions that have implemented similar models

Impact analysis on existing government schemes such as the CHBS

Reconciliation of how this proposal aligns with stated renewable energy targets when it would destroy the economics driving uptake

The modelling underpinning both the CHBS and this network charging proposal appears to be based on assumptions that are mutually incompatible. If fixed charges extend payback periods as projected, the uptake assumptions used to model network requirements and government renewable energy targets become invalid. This circular failure of logic undermines the credibility of the entire proposal.

It is notable that international regulators are moving in the opposite direction—preserving bill control and strengthening usage-based pricing to maintain investment signals for flexibility and distributed resources. Australia risks taking a backward step that undermines both consumer trust and the clean energy industry, while other nations forge ahead with policies that support distributed generation.

 urges the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity, and clean energy investment incentives.

The stakes could not be higher. This proposal threatens to:

Destroy the Cheaper Home Batteries Scheme before it can achieve its objectives.

Decimate an entire industry and the skilled workforce within it

Strand existing customer investments worth billions of dollars

Invalidate Australia's renewable energy modelling and targets

Set back Australia's energy transition by years or decades

We would welcome the opportunity to provide further evidence, customer case studies, or participate in consultation processes on this matter.



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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: [REDACTED] is opposed to the proposal to increase fixed supply charges. It [REDACTED] have a substantial negative effect on our industry that employs 18k people, and is the largest contributor to our energy transition and reducing consumer energy bills.

Our industry is now at the point where we can effectively and automatically control rooftop solar, batteries, hot water and EVs to optimise household energy usage. Increasing the proportion of cost that is fixed will massively stifle this innovation, slow uptake and investment, and increase energy bills.

The core issues with this proposed change are that it disproportionately impacts low income households for whom fixed charges are a higher proportion of their bill, and the 4.3 million Australian households who have invested in CER.

It will also disincentive energy retailers, solar retailers and households from shifting their energy usage and generation, exactly the opposite of what government and industry have spent the last two decades striving towards.

We oppose any proposal to increase fixed network charges.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. The reasons are:

- Reduce incentive to reduce power consumption, leading to energy wastage, putting heavy strains on grid demands.
- Reduce incentive to shift to renewable energy, especially solar and battery investments. Meanwhile, batteries are a primal factor to stabilize the grid.
- An argument for the proposal is for equity. However, there is not enough study to support the position. Without detailed studies, we would not know whether the proposal will in fact increase the inequality. The above points indicate that should the proposal go ahead, the pressure on the grid will increase in the future, leading to higher grid investment requirements. Meanwhile the proposed pricing does not provide any clear benefit to typical consumers.

For those reason, I urge AEMC to not proceed with the proposal on prominently fixed network charge.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed predominantly fixed network charges as I strongly believe that network pricing should continue to reflect consumption and time-of-use. The proposal as it stands should be abandoned.

What is being proposed will undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources. It therefore flies in the face of where I believe we are supposed to be urgently heading with distributed renewable energy solutions.

It will act as a blocker to the uptake of solar and batteries and thereby threatens Australia's renewable energy target and emissions reduction goals.

Moreover, these fixed charges will be regressive, punishing low-consumption and lower-income households and embedding inequality when it comes to what should be affordable access to adequate power resources.

The overall impacts this will have on the community at large in the short and long term are highly significant. The AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Personal

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am an individual with a strong interest in the health and productivity of our national grid, and I strongly oppose the suggested changes towards fixed network charges.
I am an early adopter of solar and batteries - the latter before any rebates were offered.
Our system serves our house very well, but more importantly, over the course of 12 months, we are net exporters of energy to the grid - almost all at times when the grid requires most support.
To move to fixed network charging will mean that our system will be far less beneficial to us and a drop in incentive to export.

There is no question the system needs an urgent overhaul, but this is an approach that will unfairly penalise the very people who have made substantial investments not only to their own benefit, but to the grids benefit as well.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Sir Madam,

The proposed change in pricing with higher fixed connection fees in our opinion will distort the market, also forcing many customers off grid, which

in turn will negate all the benefits of solar and battery households feeding

into the common grid. So, government subsidies for solar and batteries will

be wasted from society point of view.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private home owner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Propose changes to electrical pricing structure to increase the network connection fees do not make any sense. These punish those who put very little strain on the grid and reward those who put the most strain on the grid which is the exact opposite outcome of what is needed pricing should be on a per kilo hour basis for all charges if you use the grid more, you should pay more. These changes will put a HandBrake on decarbonation as it removes much of the financial benefit of solar with battery, which again are things that will lower the strain on the grid.

The goal should be to lower the daily connection fees as much as possible, not increased them

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I was shocked to read about the proposed changes to electricity tariffs, that would drastically increase the fixed daily supply charge, and reduce the variable kWh component. This would undermine decades of investment in electrical efficiency and home-based renewable generation and storage, sending completely the wrong signal to the market.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I was shocked to read about the proposed changes to electricity tariffs, that would drastically increase the fixed daily supply charge, and reduce the variable kWh component. This would undermine decades of investment in electrical efficiency and home-based renewable generation and storage, sending completely the wrong signal to the market.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Network tariffs, especially fixed daily charges, need to be weighted more in favour of residual costs, and I would support the position of some of the networks that daily fixed charges should be increased.

There has been considerable misinformation that is encouraging consumers to be overly alarmed about market and tariff reform, and this is being peddled by various stakeholders striving for relevance, rather than lower cost and opportunity for savings by consumers, as well as the need to drive increased market efficiency and maximise the effectiveness of increasing supply from renewable sources, especially CER, rooftop solar and home batteries.

There needs to be more flexibility to regularly amend tariffs - the current regulatory requirements are too restrictive and provide a lack of ability for market participants to respond and engage effectively in a rapidly changing electricity market.

There needs to be an increase in the cost-reflectivity of the network tariffs.

It is supported that network tariffs need to be more cost-reflective so that they send appropriate signals to retailers, who may pass them through to consumers, so that efficient use of electricity is encouraged and rewarded.

The current level of consumer protection requirements around tariff assignments and tariff pass-through are an unnecessarily rigid set of barriers to providing overall lower costs to consumers through the promotion of reward for efficient use of electricity.

The increased penetration of rooftop solar and home batteries mean that low daily fixed charges in network tariffs provide inadequate cost recovery for residual costs.

It is this submitters view that flat rate usage rates in network tariffs

should be more rapidly withdrawn, rather than just closed to new customers,
so that more efficient use of electricity and lower costs across the broader customer base can be facilitated.

Those who are opposing the proposals of networks for increased residual cost recovery and increased fixed daily charges, are predominantly the suppliers and users of CER who are currently contributing below an equitable amount, for the residual network costs and the maintenance and operation of distribution networks.

There are some distribution networks particularly government owned networks on the east coast, and retailers who are associated with the ownership of legacy generation, who are opposed to reform.

Within NSW, government network ownership is an unnecessary barrier to efficient progress and reform in facilitating efficient engagement with the electricity market by retailers and consumers, and unwinding unnecessary cross-subsidies.

Indeed it is NSW distribution networks that have a history of hindering broader metrology upgrades because they sought to maintain cross-subsidies because change can be seen as politically sensitive.

It is this submitters view that there are a degree of unnecessary cross-subsidies that need to be unwound to facilitate efficient market engagement and reward consumers, including consumers without CER, for adjusting consumption to a profile that more efficiently uses energy at less supply cost.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing as a residential household to strongly oppose the proposed changes under Recommendation 5 to increase the fixed charge components of electricity bills

1) The proposal cites "fairness" as a driving principle, however fairness is

at best in the eye of the beholder. Higher fixed costs could be considered

unfair in a number of ways:

- It could equally be argued that in a "fair" system everyone should contribute to the upkeep of the system proportionally to their usage (why should a solar-battery household that never draws on the grid contribute the

same amount as a major, constant draw)

- The proposal would significantly disadvantage lower income households, that

are low energy consumers

2) From a broad system perspective, as much as possible of the overall cost

should be linked to usage to incentivise the sensible behaviours and energy

conservation (which goes against the recommendation of high fixed costs)

3) In a landscape of increasingly cost-competitive solar-battery systems, high fixed charges would incentivise households to go off-grid, potentially

contributing to a downwards spiral for the grid

4) Millions of households have made an investment in rooftop solar (and now

batteries) based on an current rules. This needs to be recognised, and we must not disincentivise others to follow this path

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I refer to The Age, 8th Feb.2026, p.21. and the article about your current proposal to change the way we consumers pay for our electricity.

It is very clear that your proposal rewards those who are wasteful of electricity. That two very contented old ladies like us, who switch off the lights and use a minimum of electrical gadgets, are going to be subsidising households which uses a couple of enormous TVs, blitzes the AI energy hub, and cannot do anything without an electrical gadget.

It is not that we are poor (we are not); it is a moral issue. We should respect our natural resources, and accept their limitations.

Looking out at society, however, it would, without any doubt, be an agent of inequality. You cannot justify charging poorer people the same amount as richer people. The network charge should be calculated as a proportion of network usage on a sliding scale.

I look forward to a revision of this review.

Yours sincerely,

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private submission

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to make a submission to the Pricing Review: Electricity Pricing for a Consumer-Driven Future.

I have had rooftop solar for the last 15 years or so on two different houses.

The first installation cost over [REDACTED], which was largely offset over the following years by a subsidised feed-in tariff, the prospect of which encouraged and enabled many like-minded citizens to take a more active role in reducing their carbon footprint. The second install cost about the same, although it had twice the size of the solar array and incorporated battery storage, and could only be justified on the basis of soaring electricity prices from the grid. Comments which follow are therefore largely from the perspective of a rooftop solar owner.

Consumption Tariffs:

Electricity prices per kWh vary widely across the Country depending on the mode of generation and the degree of market competition. This is a faintly ludicrous situation when 85% of the market draws from an interconnected grid.

The other 15% don't enjoy the benefit of any market competition whatsoever. Electricity prices should be consistent nationwide and reflect the cost of delivering it at the time it is consumed; if prices aren't maintained at reasonable levels then consumers can vote for change.

Supply Charges:

Anyone with rooftop solar in Perth would need to export up to [REDACTED] every day just to offset the supply charge; this is equivalent to the Summer output of an [REDACTED] array. Unfortunately it just isn't possible because domestic [REDACTED] are limited to [REDACTED], and arrays without batteries are limited to [REDACTED]

As the "poles and wires" are for the most part paid for by consumers and ultimately owned by them, an argument could be sustained that the utility should pay the "poles and wires" cost of electricity that is supplied back to them. A logical solution would be to apportion supply costs on a supply vs export ratio; a simpler solution would be to reduce them across the board to an equivalent level, or eliminate them altogether.

Feed-in Tariffs:

The FIT in WA has dropp a cliff; THE UTILITY IS PRESENTLY "BUYING" FROM ME AT [REDACTED] AND SELLING IT TO MY NEIGHBOUR FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] inverted commas because a rational person would regard this as theft, or at best, racketeering. I recognise that the reason for this is an over-supply of rooftop solar, however it is not the fault of consumers; it is a consequence of their embrace of a flawed Government policy. Rooftop solar owners should be entitled to a fair return on an investment which was encouraged by Government in the first place, rather than being punished for it.

Renters:

Tenants currently receive most of the benefit of a landlord's investment in rooftop solar, which is grossly unfair. A tenant should be expected to pay a bond equivalent to the value of any installed rooftop solar, or a rental surcharge.

Whilst not specifically addressing the subject of electricity pricing, it is worth noting that a 1600km HT powerline from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta would evidently enable the distribution of solar power to peak evening demand on the east coast and to peak morning power on the west coast, increasing its value, reducing reliance on batteries, and opening up access to a vast resource of untapped solar and wind energy in land and ocean areas presently under-utilised.

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I wish to raise concerns about the proposed reforms that would increase charges for households that use the least electricity – many of whom have invested in solar and battery systems in line with government incentives and policy direction, and for many in our community who can also least afford increased energy costs.

Over the past decade, Victorian households were actively encouraged to install rooftop solar and, more recently, batteries. These investments were promoted as a way to reduce pressure on the grid, lower emissions, and support the state's transition to renewable energy. Many families made significant financial commitments on the understanding that reducing grid reliance was responsible, good for the environment, and supported by government policy.

The current proposal appears to reverse that logic by shifting higher network

costs onto those who now use the grid the least, or those who can least afford increased electricity costs. This effectively penalises 1. households

for doing exactly what they were encouraged to do, invest in their own infrastructure to reduce demand on the system, and 2. households who can least afford energy cost increases.

A more equitable approach would be to ensure that those who place the greatest load on the grid – and therefore drive the need for upgrades and maintenance – contribute proportionately to those costs. High-usage households and businesses rely more heavily on the network and benefit most

from its expansion and resilience. It is reasonable that their contribution reflects that level of reliance.

I support a fair and sustainable energy system, but reforms must not undermine public confidence by disadvantaging those who acted in good faith

and invested early in renewable technologies. Any new pricing structure should recognise and reward reduced grid demand, not penalise it.

I ask the Commission to reconsider the proposed model and ensure that cost-recovery mechanisms are aligned with actual grid usage and long-term

policy goals.

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Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: In regards to Recommendation 5: Amend the rules to focus network tariff design on efficiency, supporting a lowest-cost grid and a fairer sharing of costs among consumers.

I absolutely disagree with the contention that fixed charges should be increased for residential users over for volume metric charges.

The current system is already unfair on residential users.

Residential usage is only 30% of current grid demand and forecast to decline through 2050 per Figure 3-13 Electricity delivered - DNSPs.

Source:
<https://www.aer.gov.au/system/files/2025-12/AER%20-%202025%20Electricity%20and%20gas%20networks%20performance%20report%20-%20December%202025.pdf>

Industrial and commercial users should be made to pay their share of distribution costs if not more.

Residential users that have invested in Solar should not be penalised when industry commercial users have not made the same investments.

Commercial and industrial users are benefiting from small scale rooftop especially during peak daytime demand.

In most cases industrial and commercial users pay discounted kilowatt rates and only pay very minimal daily service charges.

In short, commercial and industrial users should be paying a much larger portion of any daily service and usage charges, not less.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the propoaed changes on the basis that it is in fact, not fair to the average consumer. The proposal makes it more expensive for households who load shift away from peak periods either through behavioural change or fitting batteries/ own generation etc. while creating no incentive for large power users to reduce their consumption especially at peak times. With the grid designed for peak periods capacity, distributing cost as proposed does nothing to incentivise changes that should result in reducing peak demand, while penalizing those who do reduce peak demand. This is

backwards and not aligned to the desired future with lower peak demand.

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED] 3

Comments: Dear Sir/Madam,
The proposal will leave low-income households worse off, and high-income households far better off. It is regressive at best, and irresponsible at worst.

The community backlash will be enormous, and rightly so.

Please reconsider this proposal.

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First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the prop

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a large EPC delivering solar and storage solutions across residential and commercial markets, we are concerned that the most consequential recommendation in this review, a shift toward predominantly fixed network charges, has not been supported by a transparent evidence base or tested through the Stakeholder Reference Group established by the Commission.

This is particularly concerning given the scale of the proposed change and its potential impact on customer behaviour, private investment, and the economics of distributed energy.

From our experience working directly with energy users, price signals matter.

Customers make decisions about solar, batteries, electrification, and energy efficiency based on their ability to influence their bills. A shift toward predominantly fixed network charges weakens that signal and reduces the financial value of demand-side action.

While framed as efficient cost recovery, this approach risks shifting more cost and risk onto households and businesses, particularly smaller users, while reducing their capacity to respond. It also risks slowing investment in distributed energy resources that are already helping to reduce peak demand, defer network upgrades, and lower system costs overall.

In effect, the proposal represents a network-centric approach that prioritises revenue certainty over consumer agency and may entrench regressive outcomes if not carefully designed and justified.

Our key requests to the AEMC are:

Publish and consult on a transparent evidence base before progressing toward predominantly fixed network charges, including modelling of bill impacts, distributional effects, and likely behavioural responses across different customer segments.

Treat predominantly fixed residual recovery as a last-resort mechanism, rather than the default direction, particularly where it undermines efficient customer investment in distributed energy and demand management.

Preserve customer intelligibility and agency in tariff design, ensuring that customers can still understand, influence, and manage their energy costs.

Address the underlying capex bias in the regulatory framework by progressing toward a genuine totex approach through the Electricity Network Regulation Review, prior to implementing major tariff structure reforms.

In our view, tariff reform should strengthen, not weaken, the economic signals that encourage efficient customer behaviour and private investment in distributed energy. Any move toward higher fixed charges should only occur after clear evidence, strong consumer protections, and alignment with broader regulatory reforms.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments:

It has come to my attention that the industry body you represent is going to push for a change in energy tariff model, such that it will average out energy use across the board, charging low energy users more, and high energy users less. This is outrageous (and I don't use the term lightly).

I'm writing to register my strong protest against any initiative that rewards high energy users, to the detriment of low energy users.

Households that use low amounts of energy, do so for good reasons: either they're struggling to afford it, or they're trying to contribute to a reduction in carbon emissions in order to give their children some hope of a future. Why should they subsidise those who are living luxuriously?

Now more than ever, incentives must be provided to encourage responsible energy use.

I strongly suggest you go back to the drawing board on this one.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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Email: [REDACTED]
Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to express my dismay at the proposed radical change in how households should be charged for electricity, coming from the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC). I have been [REDACTED] about the AEMC proposal in a long and detailed article by [REDACTED], the Director of Analysis and Advisory at Green Energy Markets [REDACTED] that caught my attention are:

The proposed change will mean that households no longer pay electricity network monopolies based on how much power they draw from the network and when they do it. Instead, they would pay a substantially inflated fixed daily charge. This could involve roughly a quadrupling in the network fixed charge, although it will vary from around a 350% increase in some networks (NSW and QLD networks) to a 500% increase in others (Victorian networks).

So the pensioner in a small cottage home, who makes sure they wear their winter woollies to keep their heating bill down, and always takes short showers and who used their small surplus cash to buy solar to contain their power bill, will be hit with the same bill to use the network as the CEO in their mansion down the road who heats their pool in winter, never switches their ducted air conditioner off in Summer, and who swears off solar as something for hippies and lefties. One thing we know for sure is that this new recommendation would be extremely good for the shareholders in electricity distribution networks. The AEMC's recommendation is like a

Robin Hood scheme in reverse.

Then follows a detailed examination of the equity impacts on low, medium and high income households which you would do well to note. For equity reasons, it cannot be allowed to proceed.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Disagree with the sentiment, this scheme will benefit users who are high energy consumers who seems to be the highest benefactors. The population on the brink of cost of living difficulties will be worst off and those whom will or have actively adjusted their usage behaviours will be worst off.

Shelve this away in the poor ideas cabinet.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: personal submission

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am concerned that the proposed move toward predominantly fixed electricity network charges would undermine one of the most important drivers of household decarbonisation: the incentive to use less energy and to use it more wisely. For many years, households have been encouraged to improve efficiency, shift demand away from peak times, and invest in technologies such as solar, batteries and efficient appliances. These actions only work if bills meaningfully respond to consumption and timing. Increasing fixed charges weakens that relationship and sends the opposite signal – that individual actions no longer matter.

From a behaviour-change perspective, this proposal is particularly damaging. Many households reduce their emissions not through large capital investments, but through everyday choices: insulating, upgrading appliances, managing heating and cooling, and consciously limiting electricity use. Predominantly fixed charges disproportionately penalise these low-consumption households, eroding the financial reward for efficiency and restraint. Over time, this risks undermining public trust in energy policy and discouraging the very behaviours needed for an efficient, low-emissions energy system.

The proposal is also inequitable. Fixed charges fall hardest on people who use the least electricity, including lower-income households, renters, apartment dwellers, and older Australians. These groups often have the least ability to install solar or batteries, yet they would face higher unavoidable costs regardless of how carefully they manage their energy use. Pricing

reforms that increase fixed charges risk entrenching disadvantage and locking households out of the energy transition rather than supporting broader participation.

I recognise that electricity networks need stable and adequate revenue, and that pricing reform is necessary. However, reform should strengthen – not weaken – incentives for efficiency, demand shifting and electrification. Network pricing must retain strong volumetric and time-based signals and include safeguards to protect low-consumption households. A transition to predominantly fixed charges would move Australia in the wrong direction for both equity and emissions reduction, and I urge the Commission not to progress this approach.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: My feelings about this new pricing arrangement is as usual for government and there agencies, draw people in to doing something that is broadcast as good for the environment, but the bright buffoons don't think to far ahead , so that encouragement than leads to problems. A guess who has to pay for the farsighted experts, us the public ,more money more cost ,we have no say, no hope ,just like rabbits in the headlights, we listened to the advice, cost us a great deal , but now as usual, charge more , when does this

stop , when we have nothing more to give you have to stop thinking this way,
business now has to make profit,profit,profit ahead of anything else,start thinking about the mistakes , misdirection's taken and you pay the price not us overburdened people the public I live in disbelief the way this whole show is being run, take no accountability,and let us pay for your mistakes,under planning, it always costs us, start doing what you're paid for and don't keep hurting the poor public

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please don't make electricity more expensive for those of us who try to save energy + don't consume much! Also low income households need protecting.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Concerned Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the Australian Energy Market Commission,

I am writing to make a submission to the Pricing Review: Electricity Pricing for a Consumer-Driven Future.

I am very concerned about the recommendation to increase fixed network prices, as I feel it will drive up costs unfairly and will take away incentives to install solar and batteries for many people - taking away their potential to reduce carbon emissions.

Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive.

Low-consumption households already use less electricity, often because of constrained incomes, smaller dwellings, or limited appliance stock. Fixed charges represent a larger share of their total bill, meaning these households would pay more regardless of their ability to respond.

Modelling shows low-consumption and lower-income households are consistently worse off under a fixed-charge-dominant model, while high-consumption households benefit.

These impacts are structural and ongoing, not transitional.

Further analysis undertaken by Green Energy Markets shows the proposal would significantly undermine the economics of household solar and battery systems.

Increased fixed networks costs would result in households with existing solar and batteries have their bills increase by around \$400 to \$680 per year compared with current default time-of-use tariffs.

For households considering installing solar and batteries, the annual bill savings those systems could push the payback period beyond 10 years.

The reduction in savings would significantly extend payback periods, in many cases beyond typical battery warranty periods, sharply reducing the financial case for investment.

This would weaken household incentives to adopt solar and batteries and risks a major slowdown in deployment.

I am also concerned that this self-initiated review by the AEMC, and that the proposed shift toward predominantly fixed network charges was not referred to the Stakeholder Reference Group and is not supported by published bill modelling or real-world evidence.

Given the scale of the impacts on households, equity and investment signals, this proposal warrants a far higher evidentiary threshold than is currently demonstrated in the Draft Report.

I urge the AEMC not to proceed with increasing fixed network charges and to properly assess alternative approaches that preserve strong price signals, support consumer energy resources, and deliver fairer outcomes for households.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: private contribution

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I have only read a report/summary of the proposal as shown in the The Age article from 8 Feb 2026. I concur with the conclusions offered therein, that to shift charges relating to electricity network maintenance and upgrades from peak usage to higher daily fixed charges penalises those who can least afford it; being pensioners, low-income households, renters, apartment dwellers. It will also penalise those people who have worked hardest to minimise their peak usage, and reward those who have done nothing to manage their usage and who in all likelihood can afford the higher charges.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, Sorry I oppose this proposal for predominantly fixed costs in future as it sends th ewrong message to users, encouraging them to use more without paying more! Currently there is a major benefit in charging most

of the bill for energy used as it encourages less energy usage to gain a reduction in power bills.

A move to predominantly fixed network charges would have serious and far-reaching consequences for households, equity, and the energy/renewable energy industry. Households that have invested in solar and batteries would see much of their financial benefit investment stripped away, as a far greater share of their bill would no longer respond to their energy use or demand-shifting behaviour. Existing time-of use tariffs encourage energy use outside peak periods which reduces the overall infrastructure necessary to keep the lights on everywhere, which also benefits the Commission.

Modelling undertaken by Green Energy Markets demonstrates the scale of this harm:

Existing solar and battery households would see electricity bills increase by around \$400 to \$680 per year compared with current default time-of-use tariffs. Households considering installing solar and batteries may see the payback pushed beyond 10 years, dramatically reducing the incentive to install, forcing power Cos to invest more heavily in alternative infrastructure to take the load! The success of private investors adding roof top solar and batteries has brought Australia's emissions reductions down further than previously, so please do not kill this 'goose laying golden eggs' promoting the safety of our planet, ,...alongside the government subsidy on batteries which thankfully is being extended!

Low-consumption and lower-income households would also be disproportionately worse off, as fixed charges make up a much larger share of their total bill and will wipe out any usage reductions they make to try and save money. This is very unfair and takes away any control they may have over their meagre finances.

The implications for investment are similarly damaging. By undermining the economics of solar and battery systems, this proposal would significantly weaken incentives for household uptake and risks a sharp contraction in deployment - potentially requiring more gas and coal generated power which increases carbon emissions, which benefits no-one except the fossil fuel corporations, who are wealthy enough and if responsible citizens should be re-positioning their businesses to renewable driven energy answers. If progressed, this would represent a serious setback for Australia's clean energy transition and a major risk to large parts of our renewable's

industry, which is doing a lot of the heavy lifting to meet reduced emissions targets.

I am therefore strongly opposing the introduction of this dreadful predominantly fixed network charging model, and strongly urge the Commission to reject this approach and revert to the much fairer current time of use charging.

Please take notice and act before its too late.

In anticipation,

[REDACTED]

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The AEMC information sheet provides the following statement:

We also see a risk that if current arrangements continue, consumers with solar, batteries or EVs would continue to contribute less to the cost of the electricity network, despite relying on it for exports and for backup power.

This means that consumers without these technologies would pay relatively more, leading to inequitable cost sharing.

My concerns about the proposals in the draft report include the following:

1. Households have already paid thousands of dollars for their purchase of solar panels and batteries, thereby helping themselves reduce energy costs as well as contributing to lower wholesale costs which benefit everyone.
 - a. Recent reports have stated that the impact of battery storage - including household battery storage - is having a desirable, downward impact on the wholesale energy prices, an outcome that was anticipated.
 - b. The proposal to increase fixed network costs would result in another financial impost on these same households - and that seems most unfair.
2. Reducing the financial benefit to households of investing in solar and/or battery storage, will act as a disincentive to invest, thereby slowing down the transition to renewable energies, just at a time when we really need to keep the momentum going.
3. I understand that, since the introduction of the battery rebate scheme, those who have already invested in household batteries have opted for battery sizes that are considered "large". This could mean that some might consider disconnecting from the grid, altogether, thereby INCREASING the costs on other consumers, rather than continuing to support the network. This is, surely, an unintended consequence that should be avoided.

So, what to do about this situation?

It appears to me that:

1. Network charges need to be kept to a minimum to avoid disincentivising other households that CAN afford it from investing in solar and batteries.
2. Households that have not invested in rooftop solar/battery storage should be charged an extra levy (ie due to dirty fuels) - thus acting as an incentive to move to greener energy.
 - a. Where there are embedded networks (for those in units), there needs to be some incentive to encourage/assist them to install solar panels/battery storage as much as possible - even if only for the common areas; the benefits to be distributed to unit residents, thereby letting everyone realise some of the benefits of the green shift.
 - b. Where there are households on low incomes who cannot, therefore, afford to invest in solar/battery storage, then they could receive financial support in the form of energy rebates (similar to those the federal government recently stopped - but ensuring they are means tested. In other words, use the extra charges on households that are still using dirty fuels and have not invested in greener energy to help those in the lower socio-economic groups).

Do not offer such rebates to those with battery storage.

I recognise that not all household rooftops are suitable for rooftop solar

panels (due to trees, design of the rooftop and/or aspect to the sun), so
-
maybe - those people could be encouraged to purchase a household battery
so
that they can import during the middle of the day when prices are usually
pretty low and then use their own battery energy during the evening peak
hour. This would see them gain benefits of the transition to green
energy
and reduce overall costs.

Once overall usage costs come down - and consumers can, therefore, see
the
benefits of our energy transition, then - and only then - should an
increase in network charges be considered.

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Organisation: Na

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The AEMC's proposal to increase fixed network charges feels
regressive-hitting pensioners, low-income folks, and solar/battery
adopters
while easing the burden on big energy guzzlers. This policy would
continue to
make the electricity market more inefficient and reduce the uptake of
renewable energy sources such as solar.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: none

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Absolutely insane proposal. Good if you want to drive anyone with a battery system to upgrade capacity or purchase an EV for V2H use. I run solar and battery and will buy an EV to go off grid as all I am paying now is the daily supply charge. If that goes up, and I'm not using power then disconnecting makes sense. Charge the high volume users more: AI data centres, large corporate cloud providers - use that money to build and upgrade infrastructure. User pays, the more you use, the more you pay should be the goal here, not penalizing the little guys who are already struggling.

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Organisation: NA

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The shift to higher fixed daily supply rates is yet another blow to low income houses already struggling. We were told to be more efficient and limit use/invest in solar. A higher fixed daily cost would take these energy efficient low income houses backwards. If anything we should increase usage rates and lower daily connection fees. That would more fairly increase costs for high usage houses instead of low income houses already struggling.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private submission

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: From everything I have read about the Australian Energy Market Commission's proposal to pay for the upkeep of the grid (its poles and wires), I cannot see how it will improve the way costs are shared. It is

discriminatory. Low-income residents or those, such as myself with solar + battery in a small house, would be negatively affected because we use less power when compared with those with bigger houses. I cannot understand how that could be considered remotely fair.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: What an absolutely unfair and unjust way to think about pricing electricity. I cannot believe this could even have been thought of. Just a way for the retailers to continue making money off Australians who are trying to do the right thing for their families. Appalling!

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private Citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This report is completely unbalanced with zero weight applied to counter arguments. The vignettes are trite and add zero value.

In relation to tariffs, the proposal devalues investments encouraged by the government, into rooftop solar and batteries, and effectively will require such consumers to pay twice. Once for the solar and battery and then again for a network on which they have much reduced reliance. A Box 16a vignettes should state that Bill us frustrated by being encouraged to reduce his reliance on the grid by investing in rooftop solar and a batter only to have fixed tariffs increase representing an unfair shifting of costs to him.

Another missing vignette is from Sarah who is upset that network providers get increased fixed tariff revenue effectively for nothing and are therefore disincentivised to improve the cost effectiveness of the network other than to increase their margins. The whole premise of increase fixed tariffs incentivises corporate greed.

Electricity should be priced based on consumption. Consumers can choose how much power they use. Fixed tariffs should be kept low and cover local transmission issues with electricity costs covering network costs based on usage.

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: [REDACTED] strongly oppose Recommendation 5 to increase fixed supply charges. This is a regressive move that is the antithesis of all that the industry has worked towards over the past 15 years.

The core issues with this proposed change are:

- adversely impacts lower income households as they typically use less energy than higher income households, and hence have a higher fixed fee portion of their bill (refer Green Energy modelling).

- will significantly reduce the uptake of Consumer Energy Resources and penalise the 4.3 million existing households that have invested in CER. Noting that CER has been the main contributor to downward electricity price

pressure and carbon emissions over the past decade

- limit the growth of the emerging VPP and wholesale retail energy plans in the market

- stifle innovation in both technology and consumer energy plans

With the mandate of VPP capability/flexible exports across Australia, and the

rapid uptake of residential batteries and EVs we are now at the tipping point

where consumers and energy retailers have the ability to easily and effortlessly shift energy usage and generation into low demand periods.

Now

is the time to further incentivise energy shifting, not kill it dead.

We strongly urge the AEMC to abandon the regressive proposal to increase fixed network charges. All of the market evidence shows that responsive pricing structures give consumers greater agency and are lowering

electricity prices for all consumers.

Regards

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposed pricing direction represents a profound and troubling shift in the allocation of electricity system costs. By moving a greater proportion of network recovery into unavoidable fixed charges, the reform risks embedding structural inequity into the electricity system while weakening core efficiency and consumer-protection outcomes.

At its heart, this proposal transfers costs away from those who consume the most electricity and toward those who consume the least. This is not a theoretical concern – it is a mechanical consequence of fixed-charge dominated tariffs. Households that use less electricity – disproportionately singles, elderly people, renters, apartment dwellers, and energy-constrained households – will face higher effective electricity costs despite placing the lowest burden on the system. Meanwhile, higher-consumption households, which are more likely to be larger, wealthier, and fully electrified, will see their marginal cost of electricity fall and their relative contribution decline.

Put plainly, the reform risks operating as a form of reverse redistribution: those with the least capacity to pay, and who already consume conservatively, would be required to subsidise those with greater means and higher consumption. That outcome would be deeply inconsistent with principles of fairness, cost-reflectivity in any meaningful social sense, and the long-standing objective of protecting vulnerable consumers in essential services.

The Commission appears to frame this shift primarily through an efficiency lens, arguing that a large portion of network costs are fixed and should therefore be recovered through fixed charges. However, efficiency cannot be pursued in isolation from equity, particularly in an essential service such as electricity. A pricing structure that removes consumers' ability to control their bills through lower consumption is not merely regressive – it undermines consumer agency, weakens incentives for energy efficiency, and erodes trust in the energy market.

Of particular concern is the disproportionate impact on:

- Low-consumption households, who would face unavoidable bill increases regardless of behaviour
- Renters and apartment residents, who already have limited ability to invest in energy technologies
- Elderly and single-person households, who statistically consume less but are often more price-sensitive
- Energy-constrained households, who may reduce essential usage (heating, cooling, cooking) but still face rising fixed costs

These groups are not incidental. They are among the most vulnerable participants in the energy system.

Conversely, the reform direction risks advantaging:

- High-consumption households able to spread fixed charges across larger usage
- Wealthier households with electrified homes (EVs, large heating/cooling loads, pools, etc.)
- Consumers least sensitive to price signals

This distributional shift is neither socially neutral nor economically benign.

If the Commission proceeds toward materially higher fixed charges, it must

confront the reality that such a structure is inherently regressive unless accompanied by strong counter-measures. Assertions that long-term system efficiency will benefit all consumers do not negate the immediate and ongoing redistribution embedded in tariff design.

At minimum, any reform should:

- Demonstrate, transparently and quantitatively, the distributional impacts across household types
- Avoid pricing structures that remove consumers' ability to influence their bills through behaviour
- Protect low-consumption and vulnerable households from structural disadvantage
- Preserve incentives for energy efficiency and demand reduction

Without these safeguards, the proposed direction risks shifting the burden of the energy transition onto those least able to bear it, while reducing the contribution of those who consume the most.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Self

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Discussion of the proposed need for increased charges to customers working to reduce electricity use, generate via PV, utilise battery storage and feed in to the grid, should not penalise these leaders in supporting the transition. All effort should be to continue to support the transitions to renewables. This would be a disincentive. The increase in data centres and their use of resources (electricity & water) should be the focus of the cost sharing and not gain advantage from tax break, and inequitable impost from the grid.

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Organisation: Personal

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the AEMC,
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal within the Pricing Review Draft Report to shift a greater portion of network cost recovery toward fixed, unavoidable daily charges.
As a household that has proactively invested in a large-scale [REDACTED] battery storage system and solar, I am deeply concerned that these reforms effectively penalize consumers who are doing exactly what the energy transition requires: reducing peak demand and increasing local self-sufficiency.

1. Erosion of Investment Signals

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Body: The below submission has been lodged and confirmed on the AEMC Web site.

Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: i wish to have it recorded that, as an industry professional i am strongly opposed to a fixed rate charge for households- this fixes nothing except securing monopoly for big end of town

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello,

I own a small solar and battery business in NSW and we are currently looking at employing another installation crew because of the volume of work currently being experienced. We are deeply concerned to hear about the proposed market rule changes that would see an introduction of higher fixed charges. This would deeply impact my industry and reduce the return on investment for any solar or battery installation - this would reduce the speed at which we de-carbonise the Australian economy significantly. This will also disproportionately affect low income households with low energy consumption - and move costs away from those who use a lot of energy, it's almost as if this rule change was written by and lobbied for in the fossil fuel industry's interests, it's not consumer driven at all.

We have the literal meaning of an existential threat to humanities survival upon us in the form of climate change, the rest of the world is sleep walking its way towards the edge of the cliff, and Australia (after decades of political football) finally has the sort of traction required to usher in a modern and fair energy system, being the envy of the worlds people - this move towards fossil fuel sponsored policy is simply insanity.

If you need me to speak to anyone, or if you want me to represent small businesses in the renewables field, then I would be happy to assist... Canberra - anywhere, I'm willing.

Yours faithfully.

[REDACTED]

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: If the new pricing is adopted, it will lead to higher prices for my family as we have installed solar panels. It's a disgrace to encourage solar panels then change the rules so that it ends up costing people more.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: In both a personal and professional capacity I strongly oppose the introduction of predominantly fixed network charges, as it will serious setback Australia's clean energy transition and limit people's ability to reduce their energy costs. I call on the Commission not to progress this approach any further.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private residence

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The network charges should be variable based on usage rather than fixed. Those of us who try hard to minimise electricity usage should be rewarded for this. Those who don't care about their usage should not be happy to pay for that lack of care.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I don't agree with any proposal where pensioners who are already running a tight ship get slugged with increased power expenses. In addition the consumers that installed solar to help the planet and reduce costs continuously get penalised. I suggest you find alternative options to maintain grid costs.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: Review of the Integrated System Plan framework

Organisation: Private citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To whom it may concern, The AEMC is planning to charge a flat fee to all electricity users -no matter there usage- instead of a user pays system. 4.3 million households have payed a reasonable amount of money for solar and maybe batteries to get out of having to pay the exorbitant electricity prices.Maybe not their best investment if AEMC are planning to increase their rates by \$400 to \$700 per annum.(Green Energy Markets advisory director [REDACTED]). Other than electricity, gas and water rates, what other busi [REDACTED]s you for their goods or services without including in their price all the other incidental - rents, rates, outgoing, etc.If people have to pay for the grid (and users should pay a reasonable amount) then a 'gold plated' grid should be payed for by the suppliers but a regular

grid should be subsidised by users and the more you use the more you subsidise. This is very simple, if you drive more you pay more in fuel, same
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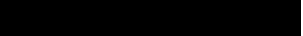
Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: n/a

First Name: 

Last Name: 

Email: 

Phone 

Comments: The government encouraged me via subsidies to install solar and battery - BIG investment. It is morally wrong now to change the 'cost of supply' just because im not using as much energy. If the Govt want to refund me for the investment then fine - otherwise i feel this could be a great class action law suit for getting me to invest in battery then charging me more for the infrastructure - v v misleading. Alternatively why not pay me a proper commercial price for the power i'm providing? I live in an area where we have at least 1 power outage a month so the whole point in my investment was to safeguard my supply. I think this unfair - im not wealthy but i did this to keep my power on and to safeguard my environment - dont hike up infrastructure costs when the poor infrastructure is the reason people invest in solar / batteries in the first place.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: person

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly disagree with raising network charges. By raising network charges you will be penalising people who try to reduce their energy usage while rewarding those who use energy wastefully. You will reinforce a system which encourages waste instead of encouraging reduction- ie like the water system in Sydney where the more water you use, the cheaper it is. Completely backwards to improving the system in the long term.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private Investor

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: It was very disappointing to read that the AEMC is proposing major changes to power bill charges. In the past, Power supply companies and Governments did not want to invest in Solar. So Government provided feed-in tariffs to incentivise the community to invest in rooftop PV, only to see the power companies really only wanting our solar generated power for free. The the Power companies refused to invest in Solar batteries, again the government has incentivised home batteries, Now that is wanted for free as well. So having taken the community solar power for free day and night, now your report recommends that we pay for their poles and wires, plus I assume company bonuses and salaries as well.

These companies are not "Not for Profit" organisations, yet they can purchase Power from the house at \$ [REDACTED] and sell to the house next door for \$ [REDACTED] kW. A [REDACTED] % margin, with [REDACTED] investment, no outlay, and no community contribution.

But for some reason they cannot make a profit, but they still remain in Australia. Why, because organisations like yourself keep coming up with ways to ensure the community pays all the investment costs for the Power Supply companies.

We have invested in an energy efficient home, PV, batteries and a full electric vehicle, not for a return on investment but for the environment, our grandchildren, and to manage our costs. Yet that is not enough for you, you want more and you want to penalise the very people who put in the investment that the power supply companies refused to undertake.

Even the spell check on this site is set for American English, that is how un-Australian you are. The power supply is already so poor on the Bellarine Peninsula (Victoria) that we regularly run our home on the battery back up as the grid has failed. So, given your proposal, the next step to off grid makes even more sense.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: person

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The Federal government proposed that electricity be given away for

free in the hours between 11.00am and 2.00pm.

My proposal is that consumers be charged a discounted price of 10c per kWh

between 11.00am and 2.00pm.

This pricing allows a payment to and reward for people to keep installing solar panels and batteries. Currently, those who have installed solar are receiving a diminishing reward and now very little for their investment in solar.

Furthermore, if there is some reward for installing panels and batteries, then it would be profitable for shopping centres to install solar over their

parking areas and their buildings. It would incentivise factories, educational and other institutions to install solar.

In conclusion, it would incentivise more widespread transitioning to a green

electrical grid.

It should also overcome, as I read in the press, the intention of electricity

providers to charge a higher daily access fee. Indeed, rather than mandating

free electricity, the government should mandate a controlled access fee.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Higher fixed charges to consumers will be a strong disincentive to minimise energy usage.

The benefits of solar panels and batteries will be less.
Costs directly related to energy consumption will be a lower proportion of the bill so incentives to use less will be reduced.

Lower income users seeking to minimise their bills will suffer most.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private Household

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I and my wife are older, retired Australians living in a modest home and are very conscious of our energy costs. We do what we can to keep our electricity bill as low as is reasonable.

As reported in the news today the AEMC is apparently looking at increasing fixed network charges - the daily supply charge.

This would not, as stated by a spokesperson for the commission, create a more equitable sharing of costs, in fact it would be the direct opposite of equitable, making savings for those of us who are careful users of electricity, pay an ongoing, unavoidable and unjustifiable surcharge.

The only possible outcome of increasing fixed network charges is to penalise those of us who do their best to keep their energy costs down.

Please do not proceed with increasing fixed network charges, instead properly assess alternative approaches, support consumer energy resources and deliver fairer outcomes for households.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: n/a

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am sure you will get many submissions on the reasons any increase in fixed costs in electricity pricing is a bad idea.

I would like to assure you, I am now in a position to cut the cord. I export far more than I import and imported less than [REDACTED] last year.

With solar and battery prices falling all the time, many other households will come to the same conclusion.

Grid defection is now a real possibility for many.

Do you really want to roll that dice?

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Opposed to a move to fixed charges, as it would undermine the financial benefit of adopting solar and batteries and discourage more people from installing them.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Position: Opposed to a shift toward high fixed daily electricity network charges

I am a single-person household living alone in an apartment and am fully grid-connected (no solar or battery). I am highly conscious of my electricity use and actively manage consumption, particularly during peak times. I am also approaching retirement and therefore increasingly sensitive to unavoidable, fixed living costs.

I oppose the proposed move to significantly increase fixed daily network charges.

1. The proposal is fundamentally unfair to low-consumption households
A shift away from variable network charges toward high fixed charges would disproportionately disadvantage households that consume less electricity, including:

- single-person households
- apartment residents
- people approaching or in retirement
- energy-efficient and cost-conscious consumers

Under this proposal, households that consume the least electricity would pay

more, while those that consume the most would pay less. This reverses basic principles of fairness and cost responsibility.

As someone who lives alone and uses well below the average household amount of electricity, I would be penalised not despite my behaviour, but because of it.

2. It actively discourages responsible energy behaviour
Current pricing structures, including variable and time-of-use charges, send an important and rational signal: use less electricity, particularly at peak times, and you pay less.

Increasing fixed charges weakens or removes that signal.

If a growing share of my bill is unavoidable regardless of how or when I use electricity, then:

- reducing peak demand brings little benefit
- conserving energy is financially devalued
- consumer behaviour becomes disconnected from system needs

This is not a minor design issue. It undermines one of the most effective tools available for managing a modern electricity system.

3. It contradicts long-standing public policy signals

For many years, consumers have been encouraged to:

- reduce energy use
- shift demand off-peak
- act responsibly in response to price signals
- help manage system demand and costs

Many people, including myself, have taken these signals seriously and adjusted behaviour accordingly.

A pricing change that now penalises those choices risks eroding trust in energy reform more broadly. If responsible behaviour is punished rather than rewarded, future consumer engagement will decline.

4. Fixed charges are regressive and poorly targeted

Flat daily charges take no account of:

- how much electricity is used
- when it is used
- the actual burden placed on the network

For low-consumption households, a fixed charge makes up a much larger share of the total bill and household income. This makes the proposal regressive in effect, regardless of intent.

Approaching retirement, I am increasingly concerned about unavoidable costs

that cannot be mitigated through behaviour. Energy pricing reforms should not increase fixed living expenses for people who have limited capacity to absorb them.

5. The proposal oversimplifies a complex problem
The challenge of funding network infrastructure in a changing energy system is real. However, shifting costs into blunt fixed charges is not a sophisticated or consumer-centred solution.

A more balanced approach would:

- retain meaningful variable pricing linked to usage and peak demand
- strengthen cost-reflective signals rather than flattening them
- avoid cross-subsidisation from low-use to high-use households

Calling a fixed charge "modern" does not make it efficient, equitable, or fit for purpose.

6. Better outcomes depend on alignment, not detachment
Effective pricing should align consumer behaviour with system efficiency and cost drivers.

Flattening network charges does the opposite: it detaches consumer decisions from system outcomes and shifts costs onto those who already do the least to drive network strain.

Conclusion

I urge the Commission to reconsider proposals that significantly increase fixed network charges.

Such changes would:

- unfairly penalise low-use and single-person households
- weaken incentives for energy-efficient and peak-aware behaviour
- increase unavoidable living costs for people approaching retirement
- undermine confidence in energy policy consistency

Any reform should preserve strong cost-reflective pricing and ensure that consumers who use less electricity, and use it more responsibly, are not worse off for doing so.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: [REDACTED] ...stop screwing the public and regulate the profit of suppliers (look at the ever increasing profit of Origin and others), not continually allowing increased charges to consumers...I though Bowen's [REDACTED] was supposed to reduce power costs not spiral them to the sky? Allow pe [REDACTED] e to fully disconnect from the grid if they choose.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a [REDACTED] year old with limited superannuation that is at the mercies

of the stock market ups and downs and a low-energy user I decided to invest in rooftop panels and batteries. This proposal to switch to a fixed daily connection charges will penalise my attempts to minimise ongoing costs, particularly exacerbating as it seems to reward those that have not taken action to provide their own energy or are high users of electricity through waste. Being the government has encouraged minimising use and adoption of PV and batteries through various initiatives, this seems punishment for those that have followed government advise.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual household

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As someone who has invested in the installation of solar panels and a home battery in support of government policy supporting the transition to a renewable energy future I wish to strongly object to the proposal to implement a change to a fixed charge system will significantly negatively financially impact me. Your proposed policy only penalises householders who invest their limited resources in home based renewables in an attempt to reduce electricity costs and advantage large electricity users who then exploit individual household investments. Clearly, the absence of any greenhouse emissions tax simply shifts the burden from energy inefficient

large users to household consumers and does nothing to build a sustainable energy network. I feel scammed and let down by current contradictory government policies that you are executing.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private household

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a responsible home owner we have solar panels and have recently installed a battery.

I would like to know why I should be paying more for less, when business or high volume electricity using households would be paying less for their higher use. This proposal is distinctly unfair and unreasonable.

By recommending fixed fees, rather than charging for electricity used our climate targets would be slower to achieve as this is a disincentive for other home owners to move in the same responsible direction and install solar panels with batteries. The AMEC would be better served looking into ways of supporting progressive home owners with panels and batteries to support the power grid in times of need or developing local battery hubs so that their

reason for being is not gradually diminished to poles, cables and emergency or backup power.

Respectfully, while looking towards a brighter climate safe future,

[REDACTED]

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Submission Regarding Electricity Pricing Reforms and Consumer Energy Resources

This submission outlines significant concerns regarding the proposed reforms to network pricing structures. While the transition to a modern energy market is necessary, the proposed shifts in how network costs are recovered risk penalising millions of Australian households that have proactively invested in Consumer Energy Resources (CER), such as rooftop solar and battery storage.

1. Protection of Consumer Investment in Clean Energy

A fundamental principle of the energy transition should be the protection and encouragement of private investment in renewable technology. Households that

have invested in solar systems and batteries did so under a specific value proposition: that reducing their reliance on the grid would lead to lower electricity bills.

Any reform that significantly increases the fixed-charge component of network costs as a share of total electricity bills effectively erodes the value of these investments. By shifting costs away from usage and toward fixed fees, the financial payback for clean energy technology is artificially extended.

This constitutes a retrospective penalty on consumers who have acted in good faith to support the transition to a low-carbon economy.

2. Preserving Incentives for Efficient Generation and Storage

The proposed changes risk decoupling the relationship between energy behavior and energy costs. Effective pricing should provide clear incentives for the efficient generation and storage of power at the local level.

- **Discouraging Self-Consumption:** When network costs are shifted into fixed charges, the marginal saving gained from using a kilowatt-hour of self-generated solar power (or battery-stored power) is reduced.
- **Impact on Grid Stability:** CER owners provide essential services to the grid, including local voltage support and peak demand reduction. Reducing the incentive to invest in these technologies will ultimately lead to higher overall system costs as more large-scale, centralised infrastructure becomes necessary to fill the gap.

3. Preventing a Return to a Centralised, Provider-Centric System

The proposed reforms appear to prioritize the revenue stability of network service providers over the empowerment of consumers. A pricing structure that relies heavily on unavoidable fixed charges creates a captive market for network providers and reduces the competitive pressure that distributed energy should ideally apply to the grid.

A truly consumer-driven future should reward decentralized energy production.

Instead, these proposals risk underpinning a centralised power system that serves the interests of network businesses by ensuring cost recovery regardless of how efficiently a consumer manages their own energy production and storage.

4. Long-term Impact on Decarbonisation Goals

To meet national emissions reduction targets, continued rapid uptake of CER is essential. If network pricing reforms signal to the market that investing in solar and batteries no longer offers a meaningful reduction in electricity costs, the pace of decarbonisation will inevitably slow. This would be a counterproductive outcome that prioritises short-term network accounting over the long-term transition to a clean, efficient, and distributed energy market.

Summary

Reform must ensure that network costs are fair, but fairness should not be defined by stripping away the benefits earned by those who have invested their own capital into the grid of the future. I urge the Commission to reconsider any pricing structures that increase the share of fixed network costs and to maintain strong, usage-based incentives that reward consumers for the efficient generation and storage of clean energy.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposal for a fixed charge is strongly opposed. This will favour inefficiencies by energy distributors at the expense of those who take steps to minimise power use.

Instead, any price increases by power distributors should be very carefully vetted with community/consumer input. With the changes in energy generation now available the Australian community does not owe these private companies a guaranteed profit. They are free to negotiate a buy back from their State/Territory governments should this be in their best interests.

I also object strongly to the minimal effort at public information that AEMC has undertaken for this proposal, with relevant groups to the public only receiving this information in the last week or so.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I have read an article in The Age, Sunday 08 February 2026; 'The power bill change that will sting low-earners \$200 more' that provided a link to this submission page and I understand that AEMC's project is to address a shortfall in user payments due to increased self-generation (home solar power). I see this as similar to the road-user charges governments are proposing for electric car drivers, and one that I have been a 'victim' of through the now overturned Victorian government's 'knee-jerk' reaction charges. In this instance, AEMC is hopefully taking a measured mature

approach, especially in providing consultation such as this.

It should be remembered that home-generated renewable energy (as well as electric cars) have the overall goal of reducing consumption of fossil fuels and that new processes to change historic systems must still honour, protect and reward that goal and to maintain the momentum to move to renewables.

I have had roof-top solar power since 2009, state government subsidised, but now with its own maintenance costs specifically of replacing the inverter

██████. My excess power is fed in to the grid where the power company pays ██████, per ██████, and then sells it back to me at either ██████ or ██████. Wh. I had to bear the cost of maintenance and now 17 years on, potential renewal to the system that produced this power. I have to pay my own network charges for my small part of the state's energy provision.

I disagree with a flat 'blanket' approach to charges for the maintenance of power networks and would like to propose as below.

There could be a tiered system of charges based on average consumption. My household is, and my whole life has been driven by environmental sustainability and reduction of consumption. We turn off lights and we use air conditioning sparingly. Hopefully we would be in the lowest tier of consumption and be rewarded with a lesser, but necessary network charge. Households may then be incentivised to lower their consumption for the same benefit and surely this is an overall goal for humans to reduce their impacts. High users with disregard for their impact would then pay appropriately in their tier.

Electricity retailers should be charged for network charges for the power they 'buy' from home solar providers. Perhaps they are already, I have not researched. Home solar providers would then fall into a lower tier (as above) and a proportion of their network charges would be met by the retailer drawing their (our) power into the grid.

Governments should place an annual ceiling on equipment subsidies (solar systems and batteries) to then redirect funding to network maintenance, thereby reducing network charges for all, rather than rewarding those few who can afford solar or batteries, as well as including almost all rental and apartment residents who cannot participate in home solar and batteries.

Although not part of this review, feed-in tariffs for home solar should be

standardised and equalised. Electricity retailers should be made to explain (and correct) the price difference between feed-in and use for home solar providers. Similarly, home solar providers should be able to submit maintenance invoices to their retailer as part of their own network changes.

Thank you for this opportunity

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly object to the proposed shift from variable (volumetric) network charges to high fixed daily connection charges.

1. Impact on Consumer Agency: Under a variable-heavy structure, I have the agency to manage my household budget through behavioral change. Shifting to a high fixed charge removes the primary tool I have to control my costs. This change essentially "floors" my electricity bill, ensuring a high cost regardless of how much I work to reduce my consumption.

2. Misalignment with Efficiency Incentives: As a consumer without solar or batteries, my only contribution to a "lowest-cost system" (as per the National Energy Objective) is to minimise my total demand. A high fixed

charge provides a poor marginal price signal; once the fixed cost is paid, there is less financial reason to conserve energy.

3. Regressive Social Impact: This shift creates a "winner-takes-all" scenario for high-energy users at the expense of energy-efficient or low-income households. Moving the burden of grid maintenance to a flat fee disproportionately impacts those who live in smaller dwellings or who are actively trying to reduce their carbon footprint through lower usage.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Not Applicable

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I read that you are recommending a fixed, daily access charge for [REDACTED] from my general searching I have found this charge is around [REDACTED] a day. What has not been made clear is how much you intend

set as the fixed amount. We have invested heavily in Solar and Battery and use little power from the Grid. Since we made our investment there have been substantial changes to feed-in tariffs and we can no longer rely on any funds from feed-in. Any move to increase daily charges beyond the current average would be completely outrageous and further reduce the value of our renewal energy investment.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: na

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I have installed solar panels and do my best to reduce my energy consumption. Increasing fixed connection charge would undo my efforts at saving electricity and cost. In my electricity bill, it specifies how much energy a household uses compared to similar. I suggest you gradually increase the cost of energy used above the average for each household. This would increase cost only for those who are rich enough to not bother conserving energy.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Homeowner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Your pricing model must in fact serve consumers. I am concerned that solar panel and battery owners may be treated unfairly in the model you

have produced - it has also been criticised in the press.

I paid [REDACTED] out of pocket for my battery - and I may well not live to see the

money recovered - because I wanted to commit personally (with my household)

to a renewables future. I expect to pay a daily charge and a usage charge but

it should not result in discouragement of people already with batteries or

considering them. That defeats the purpose of the government's solar initiatives. Some more imagination needs to be exercised by your organization

on how to cover costs of provision while being fair across the board to different types of customers. I refer you to a pricing suggestion by the Grattan institute in 2014. You have all the algorithms to base your decisions

on and I suggest you have another go at this. Otherwise you will make a lot

of people very cranky.

This is what the suggestion then

was. <http://grattan.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/813-fair-pricing-for-power.pdf>

Instead of charging a household based on its total energy use, the 43 per cent of the consumer bill that goes to fund the network should be based on

the load the household puts on the network in the times when it is drawing

down most power. Calculating bills based on a household's maximum load far

better reflects the real cost of running the network. If this cost can be reduced, so can consumer prices.

A second tariff is recommended for households in geographic areas where the network is under greatest strain and where expensive new infrastructure will

have to be built unless the strain is relieved. Both tariffs seek to change

consumer behaviour so that less power is used in periods of peak demand and

less infrastructure has to be built as a result.

The reforms would raise prices for consumers who use more power in periods of peak demand, and reduce them for consumers who use less power in these times.

In the short term the total consumer bill would stay the same, but in the long run, as unnecessary infrastructure is no longer built, prices across the board will fall.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: We are a retired couple who for over decades [REDACTED] [REDACTED] have planned our retirement to be ecologically friendly and [REDACTED] whilst still living within our relatively small retirement budget. We have intentionally not used trust funds, negative gearing or claimed business expenses to avoid our share of taxes. We have reasonably planned our retirement to last another 20 years, no easy tasks with the rise and fall of inflation and abrupt changes to food costs, health care costs and other living expenses.

In pursuit of sustainability and reducing our long term we have over the last decade:

- installed solar panels
- planted more trees for shade

- purchased a battery car to reduce the use of fossil fuels.
- insulated our floors and ceiling spaces
- retrofitted double glazed windows
- installed window awnings
- installed a large heat pump

This has been at significant immediate costs to reduce our demands on the grid and to reduce our long term costs. We have planned to install a battery but it takes years for us budget to do so. This proposal undermines every thing we have undertaken to reduce our impact on the environment.

Our current use of the grid is relatively minor and the proposal as is appears will significantly increase our costs to access the grid. This is very frightening.

It just seems the cost for retired people is constantly neglected. It is as if we who worked all our lives, who saved so we did not have to access public money via government pensions or schemes really do not count or are not considered. Those individuals who budgeted for years on reducing long term energy costs have been totally neglected in this proposal

We encourage you reconsider the implementation of this proposed program. We do believe in paying our fair share. But this proposal seriously impacts us.

Perhaps a more equitable concept of user pays based on the amount of electricity from power lines be investigated. The proposal as it now stands to discriminates those who strive for a green planet as well as punish those who have planned for the long term on limited incomes.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I read the article in The Age (8/2) on the possibility of increasing prices for people who just installed solar panels incl. batteries.

It looks like we are now being punished by having to pay more to pay for the upkeep of the grid. The purpose for us to invest in this in the first place, was to pay less for our electricity, NOT MORE!
Please consider this argument, as I no doubt speak for many who don't make a submission. Thank you.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I feel a more equitable pricing policy leaning towards big electricity consumers, rather than private households that have invested substantially to reduce their electrical consumption with solar and batteries, would be a fairer system of power pricing.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposal to significantly increase the daily connection fee goes against everything the federal government is trying to encourage as it attempts to battle cost of living, inequality and environmental concerns. It makes electricity more expensive and less equitable, it actively discourages investment in solar and batteries and rewards excessive consumption.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven

future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am opposed to the proposal to increase the proportion of my electricity bill that is a fixed charge. Already half my bill is for fixed charges - where is the incentive for me to reduce my consumption at the margin if it will make little difference to my total bill? My petrol station does not charge me a fixed cost to drive in and then a further variable cost depending upon how much fuel I use - why should electricity pricing be any different?

It appears to me that this proposal is designed to get more revenue from consumers who have taken action to try and reduce their reliance on the grid, while reducing costs for those who have not faced the necessity to change their behaviour, either by taking action to offset their consumption or shop around to reduce their bills.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: We are distressed to read of proposed changes to how power bills are calculated and the effect on the people we serve - those on welfare benefits. Replacing the variable usage rate with a fixed charge would hit hardest those who use the least or choose time of usage to minimise costs. Big users and the wealthy will be less affected. This is clearly unfair and not a way to build and maintain a harmonious society.

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Organisation: Individual Consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ts: As a consumer without solar or batteries and one who uses [REDACTED] arter.

I have a four part submission with each part in order of importance.
1. Place a cap on usage. Above the cap is a significantly higher rate per kWh. The cap can be varied by regulation.
2. Get rid of electricity retailers. To me they serve no useful purpose.
As a consumer I do not like paying for something that adds no value to the product. They take money out of the system and obfuscate cost of purchasing power to the consumer. In my opinion they do nothing but introduce

inefficiency in the system.

Revert to wholesalers billing the customer directly.

3. Remove the inequity caused by different wholesalers charging different comparison rates. For example, Endeavour Energy typically has higher rates

than say Ausgrid. This is unfair for the consumers who are charged higher rates because they happen to be in the Endeavour Energy area.

4. Force local councils to remove restrictions on the ability for owners of local heritage houses to install solar panels without the need for costly DA applications. ie. Same rules for all domestic solar installations.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposal to increase the fixed rate component to energy bills is

bizarre. Surely our energy future should be to encourage reducing electricity usage given that the use of electricity is constantly growing.

It makes far more sense to make everyone pay more for what they actually use

than to increase the supply cost and thus provide savings only to those who

use more electricity - the rich!

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Less grid dependent users
The to charge fixed higher grid connection fees would proportionally impact small users more than larger users.
This in turn would have perverse outcomes and lead to less grid dependent users. Hence, less users to contribute to the maintenance cost of the grid.
This in turn would motivate even more users to leave the grid.

Undermine Virtual Power Plants

At present Solar Batteries and SolarPanels in households allow their participation in virtual power plants (VPP). VPP's provide lower cost power to the grid, especially in peak periods. Households that leave the grid would undermine these valuable VPPs.

Bigger Household Batteries

Households with the space to hold 48 Kwh or more of batteries should be encouraged to do so AND join VPPs AND stay in the grid. These would help boost capacity within the grid at a lower cost than creating large industrial scale batteries in outlying rural areas on the fringes of the grid.

MY RECOMMENDATION

1. Keep up incentives for solar batteries in households
2. Encourage/incentivise the growth and use of VPPs
3. Encourage the implementation of solar batteries and solar panels in medium

and high density housing, to extend their benefits to these users and the grid.

4. Encourage households with solar panels 10+ years old to replace them with the latest panels.

a) this would double their power generation due to the latest technology

b) requires solar panel recycling facilities in Australia (which we have now and provides them with feedstock assurance)

The proposal seems to come from the narrow perspective of a commercial grid operator. My broader holistic view is the most rational approach, perhaps closer a State or Federal government perspective. If the grid operators can't be commercially viable, buy back the grid and keep it in public ownership. That would be far better for the end user's power bills in the longer run.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Common man and woman

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear AEMC

Please tell me The Age article on 8/2 stating that, under the proposed pricing review, you're going to penalise households for taking proactive steps to preserve our environment and save money, is not true.

My wife and I have worked hard to save the [REDACTED] to invest in solar panels

and batteries. Now I m reading that annual bills will increase by between

\$400 and \$700. So the seven years we estimated it would take to cover the costs of installation will be blown out to the point where, by the time we've covered costs, we'll likely be up for replacement panels. On one hand, the government encouraged consumer take-up of renewables via incentives. On the other, those who did are about to be penalised for doing so. Say it ain't so.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I think a move away from charging for network costs based on electricity imports would be a good idea. The reported analyses (The Age 8/2/2026) by some critics that show the various winners and losers of this proposal have merely loaded existing usage patterns into a spreadsheet, and do not adequately consider how the increasing fixed network charges and decreasing variable charges would alter consumer behaviour. At my home, I have solar panels and batteries, and I would welcome a significant reduction in variable network charges because it would encourage me (and consumers like me) to use my batteries significantly more in energy arbitrage activities. Variable network charges (about [REDACTED] here in Victoria) are the "spread" hurdle to be overcome before arbitrage (importing energy from the grid for later export) becomes profitable.

If more consumers like me can use their batteries more for arbitrage (like utility scale batteries do already) then in aggregate the grid will benefit.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: In an age of increasing inequality, not to mention climate change, this is an immoral proposal. There should always be an incentive to save significant amounts of money by being thoughtful, and by making long term investments to reduce consumption from the grid. And many have been doing this for decades. To now effectively pull the rug out from under their feet is wrong.
If anything, the power supply pricing should escalate with greater consumption to at least give power gluttons pause for thought.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposal to dramatically increase the "daily supply charge" will undermine the rationale for installing solar by increasing the "payback period".

As a retired couple, we have installed solar and try and wash dishes, wash and dry clothes etc during solar production hours.

We oppose the changes on an equity basis and on the basis that it breaches the Government's representations to us.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This policy punishes households who did exactly what governments begged us to do: invest our own money to reduce demand on the grid. I installed solar and four batteries to cut peak load, lower emissions, and protect my family from rising power prices – and now I'm being slugged for it. A flat network charge is a tax on responsibility and efficiency, rewarding waste while penalising restraint. Low-energy users, pensioners, and families who planned ahead are being forced to subsidise high-consumption households that contribute most to grid stress. It completely undermines trust – why would anyone invest tens of thousands in clean energy if the rules can be rewritten after the fact? This isn't "fairness"; it's revenue protection for a system that refuses to modernise while blaming consumers who already have. If using less electricity costs more, the policy is broken – full stop.

Submission: Opposition to Fixed Network Charges Proposal

Electricity Pricing for a Consumer-Driven Future

I strongly oppose the proposal to replace variable network charges with a higher fixed daily connection charge. This change is inequitable, economically regressive, and directly undermines Australia's energy transition objectives.

1. The proposal penalises responsible behaviour and early adopters

Households like mine invested significant private capital in rooftop solar and battery storage in response to explicit government and regulator signals to reduce grid demand, lower emissions, and improve system resilience. Imposing higher fixed charges retrospectively punishes those decisions and devalues investments that were made in good faith under existing pricing frameworks.

This is a clear breach of consumer trust. Energy policy cannot encourage behaviour for a decade and then penalise it once uptake becomes inconvenient for legacy cost structures.

2. Fixed charges are regressive and harm low-income households

Low-income households, pensioners, single-occupancy dwellings, apartment residents, and energy-efficient homes consume less electricity by necessity,

not choice.

A shift to higher fixed charges disproportionately impacts these groups, increasing bills regardless of consumption and removing the ability to manage costs through conservation.

This proposal transfers costs from high-consumption households to low-consumption households, directly contradicting basic principles of fairness and social equity.

3. The proposal rewards waste and discourages efficiency

Under the proposed model, households that consume large volumes of electricity – and place the greatest strain on the grid – will benefit most.

Conversely, households that reduce peak demand, invest in storage, and actively manage their energy use will be financially penalised.

A pricing system where using less electricity costs more is economically irrational and environmentally counterproductive.

4. The proposal undermines battery uptake and grid resilience

Household batteries provide clear system-wide benefits:

- Reduced peak demand
- Deferred network upgrades
- Improved resilience during outages
- Reduced reliance on fossil fuel peaking generation

By eroding the financial return on batteries, this proposal actively discourages further uptake and shifts the cost of network inadequacy back onto consumers who have already helped solve it.

5. Cost recovery failures are being misallocated to consumers

Network businesses are seeking to protect revenue streams rather than modernise tariff structures to reflect a two-way, decentralised energy system.

The answer to changing consumption patterns is not blunt fixed charges, but

smarter pricing mechanisms that reflect capacity, peak demand, and actual network usage.

Consumers should not be punished because regulators and networks failed to adapt early enough.

6. Policy inconsistency damages future investment

Australia's clean energy transition relies on household participation and private capital.

This proposal sends a clear message:

Invest at your own risk – the rules can change after the money is spent.

That message will chill future investment in solar, batteries, EVs, and demand-side response, ultimately increasing long-term system costs for everyone.

Conclusion

This proposal is regressive, inequitable, and strategically short-sighted. It shifts costs onto those least able to absorb them, penalises energy efficiency, and undermines confidence in national energy policy.

I urge the Commission to abandon fixed network charges and instead pursue tariff reform that:

- Preserves incentives for efficiency and storage
- Reflects peak demand and capacity usage
- Protects low-income and vulnerable consumers
- Aligns pricing with Australia's decarbonisation goals

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27411>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hi

The idea to increase consumer electricity fixed charges and reduce variable charges is princely the dumbest idea ever. This will raise prices for low income people, as well as for people who installed solar batteries. But those people who use lots of power will benefit! This is insane. Do not do this.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27410>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual retired

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As an individual retired couple our federal govt encouraged us to go solar with baterries to reduce the load burden on the beneral public and obtain low energy cost NOW you want to penalise us because of ineptitude in the way you manage the transition from coal fired to green energy Shame on you I am opposed to the change

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27409>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposed change to electricity billing unfairly burdens low-income and low-usage households, raising their bills by \$100 to \$200 annually. While high-energy users will benefit, those who consume less—like pensioners and small families—will pay more, despite already struggling with cost-of-living pressures. This shift to a fixed connection charge penalizes those trying to reduce their energy use, widening the gap between wealthy and low-income consumers.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27408>

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Pricing changes must not penalise those who have spent significant amounts of money to reduce their reliance and use of electricity from the grid. I have spent significant amounts of what little earnings I have to reduce my reliance on the grid by way of batteries and solar. I store all the power I generate, I don't put it back to the grid.

Those who use the most power from the grid should be the ones who pay for the upkeep of the grid.

It's also important that we have proper oversight of the actual costs of running the grid - ensuring that consumers can have confidence that energy organisations are not "gold-plating" their projects to maximise profits at the expense of consumers.

Consumers have very little confidence in electricity and network providers as evidenced by the large uptake in battery and solar systems. This lack of confidence is because of ever increasing power prices and the expectation that providers will continue to find ways to penalise those who use less power and to maintain current super-profits.

This lack of confidence will result in people attempting to go off grid completely.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly oppose the proposed move to fixed charges. These would fundamentally undermine the financial benefit of adopting solar and batteries and discourage more people from installing them. Adopting this recommendation would essentially punish most energy users by increasing fixed

charges.

The people hit the hardest by these proposed charges will be solar and battery owners and those who consume the lowest amount of energy - including energy-efficient households, single-person households, apartment

residents, and people doing their best to keep their energy bills low because

of cost-of-living pressures.

How can this be fair? It must be based on a user pay system that targets all

users fairly and equally. Many of us are just doing our bit for the environment - clearly environmental concerns and considering affordability to

those who can least pay are clearly not in your current remit when such changes are proposed. This proposal is clearly an ill conceived grab for

cash without any consideration to climate impacts and the work undertaken to

date.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27406>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Person

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a consumer who installed solar panels part of the reason I did

so was that FiT would help pay for these in a reasonable time frame.

Almost

immediately tariffs were cut drastically. Then in 2024 I upgraded to a new

solar system - immediately FiT were cut to zero. I am currently about to

switch my solar batteries on. Again the large expense for this was offset by the savings I would make. If the daily fed in tariff were to increase in response to the uptake of solar power and batteries by individual this sends a very clear message.

The government does not have your best interests in mind with any incentives but after you have spent the money they will change the rules to benefit businesses. And they will do this again and again.

Already the changes that were made immediately after I installed my solar will mean that it will take years longer to pay off. If the same were to happen with batteries it will be even longer.

I was able to do it over again with these rules in place then it would be a no brainer - there is no point investing in solar and batteries.

We did what you asked to help the environment and the grid cope with load. Then we are punished.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27405>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: NA - individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Submission to the Australian Energy Market Commission - Electricity Pricing for a Consumer-Driven Future
I am writing as a parent with a young family and a homeowner who has invested

in rooftop solar to reduce our electricity bills, lower our emissions, and reduce pressure on the electricity grid. We are currently considering investing in a household battery so we can store excess solar and rely less

on the grid during peak periods.

I am concerned that the proposed move from variable network charges to higher

fixed daily charges risks leaving low-income households and energy-efficient

families worse off, while undermining incentives to invest in batteries and

reduce the overall system demand. Network charges already account for close

[REDACTED] of household electricity bills, and increasing fixed charges

the link between how much electricity a household uses and what it pays. This

disproportionately affects households that use less energy, including low-income households and those who have invested in solar.

Analysis cited in recent reporting indicates households with solar and batteries could be \$400 to \$700 a year worse off under this proposal, while

low-income households consuming below-average electricity could face increases of \$100 to \$200 annually. At the same time, higher-consumption households could see significant bill reductions. For my family, the prospect

of higher unavoidable fixed charges makes the already substantial cost of installing a battery much harder to justify, despite the clear benefits batteries provide in reducing peak demand and supporting the grid.

Energy Minister Chris Bowen has stated that he has instructed market regulators that all changes must deliver cheaper power bills for consumers.

Any reform must therefore be carefully and transparently costed to ensure this outcome is achieved in practice, not just in theory, and that savings

are not delivered to high-energy users at the expense of low-income households and energy-efficient families.

There is a clear social need to protect those least able to absorb higher fixed costs, as well as households that have already invested in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and easing pressure on the electricity network.

Penalising these households through higher fixed charges risks discouraging

further investment in solar, batteries, and energy efficiency at a time when

Australia's electricity system must support a growing population and economy.

As a family trying to manage cost-of-living pressures while making responsible energy choices, I urge the Commission to ensure any changes genuinely reduce power bills across income groups, protect low-consumption

households, and preserve strong incentives for investments that deliver long-term benefits to consumers and the energy system as a whole.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Increasing fixed electricity service charges will penalise low power users, especially those with solar panels and batteries. It would be fairer to have a sliding scale of service charges based on each consumers previous electricity consumption figures (say, over 5 years). So low power users would pay a lower service charge than higher users.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27403>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: NA

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I invested in a solar panel and battery system for my home in 2021. The idea was to eliminate electricity charges as I entered retirement. While I understand the need to find the funds for system maintenance, I can't accept that I would have to start paying a fixed system fee when I use almost zero electricity. I will seriously consider disconnecting completely from the electricity grid if this proposal begins charging customers who don't consume electricity.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27402>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I do not support the proposed amendments to increase the fixed connection fees for energy. The proposed amendments disadvantage people who have invested funding and actively tried to lower their energy usage - solar and battery owners and those who consume the lowest amount of energy - including energy-efficient households, single-person households, apartment

residents, and people doing their best to keep their energy bills low because of cost-of-living pressures. Charges should continue to drive energy efficiency not reward larger uses. Australia needs to transition to a low carbon economy. This proposal introduces perverse incentives which actively contradict this wider goal.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This proposed change is highly undesirable. It might be good for grid operators, but would be tremendously bad for consumers. It is vital that consumers retain access to pricing structures that preserve consumer agency and make it possible for energy efficient households to minimise their power bills.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27400>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: NA

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello,

The current proposal unfairly burdens low energy users and low income users, while benefitting high energy users who tend to be high income which is unfair and unreasonable. High energy users surely should pay more, not less. Households that have taken action to reduce their energy costs and emissions would see those efforts devalued, as a far greater share of their electricity bill would no longer respond to how or when they use electricity.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I've [REDACTED]sted [REDACTED] in home solar and battery. With ongoing maintenance of [REDACTED] per [REDACTED] I'm helping reduce the need for new coal and petrochemical power stations AND as I use less over build of supply poles and wires. I object to paying more for using less while others use more and pay less. It is a dumb plan and a disincentive to invest a lot of money in renewable. Please use your superior intelligence and expensive consultants to make it fares rather than this poorly framed proposal.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27398>

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Self

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Charges for electric power should be per kwh resulting in bigger users paying more. Fixed charges (bureaucracy charges) should be minimal or zero.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27397>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I disagree with the proposed pricing change.

I am a retired person with limited income. I decided to get a solar/battery system to ensure my costs were contained during retirement. The decision was made based on a return on investment over 10yrs, and managing my electricity usage to reduce demand on a strained network.

Increasing fixed prices will increase my costs, and provide no full reasonable ROI within 10yrs (life of the battery).

It will also disincentivize other people from taking up solar and battery solutions. It seems we have lost the incentive to reduce carbon emissions.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: If you increase fixed pricing so that low usage customers pay more per KWh than high usage users then watch me turn off my solar system and my battery and make the supply of electricity to charge my EV and run my aircon your problem rather than mine. And if you lack generation or transmission capacity and black me out then I won't be paying you! Perhaps I will increase my storage capacity and go totally offgrid.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposal to replace a variable consumption based pricing model with a fixed price model is one of the most retrograde, harmful policy

proposals imaginable. Socially, environmentally and economically. It is hard to believe this is a serious proposition.

It is regressive. Wealthy big consumers will pay less than they do now. Low income households, pensioners and those already struggling with cost of living will be saddled with higher costs. They will be effectively subsidising wealthy big consumers of power.

It will be a huge disincentive to households investing in PV and battery storage. It is the worst possible market signal at a time we need to move to renewables.

If cost of poles, wire and network maintenance need to be met, why cant they be met on a consumption / use basis ? Or linked to assessable property value ? Or linked to assessable income ? All these sources of information are available and can be readily used to ensure a progressive basis for energy billing.

Please re-consider and do not implement this policy. It is wrong-headed on every level and will be damaging to social fabric, our economy and will undermine the energy transition.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Proposal will negatively impacted those on low incomes, socially disadvantaged communities and those who are energy efficient and have pv and battery installed.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This change in the charging structure will result in our withdrawal of our solar / battery system off the grid . At great expense we have set up our system . We now contribute 5 times the power into the grid than we use. Charging us more to access the grid makes it financially pointless to be on the grid so we will simply go off grid and be self sufficient .

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Homeowner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Changes to how the charge is calculated should not penalise households or people who have either invested thousands of dollars to source their energy via solar panels or by limiting how much energy they use.

If the way the charge is calculated needs to change, than households and businesses using electricity via the poles and wire should pay more.

Better still, consider whether we are paying too much to have the poles replaced in the first place. Question: is there a better alternative to poles, or is there something that lasts longer than current?

What does government contribute, and what do shareholders contribute?
Could profits and dividends payments be reduced?

Electricity is essential infrastructure after all, ordinary working folk and low income households and pensioners should not have to pay exorbitant amounts to have access to it available.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Increasing fixed costs reduces the correlation between power use and price. This disincentivises users from reducing their usage. Rather the opposite of the push towards user pays, with time of use pricing etc. Terrible price signalling. It will also contribute to some leaving the grid entirely, leaving more fixed costs spread over less consumers. Really,

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: We have recently outplayed [REDACTED] installing solar and battery in order to reduce our energy bills and contribute towards Net Zero carbon emissions. It is absolutely untenable to propose a pricing scheme that penalises those of us who have made such a huge financial outlay on the basis that we would receive financial benefits from moving to clean energy. We are carrying the cost of moving the country towards its environmental commitments in the most unfair and inequitable pricing framework proposed. We are absolutely opposed to increased fixed supply charges. The energy sector yet again is being permitted to getting away with being inefficient ineffective and rolling in profits, just like they were gold plating the system for years off the public purse. This is no different, they have plenty of profit margin to manage through the transition, there is no need to penalise customers in this way.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please amend the settings so that low energy users (frugal households, or those who have already invested in solar and/or batteries) are not charged more, when large or profligate users pay less.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27388>

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Location: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: In the context of climate change and the transition to renewable energy changes to consumer pricing in Australia need to support and reward low users of energy and to reward and support consumers who have paid for solar panels and home batteries to be installed in their homes and businesses.

Any changes to consumer pricing need to be geared so that high consumers of fossil fuel energy pay a high penalty for doing so i.e. by paying for the cost of servicing and upgrading the energy grid. Pricing should provide significant financial incentives for high energy users to reduce their fossil fuel consumption and to transition faster to renewable energy and batteries.

Those of us who are low energy users, on low incomes and who have invested in home/business solar panels and batteries should not and cannot support and subsidise high fossil fuel energy users. In relation to low income users it is also a waste of time and energy to try to squeeze a stone dry. Low income users simply do not have the capacity to pay more for energy.

High fossil fuel energy users currently able to afford large fossil fuel energy bills obviously have the greater financial capacity to fund the maintenance and upgrading of the grid during our transition to net zero.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/a

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Recommendation 5 (" Recommendation 5: Amend the rules to focus network tariff design on efficiency, supporting a lowest-cost grid and a fairer sharing of costs among consumers") is deeply flawed, in considering only economics rather than environmental incentives and outcomes.

In particular, the comment in paragraph 64: "For example, customers with rooftop solar and a battery contribute less to network costs than customers with the same electricity consumption who only use grid power, despite both groups of customers depending on the network".

It would be a disaster to disincentivise people investing in solar and batteries, which this proposal would do. And it patently ignores the contribution that battery owners make towards supporting the grid, reducing usage at peak demand times, which provides a collective good and reduces the need for expensive peak-demand electricity. Structural changes should incentivise this, and recognise the benefits batteries provide. This more than justifies any lower network costs paid for by those who purchase batteries - they are making contributions elsewhere. Please rethink this and take a broader consideration of the contributions and burden sharing, as well

as considering climate factors.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual user

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The NEO is to promote efficient investment in, and efficient operation and use of, electricity services... Removing variable pricing in favour of fixed charges acts against efficient use of electricity. It's an "all or nothing" approach that rewards those with the least efficient usage pattern, as they pay proportionally less than those who strive to minimise usage of electrical services. Fixed charges also decrease the incentive to invest efficiently. Efficient investment implies investment that is "just enough", "not too much or too little" to meet the need. Fixed charges divorces the income stream from the size of the demand, which removes an important price signal to assess efficiency. Charges to access the electrical network should, as much as possible, reflect the size of usage. This might be in both directions - household import & export - or in only one direction as it is now. But the principle of "pay for what you use" is important to measure efficiency of delivery.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposal will have unintended consequences of reducing the will of consumers to lower energy consumption because it favours high energy users. It will result in higher costs for everyone - low energy users, solar battery owners and high energy users will simply consume more because consumption becomes cheaper. It will force solar users with large batteries completely off the grid to recoup their investment costs.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposal to increase supply charges. This would discourage people from not wasting power. It will be a disincentive to install solar panels and batteries. This would be detrimental to the environment. It would discourage buying energy efficient products.

Furthermore it is unacceptable to increase the cost to people who are poorer.

Another approach may be to consider a sliding scale with increase in prices based on consumption. This would discourage waste and those with more electrical appliances would pay more.

It is a socially and environmentally damaging policy.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I recently installed a [REDACTED] solar system with a [REDACTED] battery and

replaced gas appliances/heating with split systems throughout, all of which were financed through an initiative through [REDACTED] - in the order of [REDACTED]

This was on the basis that:

- it is more environmentally friendly both from a fossil fuel and gas-use perspective
- it would help the broader electrical network by reducing evening load
- the system (under current pricing) is hoped to pay for itself over the 10-25years, however it may not

It does not seem fair and reasonable for those how have acted in good faith to then be liable for higher electrical bills, whilst those who have higher electrical bills who have failed to reduce the burden they put on the network to be effectively discounted.

The Australian Energy Market Commission need to consider those who took advantage of the government grants available and installed a solar/battery system. It's not reasonable to assume that those with a system install can cater for an increase in cost.

If I had known that having an imposed cost added due to using a solar/battery system then I would not have bothered.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: If fixed prices are significantly increased and usage costs decrease then there will be a disincentive for consumers to invest in solar panels etc.

The current pay back period is borderline and for my self I will simply not replace my panels when they reach end of life. My grid usage will increase significantly. So you will eventually kill off consumer's investment in panels etc. The proposal is short sighted and will create a supply gap as consumers move to more grid usage.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Why should people with solar panels and batteries be punished with higher set fees by electricity providers. We have spent a lot of money to take stress of the grid and make our life cleaner and cheaper. But now we are told we have to pay more.

I oppose this strongly.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27380>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To quote John McEnroe“you cannot be serious”. People like ourselves invested hard earned money in panels and battery to make a difference to our bills and environment. And you are proposing to “ shift the goal posts”....
Not Happy [REDACTED]

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27379>

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I would like to oppose the proposal of increasing fixed price strategy for people with solar and batteries.

Prices should be reduced for people that have invested a lot of money thinking they would benefit. This proposal works in the opposite direction.

I am against the idea.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27378>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private owner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the ideas committee,

In the so called resource rich and lucky country, for years I've seen my power bill go from acceptable, to ouch, to OMG, to one of the biggest quarterly expenses.

It became clear that policy settings in this country were not going to help, in fact the situation was worsening rapidly bar for cash handouts that are but a band aid and now removed anyway.

So I took action and installed solar and a battery - to the current federal government's credit, the battery rebate pushed this decision over the line.

The system cost me [REDACTED] after the rebate is factored in. I've calculated what the payback will be based on long standing industry settings.

For this proposal to now shift the goal posts is hugely unfair. Furthermore, future uptake of similar systems to the one I purchased won't stack up driving a wider move away from green energy." A exactly what the world doesn't need.

Surely there is another mechanism available other than punishing the low energy users (poor and or old) and the proactive solar installers to pick up the network costs.

Regards

[REDACTED]

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27377>

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposed changes do not benefit in any way those who are

actively seeking to reduce their electricity usage - isn't this ultimately be what we should be promoting, as a society, that is currently overly reliant on fossil fuel usage?

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This is outright gouging. The operators hate that people are reducing their energy usage and now want to sting everyone for the privilege of a grid build decades ago... It will just push those of means to go off grid to avoid all connection fees which will push up prices further for those with lower incomes. And no doubt then they will be requiring everyone be taxed for the grid maintenance regardless of if they use it, all while high power use industries such as datacentres will be pushing for reductions in costs via lobby groups

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: In regards to Recommendation 5 and Recommendation 6 of the report.
I disagree that network costs should be shared equally amongst electricity customers. Customers should, at least in part, pay their share of network charges attributable to the amount of energy they use from the grid. A single-person household, or a household who is largely self-sufficient in their energy use should not have to pay charges for a network they use far less than others.

It would not be fair or reasonable to consumers to roll all network charges into a single, fixed fee and any suggestion that that be the case should be disregarded.

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Submission Type: Market Review

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The more power is used the higher the rate should be but with a minimum rate for low users.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Home owner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This does not surprise me that the burden is placed on the people who have done their best to reduce their energy bills have been singled out to prop up energy companies. I will do my very best to get off the grid entirely rather than be a slave to greed corporations that have no interest in helping communities and pulling their weight.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Home owner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Having just invested a substantial of money from my superannuat and joined [REDACTED] a local com[REDACTED]rganisation to electrify a whole suburb , the proposed changes to connection rates that would impact solar / battery users is absurd. By risking a lot and trying to improve our electricity burden and budget and the climate by reducing our emissions and still being penalised is outright criminal behaviour by the energy companies.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven

future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose predominantly fixed network charges

I oppose any move toward predominantly fixed network charges and that network pricing should continue to reflect consumption and time-of-use.

I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

Impacts on solar and battery investment

Fixed charges undermine the economics of solar and batteries and threaten industry viability. This means less uptake of solar and batteries which threatens Australia's renewable energy target and emissions reduction goals.

Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake.

It raises equity and affordability concerns

Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

The lack of evidence supporting this approach

There absence of published bill modelling and real-world evidence supporting this approach.

Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour.

In summary, I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that

preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges. Fixed, unavoidable charges reduce bill control, undermine equity and weaken incentives for efficient energy use and investment in distributed energy resources.

Fixed charges undermine the economics of solar and batteries and threaten industry viability. This means less uptake of solar and batteries which threatens Australia's renewable energy target and emissions reduction goals.

Modelling shows that households with existing solar and battery systems would see bills increase for those who already have solar and batteries, while households considering installation would see benefits substantially reduced. This would significantly weaken investment signals and risk a sharp decline in uptake.

Fixed charges are regressive and disproportionately harm low-consumption and lower-income households.

Predominantly fixed network charges are regressive. Low-consumption and lower-income households would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, entrenching structural inequities rather than addressing them.

Given this is a self-initiated review, the AEMC should not progress such a fundamental change without publishing detailed bill impacts, distributional analysis and evidence of consumer and retailer behaviour.

I urge the AEMC not to progress the proposal to introduce predominantly fixed network charges and to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This is a very bad idea and I am against it. It's called the solar electric retailer death spiral for a reason, the more you raise the prices the more people will go off grid, you're better off keeping the status quo.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/27366>

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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the AEMC's proposal to shift network pricing toward predominantly fixed charges, as it reduces consumers' ability to actively reduce their energy bills by efficient energy use.

The move would increase bills for those who have already invested in solar and batteries and reduce incentives to invest in a scheme that is already reducing peak demand and bringing down wholesale prices.

Fixed charges would disproportionately harm low-consumption and lower-income households, who would pay more regardless of their ability to reduce usage, further entrenching structural inequities.

Once fixed charges are increased, households cannot avoid them through efficiency, demand shifting, or investment in clean energy technologies. This would significantly weaken household incentives to adopt solar and batteries and risks a major slowdown in deployment.

There is no published bill modelling and the AEMC should not proceed such a proposal without publishing detailed impacts.

I urge the AEMC not to introduce predominantly fixed network charges, but to retain pricing structures that preserve consumer agency, equity and clean energy investment incentives.

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