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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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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I work with vulnerable people who already go without essential to pay for their power. Significantly increasing fixed rates for low consumers of electricity will directly result in increased homelessness

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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: I wish to lodge my strong objection to the proposed increase in fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

This proposal creates a perverse incentive structure. By increasing the fixed portion of bills, the AEMC will penalise energy-conscious households and weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. This effectively punishes consumers who are helping to lower grid demand.

The negative impacts of this proposal are threefold:

**Equity:** It disproportionately affects low-income and low-usage households, such as pensioners and renters, who cannot reduce their bills through behavioural changes if the fixed charge is too high.

**Efficiency:** It weakens the incentive to save energy or invest in efficiency upgrades, slowing the momentum of Australia's distributed energy transition.

**Grid Stability:** It risks driving wealthier consumers off-grid entirely, shrinking the revenue base and driving up costs for remaining vulnerable customers.

Given the current delays in large-scale renewable projects, we must encourage, not deter, residential solar participation. I request that the AEMC rejects high fixed charges and protects a fair, usage-based pricing model that aligns with the long-term interests of all consumers.

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Submission Type: Market Review

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: 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. Furthermore, the policy will potentially increase carbon emissions, which not the aim of renewal energy policy. 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. It is bad public policy. 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. It should not increase inflationary pressures in the economy and exacerbate the cost of living crisis for those on low incomes. 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. In this respect Australian is world-leading. 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. In this way we will leave a better legacy to future generations.

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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. 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: none

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposal to significantly increase the cost of electricity towards some kind of increased fixed fee for network charge rather than the current method that ensures users pay more if their consumption rises, while users who do everything in their power, often at great expense and effort, to reduce their consumption, are fairly treated by reflecting that in their lower overall bill.

The many millions of households who have invested in solar, battery, insulation or other energy saving assets have done so on the presumption that they will not be treated in such a way as to respect the value such investment has been towards reducing the demand on the grid.

Many of these people neither draw or push large amounts of power on the grid,

they utilise their own systems and place minimal demand on the grid itself.

Yet, this proposal seeks to see them as a cash cow and effectively ignore their significant investment, harming it's value, and milk them for increased fixed network costs rather than respecting the significant effort they have made.

It will drive people away from the grid, lose the respect from your customers, come at a great political price and harm the industry far more than you may realise.

I implore you to not go down this path and treat people this way.

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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: This proposal appears to be a [REDACTED] of every single Australian household who has invested th [REDACTED] oney towards a battery, solar, insulation, 5 star appliances or simply frugal use of electricity .

Those changes did not come cheap and despite government subsidies, many of us paid full price .

To change the fees for a network connection is a disgusting way to treat

those who have been doing the right thing .

It also means the rich and heavy users of electricity will be somewhat subsidised by the middle class battlers who could have just not bothered to save for energy conserving setups.

Don't do this, the kick back from the people will be strong

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose proposed change specifically recommendation 5 as it will penalise households which has invested to contribute in getting clean energy.

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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 to raise a policy consideration regarding electricity pricing, specifically the application of daily supply charges for households that have invested in solar battery storage.

Homes with solar batteries rely significantly less on the electricity grid than households without renewable energy systems. In many cases, these homes can meet most or all of their daily energy needs independently, drawing from the grid only during extended periods of low solar generation. Despite this reduced reliance, they are charged the same daily supply charge as homes that depend entirely on grid electricity.

The daily supply charge now makes up a large proportion of many electricity bills, often exceeding usage charges themselves. This means households that have actively invested their own capital to reduce grid demand and improve energy resilience receive little financial recognition for doing so.

I believe there is a strong case for introducing a reduced daily supply charge for homes with installed and operational solar battery systems. Such a pricing structure would:

- More accurately reflect the lower level of grid reliance from battery-equipped homes
- Encourage further investment in household batteries, supporting grid stability and peak demand reduction
- Reduce long-term infrastructure strain and costs across the electricity network
- Align pricing incentives with Australian renewable energy and emissions reduction goals

Providing a tangible reduction in the daily supply charge would be a meaningful incentive for households considering battery adoption. Unlike feed-in tariffs or usage rates, the supply charge is unavoidable and highly visible on bills, making it one of the most effective levers to encourage behavioural and investment change.

I respectfully encourage you to consider this proposal as part of future tariff reviews or regulatory reforms. Recognising reduced grid dependency through fairer daily charges would support consumers, strengthen the grid, and accelerate Australia's transition to a more distributed and resilient energy system.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

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Organisation: Private residents

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I do not support a raise in the fixed charges. The user cannot adjust their time connected to the grid, but they can adjust their usage.

A rise in fixed charges burdens the user with an ongoing strain with which

the only way to avoid is to disconnect from the grid. Access to electricity is an essential feature of advanced economies. People are many times more productive and live longer, healthier lives with it. Applying additional costs to owners will in the case of rentals, be passed on directly to the tenant, who already suffer continual upward price pressure.

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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.

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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: Not applicable

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Increasing the fixed component of the electricity charges is inappropriate on many levels. Firstly it will penalize consumers that use less electricity. This impacts low-income families, elderly residents on fixed incomes and small households such as those that live in apartments. It also penalizes people trying to reduce their power consumption, by installing energy efficient appliances, solar and battery systems. Increasing the fixed charge portion also reduces the benefits of conserving power use and would increase the drain on electricity supply resources. The proposed increase goes against the core precept that lower usage should and would lead to lower power bills. Secondly, it results in a greater portion of the total cost for low consumers compared to high consumers. Any fair pricing structure should encourage and reward efficiency and lower usage of our limited resources. The proposed change could encourage greater usage and place greater demand on the supply of power. Greater demand would lead to more power shortages and outages which cause subsequent economic cost to the whole population. This change will further exacerbate and prolong the existing cost of living issues we are all experiencing. Thirdly such a change to the pricing structure would act as a deterrent and hindrance to people to invest in energy efficient appliances or install rooftop solar and solar battery systems. It would likely lead to people no longer participating or engaging in initiatives to address demand response events. It would additionally deter people from moving demand to off-peak periods. This change will further set back broader objectives such as decarbonisation and demand management. The proposed change to pricing would undermine these objectives and the transition to a flexible sustainable supply grid. Lastly, energy affordability is a crucial part of people's lives. Increasing the fixed part increases unavoidable costs and would lead to energy hardship especially for households already struggling with ever increasing living costs. Increasing non-discretionary electricity costs

simply adds further to people's financial strain.  
The proposal fails to show how increasing the fixed charges will provide any tangible benefits to consumers especially the most vulnerable ones. In summary, as outlined above, I strongly oppose the proposed changes to increase the fixed component of electricity charges under EPR0097. The change will impact low usage and vulnerable households, weaken incentives for investment in renewable energy resources and conservation and reduce fairness in pricing.

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Organisation: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am a small power user who will be penalised by increased fixed charges. I am against the principle of removing price signals which will reign in flagrant energy usage habits

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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 like mine that uses less electricity, and has already invested in rooftop solar. Households such as mine have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. We should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for more 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.

While I'm yet to engage the additional expense and benefits of a battery at my home, proposals such as EPR0097 simply accelerate my desire to be off-grid completely. Being off-grid comes with its own challenges, of course, and does nothing to assist with the overall Australian's clean energy transition - especially for those households who do not have this option. In fact, households like mine that could go off-grid are simply "pulling up the ladder behind us" for those left at the mercy of the grid when unable to add solar or batteries.

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, me included, 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: public

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under  
EPR0097 which defy common sense. I can't even explain it to my kid it's  
benefits so how is the govt going to explain it to the public.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills is unfair and will increase cost  
of  
living for everyone.

Current fixed electricity charges has not been efficiently utilised to  
improve the grid and any increases will also be squandered away. Why is  
EPR0097 being proposed to benefit electricity providers who are doing  
nothing  
to help reduce electricity costs or provide clean energy. They get cheap  
electricity from many solar panels household and instead of storing them,  
they let it go to waste. Propose something that will force them to built  
more  
batteries or solar sites. Those will help reduce costs for everyone and  
the  
future generations.

Higher fixed charges will reduce the financial benefit of saving energy.  
More  
people will go off the grid and we lose the benefits of clean energy from  
battery and solar panels rebates.

AEMC, please protect fair usage-based pricing and maintain strong  
incentives  
for electricity providers to reduce demand and invest in clean energy.

You have to reject changes that increase fixed charges at the expense of  
the  
people which is focus on short term gains and not long term benefits.

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Organisation: Home Owner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: To Whom It May Concern

As a rooftop solar owner which provides back up power to the electricity grid and is less of a user and more of a supplier, 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. These households have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. We should not be worse off because of it in order to provide shareholder profits.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems and/or add batteries, or improve energy efficiency.

It would appear that this is the aim of such a Price Review.

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 like us as well as 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 would create a system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service, and promotes the idea that electricity is a profit making

resource.

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, which is our Nation's future

Please reject changes that increase fixed charges for profit 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: 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 doubt you'll be reducing anything. lets be honest. It's another money grab on essentials people need.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28483>

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au  
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Date: 2026-02-23T22:45:20.0000000  
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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: Private Resident

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am lodging my objection to EPR0097, which proposes an increase to fixed electricity charges. This proposal contradicts AEMC's stated objectives of working 'for Australia's future productivity and living standards by contributing to a decarbonising, affordable and reliable energy system for consumers'.

It does not 'focus on the long-term interests of energy consumers'.

It will not ensure 'energy simply works for Australian businesses.

It will not 'help the economy to grow sustainably and competitively'.  
(Source of all quotes: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/about-us>)

This proposal will, instead:

Penalise households who have reduced grid consumption, either through behavioural changes and/or private investment in solar and batteries.

Disincentivise households from reducing consumption via behavioural change,  
or by investing in solar and batteries.

Limit the return the Australian taxpayers receive from their investment,  
via  
Government subsidies, in solar and battery systems.

Disproportionately impact small and low-use households: pensioners,  
renters,  
apartment dwellers, and those in lower socio-economic circumstances.

Encourage 'wealthy' users, who can afford a large enough stand-alone  
system, to leave the grid entirely, increasing the burden on those left  
connected.

AEMC can deliver on its stated objectives by advocating and protecting  
fair  
and equitable usage-based pricing strategies that encourage households  
and  
businesses to reduce demand and invest in clean-energy sources.  
Proposal EPR0097 will do the opposite.  
It should be rejected.

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To: Submissions@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: Retired person

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments:

A fair grid should reward people who use less and generate clean power,  
not

punish them for it.

"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: I oppose raising fixed electricity charges under EPR0097, as the change would unfairly penalise low use households and those who invested in rooftop solar and batteries. Higher fixed charges:

- weaken incentives to save energy and adopt distributed clean technologies,
- reduces the financial reward for saving energy or installing/maintaining solar and batteries
- risk slowing the growth of local renewables,
- disproportionately hurt pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and low use households.
- could push wealthier households to disconnect from the grid, worsening costs for those who remain grid connected.

Pricing reforms should rebuild trust rather than fuel concerns about privatisation and poor outcomes.

I call on the AEMC to:

- preserve usage based pricing to protect equity, efficiency and long term grid stability
- reject increases to fixed charges
- to maintain policies that support fairness, efficiency and the continued growth of distributed 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: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I do not favour increasing the fixed cost component of electricity charges as I think it is socially unfair to place this burden on small volume users.

- Many small users are financially struggling in our community
- A small volume user does not cause maximum demand impacts to the same extent as high volume users
- A high volume user is usually in a better position to pay for the marginally increased electricity tariffs required to keep the grid viable
- Increased volume tariffs will provide incentives for households to save power or invest in household solar/battery options

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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: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a household, I have actively responded to government and regulatory signals encouraging participation in the clean energy transition.

This has involved making substantial upfront capital investments in battery storage and related infrastructure, accepting personal financial risk in order to:

- support decarbonisation objectives
- reduce reliance on the grid
- shift demand away from peak periods
- contribute to overall system flexibility.

Under the proposed pricing framework, however, the economic value of these actions is materially reduced. A larger proportion of electricity costs would become unavoidable, limiting the ability of households to benefit from efficiency, load-shifting, or distributed energy investments.

In effect, consumer rewards for contributing to system outcomes are capped, while network revenues are stabilised through higher fixed charges. This outcome is difficult to reconcile with the principle of cost-reflective pricing, as it weakens incentives for behaviour that lowers system costs and emissions, while insulating legacy infrastructure from changing demand patterns.

This risks shifting financial exposure away from network operators and onto households that have acted in good faith in response to public policy objectives, appearing less like cost-reflective reform and more like protection of existing network revenue models, at the expense of households participating in the energy transition.

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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: Resident.

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please don't increase fixed electricity charges. If you do, I, and 1000's like me, will consider going off-grid and that's not going to be good for anyone. I abolished gas purely because of the fixed charge (and I wasn't using it). Keep pricing such that incentive is provided for reduced demand and 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: private submission

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments:

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

I am a part-pensioner.

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.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

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

Organisation: Member of the public

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The pricing on this review looks set to penalise people with solar and batteries and low income earners, yet seems to reward the big energy users. Why is energy such a wrought in this country? Have the energy companies not made enough billions off the tax payers, how about making life easier and simpler for energy users and people who want to save this planet?

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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: Other

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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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 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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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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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: 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 fixed charges unfairly penalises households that use less electricity, including those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These households have reduced pressure on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition, and they should not be worse off for doing so.

Higher fixed charges weaken incentives to save energy and invest in efficiency, solar upgrades, and battery storage. This risks slowing the growth of distributed energy that plays an important role in supporting the grid, particularly during peak demand.

Low-use households, pensioners, renters, and apartment residents would be disproportionately affected. Shifting costs into fixed charges reduces fairness and affordability and undermines electricity as an essential service.

I urge the AEMC to retain usage-based pricing and 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: Home

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.

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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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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: .

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hi, This ew change in fixed electricity cost is going to affect solar and battery consumers and low usage customers quite badly and is punishing those customers who bought battery to help with house hold cost and help with grid stability. Kindly reconsider.

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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: Taxpayer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Raising the base service charge for electrical supply to subsidise suppliers who've taken profits instead of preparing for the obvious is unjustified and a betrayal of all the Australians who have done as asked by Government by investing in solar and batteries.

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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.

We are STILL in the midst of a cost of living crises and the answer to rising  
electricity costs is to raise the daily surprise charge?

How about you play fair and actually force retailers to buy my energy at  
a  
price that's comparable to the price they sell it at?

The idea that y'all could raise supply charges wirhout any reflection on  
a  
floor for the FiT is absolutely unfair to the average household.

I live in regional NSW, and nearly every home around me has at least 3kW  
of  
solar panels on their roof producing the majority, if not an excess of  
their  
needs. These homes put zero load on the grid and get paid pennies for  
their  
contribution. Your proposal taxes them and for what good reason? Robbing  
Peter to pay Paul seldom makes sense, but I can't even tell who Paul is,  
in  
this instance, or why Peter needs to be robbed in the first place.

Please do better.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28435>

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Submission Type: Market Review

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

Organisation: Member of the public

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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

I believe small and low-use households will be hit hardest by this proposal.

A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families, particularly at a time when rising costs far outstrip any increases in wages/pensions.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will also 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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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: Consumer

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: 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: Dear Sir/Ma'am,

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.

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.

Lastly, moving the goalposts in this manner is unfair and Un-Australian.

Kind regards,



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

Organisation: private resident

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: We have recently moved from Darlington Point to Callala Bay. We installed solar panels at Darlington Point in 2007 with a Fronius Inverter, then more panels in 2016 with microinverters, then more panels in 2023 with microinverters. We also put in a Tesla Powerwall battery and an EV charger for our Electric Hyundai Ionic 5 vehicle in 2023. We were self sufficient with solar panel produced power. We remained on the grid. Then we moved to Callala Bay in 2025 and had solar panels, two batteries and a Tesla EV charger installed there. We are still self sufficient with our power use, but the charges for access to the grid have increased and so have the charges from our new electricity retailer.

If the new changes proposed by AEMO go through then our charges will increase again and our costs will go up so that our not using the grid power for our electricity needs will have minimal effect. We will be seriously thinking of going OFF the grid.

Do not change the current charges as proposed. It is unfair to those of us who have spent thousands of dollars on solar panels, batteries and EVs.

Thank you.

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

On a personal note: I am a single full time worker in my 50's. I used the last of my savings to have solar installed on my home. I can't afford a battery even with the government rebates, which in this scenario is a pointless incentive anyway. I already live a very frugal life. My solar no longer covers my quarterly bills, nowhere near. If you pass the change, my quarterly bills will increase substantially. Where am I supposed to find the money for this? We are already living in a cost of living crisis, and you want to add to the stress of that! If you make the change, you will force people into more debt than they are already in. You will bankrupt people, you will literally tip people over the edge, an edge that cannot be returned from! People will not install solar, or batteries which goes against the Governments wishes. Of the majority with solar, we cannot go off grid, but we will remove all solar from our properties, again against the Governments wishes, all down to your extremely poor decision making.

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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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 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: [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.

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."those who don't own a roof, or rely on a pension, will have no choice at all.

I would like a response to this submission.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Submission Type: Market Review

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: I do not support the proposed rise in fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Shifting a greater share of network costs into fixed daily fees unfairly disadvantages households that consume less power and those who have invested in rooftop solar or battery storage. These customers have taken meaningful steps to reduce strain on the grid and have committed their own funds to

support Australia's transition to cleaner energy. They should not be financially penalised for doing so. Expanding fixed charges diminishes the reward for conserving energy. This weakens the economic case for installing solar, upgrading aging systems, adding battery storage, or improving home energy efficiency. Over time, such changes could slow the growth of distributed renewable energy, which plays an increasingly important role in supporting the grid, particularly during daytime demand peaks. Low-consumption households will feel the greatest impact. Moving more costs into unavoidable fixed fees disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment residents and families who actively work to minimise their electricity use. There are also broader structural risks. If fixed charges continue to rise, households with the means to invest in solar, batteries and backup systems may consider partially or fully disconnecting from the grid. That would leave fewer customers sharing the cost of maintaining network infrastructure, driving prices even higher for those unable to exit. This trajectory risks creating a divided system and undermines the principle of electricity as an essential service accessible to all. Electricity networks operate as natural monopolies and serve a critical public function. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Concerns raised by the ACCC about the performance of privatised electricity markets highlight the need for reforms that build confidence, not erode it. With major generation and transmission projects experiencing delays, locally generated energy in suburbs and regional communities has become increasingly significant. Rooftop solar is now a substantial contributor to Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reform should support this participation rather than discourage it. I encourage the AEMC to retain fair, usage-based pricing structures and preserve strong incentives for households to reduce demand and invest in clean energy. Changes that increase fixed charges at the cost of fairness, efficiency and long-term system resilience should not proceed.

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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 oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under  
EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise my household that uses less electricity and we saved hard and invested in rooftop solar and batteries. My household has reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. I should not be worse off because of it.

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

Small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters (and I paid for solar at my rental property!), 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. Yes, I would do this! Someone would sell me that technology. 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. It's bad enough that I get only [REDACTED] per kWh on my [REDACTED] kWh per month I feed in to the grid.

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.

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 increases to fixed electricity charges under  
EPR0097.

By increasing the fixed portion of bills, households that use less electricity and consumers who augment the grid with their invested and privately maintained infrastructure in the form of rooftop solar and batteries will be unfairly penalised. 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 blinkered, ill-considered and lazy regulatory changes. Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to install PV arrays, 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 periods of peak demand. Small and low-use households will be the most disadvantaged. 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 seriously consider leaving the grid altogether; I am a current example of that demographic. Such an exodus from reliance on old infrastructure would shrink the customer base that pays for updating grids and shares those 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 benefit.

Most Australians have already witnessed the failure of privatisation to deliver 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 and private energy storage 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:

You said:

Write a consultation response for recent proposed changes to Australian

electricity fees proposed by aemc, oppose the suggestion basically say we are low electricity users who have invested in home electrification and efficiency practice good habits and it would unfairly penalise us

ChatGPT said:

Below is a draft consultation submission you can adapt and submit to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) opposing the proposed electricity pricing changes – especially the increase in fixed electricity charges. This reflects current proposals being consulted on by the AEMC for the Electricity Pricing for a Consumer-Driven Future review and associated tariff design changes.

Subject: Submission on AEMC Proposed Electricity Pricing Changes – Oppose Shift to Higher Fixed Charges

To the Commissioners,

I am writing in response to the AEMC's consultation on proposed changes to electricity pricing arrangements under the Electricity Pricing for a Consumer-Driven Future review. I strongly oppose the proposal to shift a greater share of network costs into fixed daily charges rather than volumetric (usage-based) pricing.

I am a low electricity user and have made substantial personal investments in home electrification, energy efficiency, and renewable energy technologies – including high-efficiency appliances, energy-efficient building practices, and rooftop solar and battery storage. I have adopted good energy use habits including demand management and minimising consumption during high-cost periods.

Under the current pricing model, households like mine are incentivised to reduce electricity usage, reduce demand on the grid, and reduce overall system costs. However, the proposed shift to a higher fixed daily supply charge allocates network costs regardless of how much electricity is actually consumed. Early analysis suggests this type of pricing change would see households with low energy usage – especially those who have taken responsible steps to reduce consumption and invest in distributed energy resources – paying a disproportionate share of total electricity costs compared to high-use customers.

This proposal will:

Penalise energy-efficient households: Customers who have invested in energy efficiency and/or small-scale solar & battery systems will see the savings they have worked for eroded as the fixed component of their bill rises.

Undermine the value of demand-reducing behaviour: Time-of-use pricing and



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 change could tilt the playing field away anyone who's invested and done the right thing. A fair grid should reward people who use less and generate clean power, not punish them for it. Have your say while you still can. If you want some inspiration, here's what I'm planning to tell them: "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.”

Note: I did not construct this statement but I fully agree with it.

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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.

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Organisation: N/a

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This is an outrageous proposal and it certainly is not for the benefit of consumers. I have installed solar and battery. I consume very little power from the grid and should be less not more. It is stunningly obvious that this proposal aims to protect profits of the power companies and not the interests of consumers. The AEMC is meant to look after the tax payer.

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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 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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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.

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 the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Raising the fixed component of electricity bills unfairly disadvantages 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 significant private investments that support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be penalised for acting responsibly.

Higher fixed charges diminish the financial reward for conserving energy. This weakens incentives for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade existing systems, add battery storage, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, such changes risk slowing the growth of distributed clean energy, which plays an important role in supporting the grid, particularly during daytime peaks.

Low-consumption and small households would be disproportionately affected. Shifting more network costs into fixed charges places a heavier burden on pensioners, renters, apartment residents and energy-conscious families who use less electricity.

There are also significant long-term risks. As fixed charges rise, households that can afford solar, batteries and backup systems may increasingly consider disconnecting from the grid. This would reduce the number of customers sharing network costs, driving prices higher for those unable to leave. The result could be a two-tier system that undermines electricity's role as an essential service.

Electricity networks operate as natural monopolies and provide a critical public service. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has raised concerns about the impact of privatised electricity on consumers and the broader economy. Pricing reform should restore confidence 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 no longer marginal – it is a central component of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing changes should encourage participation in clean energy, not discourage it.

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 reforms 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: 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: Dear Sirs,  
I would like to object to any increase or variation to the pricing on power supply to customers from the grid.  
The daily charge now is prohibitive enough, let alone an increase. There is no real reason for an increase, just CPI increase is more than enough.  
It seems to me that the proposed increase is just greed. Perhaps the executives should take a salary cut to even things up a bit.  
Please do not go down this suggested path of increases. There will be major damage to the ability of the population to pay their bills.

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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: 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.

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 doubt 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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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: Private citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: 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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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: Not Applicable

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am really appalled at the idea of increasing the fixed electricity charges.

I am fortunate in that I have installed solar panels and batteries so I can go off grid with a bit more tweaking to my systems. I have wood heating, gas cooking and back up generators that I can use.

If I go off grid then everyone suffers including the environment because I burn more wood and gas and diesel and the grid doesn't get my surplus electricity.

Unfortunately, there are many people who will suffer from your greed, pensioners and families struggling with the cost of living. There will be many people who cannot afford electricity at all so they too will disconnect from the grid but because they can't pay their bills.

The idea of raising fixed costs is just another example of corporate greed and another step to increasing the already huge divide between rich and poor.

I will certainly be contacting both my state and federal members and the opposition to further voice my complaint against this abhorrent money grab, as I certainly will not vote for any politician that does not stand up against this.

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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: none

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I wish to comment on any proposed changes to the electricity billing arrangements.

- Smart meters. As a Victorian we were compelled to change our metering to Smart Meters some years ago at our expense. I do not recall any benefit I have received from this. We are unable to monitor any information from the meter and all the benefits will have only resulted in increased profit to suppliers and retailers.

- I do not support any change to the billing of electricity or gas to change the billing process to increasing supply charges. There can be no credible reason for this as the electricity supply means has already been gold plated at our expense.

- The sole justification for increasing the supply charge is to allow suppliers like AGL to increase their profit margin without any improvement in the service they offer.

- We have a modest solar and battery system installed to avoid the cost of electricity. Our system provides an excess of electricity for about 9 months of the year which is returned to the supplier AGL over time. They have managed to chip away at the refund we receive over the years and I am certain they find this rebate as a blight. They have managed to reduce it progressively and perhaps even to a negative amount in the near future. The prospect of increasing the supply charge is a disaster for me.

- I have no confidence that AGL. I don't believe they have any loyalty or respect to us as customers, seeing us only as profit centres. I believe they see their role as a way of gouging more and more from the likes of me. As an old person with limited computer and analytical skills I find it very difficult to comprehend comparable offerings from different suppliers. I am absolutely sure this is in the mandate of suppliers to make analysis difficult and confusing.

- They offer tricky inducements to in their billing process which are difficult to understand and even when analysed are not particularly advantageous, and as a consequence, I am unsure where I can go to get independent advice and recommendations for energy supplier information.

- I totally support the Federal Government's attack on electricity supply with wind, solar, grid scale batteries, pumped hydro and support for domestic solar and battery rebates. Minister Bowen deserves the greatest credit for the work he has done. This is especially so in the face of trenchant hostility from the Federal Opposition, the Murdoch press, Sky News and Coal and Gas interests.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

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

Organisation: Pensioner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I have installed a battery and solar panels and used a lot of savings on that. Partly because it will save money, but also to do the right thing. As the feed in tariff is slowly disappearing, it is disheartening to hear the discussion about raising the fixed connection rate. As a pensioner, I will never be able to pay my investment off if that goes ahead

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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: Private citizen supplying the grid with solar

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. People who have invested in solar and home batteries should be seen as valid stakeholders in the network, not just catering for the major gentailors. A smarter move would be to require the network providers to install local batteries next to substations to efficiently collect locally generated power using the under-utilised daytime network capacity. Using a smart AI predictive computer, the AEMC could regulate the top up of these batteries based on local temperature and cloud cover from the mega batteries and solar and wind generating power companies without 'gold plating' an over engineered and unnecessarily expensive grid to just line the company profits at our expense. This should put downward pressure on the peak pricing monster because you will have greater predictability of each region's demand requirements. Taking this route, would show that you are working fairly for all stakeholders and a fair pricing regime.

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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: We should be encouraging PPL to install batteries and solar to help generate energy and distribute it to the grid to firm the grid. Not encourage ppl to go off grid because this helps no one. Connection fees should be capped or free to encourage everyone to do their part by investing in their own generation to cover their own consumption. This helps to provide excess energy during the day for commercial consumption and additional firming for morning and evening peak.

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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 citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: 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 (like mine). 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. For the last 10 years I've sent over [REDACTED] kWh to the grid and I've been paid a pittance for it. With few to no losses these kWh have gone to my neighbours and they've made the energy retailers profitable because they sold it for 3 to 4 times what they paid me.

Moreover, 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.

Additionally, 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. This is particularly important as we will experience more and more adverse weather effects due to climate change. Locally generated energy will be crucial to keeping communities functioning during these times.

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: Private 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, and particularly those that have borrowed to do so.

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

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy and only benefits the (often international) corporations where the main aim is profits and not the welfare of consumers or even the nation.

This can only weaken 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) and seeks to minimise climate change from the burning of fossil fuels in the production of power.

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 (hint: they haven't) and whether the companies involved pay tax commensurate with the profits they make. 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 (as opposed to supporting the profits of the energy companies and their shareholders).

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: House Holder - Resident of NSW

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: RE Proposal by the Australian Electricity Market Commission (AEMC) to Shift to Fixed Electricity Charges - "Pricing Review EPR0097: Electricity Pricing for a consumer-driven future"

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under the AEMC Market Submission 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 such as myself and that of my neighbours 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. Therefore, any pricing reforms should then 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. Accordingly, I am calling on all Members of both Federal and State Parliament and those with the AEMC to please reject the Fixed Electricity Chargers as proposed under EPR0097 as failure to do so will be 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: 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: 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.

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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: 100% oppose, this is classic bait and switch, you convince us to spend 10's of thousands on solar+battery and when we do, you want to change the goal posts to make it wasted money if we are not saving. Do we get a refund on our purchase if it ends up costing more than we save???

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Submission Type: Rule Change

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

Organisation: Concerned 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.

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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.”

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28362>

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To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-18T11:37:22.000000

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: n/a

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am completely against any increase to fixed electricity charges.

If my fixed costs increase I will go off grid. I already have solar and batteries. I have wood heating and gas cooking that I can return to using.

The only reason I haven't already gone off grid already is because I'm getting a credit on my electricity but once that stops I don't need the grid.

I live on acreage and also have a generator.

If I go off grid then everyone suffers. I don't get my credit, you lose because I pay no fixed charges, the environment loses because I burn more wood and gas and diesel and the grid doesn't get my cheaper electricity.

I feel very badly for all the people not as fortunate as me. I will be pushing my political leaders to crush AEMC and return it to government control, which it should have remained all along.

The idea of raising fixed costs is truly insane, immoral and typical of greedy corporations who want bigger bonuses at the expense of poor people who

will eventually be forced to disconnect from the grid and burn candles and

wood and plastics to keep warm. This would just be another step to driving

Australia towards 3rd world living standards.

The more of us that go off grid the more expensive it will become for those

remaining on grid thus forcing even more to go off grid. A vicious cycle that

like the cost of private health insurance and indeed house insurance will continue to rise until it self implodes because so many have left the system.

Indeed I see this proposal is an intelligence test and I trust AEMC isn't

that stupid to consider such an outrageous idea like the increasing of fixed costs.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28360>

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Date: 2026-02-18T10:26:56.0000000  
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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 Residence

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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To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-18T10:25:52.0000000  
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: [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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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: residential electricity customer

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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To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-18T09:36:17.0000000  
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: 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.

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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: 2026-02-18T09:34:07.0000000  
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: Homeowner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I do not support the proposed changes under EPR0097 to increase fixed electricity charges. Raising the fixed component of electricity bills shifts costs onto households that already use less energy, including many who have invested in rooftop solar, batteries, and efficiency upgrades. These households have lowered their reliance on the grid and contributed private capital to Australia's clean energy transition. It would be perverse for them to face higher bills

as a result.

Moving more costs into fixed charges weakens the reward for reducing consumption. When savings from using less electricity shrink, so too does the incentive to install solar, maintain or upgrade existing systems, invest in batteries, or improve household efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the expansion of distributed energy resources that help ease pressure on the grid, particularly during daytime demand peaks.

The impacts would fall most heavily on smaller and lower-usage households.

Pensioners, renters, apartment residents, and families who actively manage their energy use would all pay a larger share of network costs despite placing fewer demands on the system. This approach undermines fairness by disconnecting what people pay from how much they use.

There are also serious long-term consequences to consider. If fixed charges

continue to rise, households with the means to do so may increasingly choose

to install sufficient solar, storage, and backup systems to minimise or exit

grid reliance altogether. As higher-income users depart, the remaining customer base becomes smaller and more constrained, pushing costs upward for

those least able to avoid them. This risks entrenching a two-tier energy system and eroding electricity's role as an essential service.

Electricity networks operate as natural monopolies and provide critical infrastructure. Public confidence in the sector is already fragile, with widespread concern about whether privatisation has delivered better outcomes

for consumers. Pricing reforms should rebuild trust and transparency, not deepen perceptions of unfairness.

With delays affecting large-scale renewable generation and transmission projects, locally generated electricity in homes and communities is increasingly vital. Rooftop solar is no longer a niche supplement – it is a

foundational element of Australia's energy supply. Regulatory settings should recognise this reality and encourage continued participation.

I urge the AEMC to preserve usage-based pricing structures that reward efficiency, support household investment in clean energy, and promote long-term system stability.

The proposed increase in fixed charges should be rejected in favour of policies that better balance equity, efficiency, and the future resilience of the grid.

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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: [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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To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-18T08:44:54.000000  
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: 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.

I have spent thousands of dollars on a solar/battery system to prepay for power years into my retirement. This proposal will diminish [REDACTED] s. My supplier has already increased the supply charge from [REDACTED] per day.

It may of been smarter to of invested this money and used the interest to pay for electricity bills.

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au  
To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-18T08:14:16.0000000  
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 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.

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Date: 2026-02-18T08:13:33.0000000  
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: Private 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, my house, which uses less electricity and have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. I have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. We should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy.

We small and low-use households will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects the Small electricity user.

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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URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28346>

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Date: 2026-02-18T06:01:28.0000000  
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: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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

It's not fair to charge more to those of us who have already spent thousands installing roof top solar and batteries to go green and reduce our reliance on the grid.

Higher fixed charges will decrease the effective installation and maintenance of household solar setups because there'll be less the financial benefit for saving energy.

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.

Rooftop solar is now 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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Date: 2026-02-18T01:24:05.0000000  
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: [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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Please reject changes that increase fixed charges at the expense of equity, efficiency and long-term grid stability.

Thank you, 

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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: Customer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a rooftop solar owner I support keeping the cost of connecting to grid low and the feed-in tariff reasonable. Increased grid connection costs and further reduction of FiT will remove the incentive for customers to adopt solar generation. There might be more of an incentive to store the free power instead.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28343>

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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: Private citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm strongly against the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

I am an elderly woman who lives by herself. I do not consume a lot of energy each day in a bid to lower my energy bill. This proposal will penalise people like me, and will disproportionately increase my energy cost.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28342>

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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: 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 reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households to reduce their energy consumption, improve energy efficiency or install or upgrade solar and/or batteries. Over time, this risks reducing efforts by households to increase energy efficiency and slows 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.

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.

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 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/28341>

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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: 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.

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

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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

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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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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: 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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Date: 2026-02-17T21:29:48.0000000  
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 solar & battery system plus EV

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposal to increase the fixed connection portion of electricity supply charges will have consequences that will effect small and low use households. This will disproportionately affect pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy conscious families.

Should the fixed charges continue to rise, households that can afford solar and batteries may consider leaving the grid altogether. This will reduce the number of customers paying for the shared network costs and will result in even higher charges for those that cannot afford to disconnect from the grid. This will effectively create a two tier system that undermines the idea of electricity supply being an essential service.

Electricity network privatisation has created huge market monopolies to the detriment of all consumers. Privatisation has weakened the electricity network instead of strengthening it for all Australians.

I implore the AEMC to protect fair usage based pricing and maintain strong incentives for households to reduce demand and continue investing in clean

energy. Please reject changes that will increase fixed electricity supply charges.

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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: 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 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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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.

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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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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 consumer

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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I urge the AEMC to ensure fair user-pay pricing occurs, with incentives that encourage households to reduce demand and promote further investment in clean energy.

Please do not introduce changes that increase fixed charges at the expense of equity, efficiency and long-term grid stability.

Under the current regime and model I intend to stay grid connected. If fixed charges increase significantly I would invest in opting out of these to go off grid.

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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: Private consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This proposal stinks. It is a kick in the guts to all who have invested money in rooftop solar and batteries, and it will effect the poorests in the community the most. If this goes ahead I will go off grid so

I can get out of this crazy game where the goal post keep being moved to benefit electricity retailers at the expense of consumers. As battery storage

gets better and cheaper people are not going to put up with this. They will

abandon the grid and only the poor will be left to pay even higher fees to

the electricity compannies. It will also hamper efforts to get GHG emmisions

down. This rule change will be disasterous. Please do not do this.

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To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au

Date: 2026-02-17T19:49:12.000000

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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: 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.

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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: Market Review

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

Organisation: Private citizens

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Increasing the fixed price is madness. Why would I invest in a battery or solar if my fixed costs will end up making my electricity bill increasing as well as why would I try to use less power. I surely hope this is not your intention to make sure you keep your privatised revenue high and looking for another way to make us pay.

First we were told we need to spend money to upgrade infrastructure to prevent blackouts and ended up with a gold plated infrastructure, now we are told it's not good enough and we need solar and battery to absorb the load, but you still want us to pay. Seems like privatisation is not working, we were told we will be better off, however we keep receiving price increases and we are definitely worse off

Enough is enough with this net zero. It's killing our economy and driving inflation. Electricity drives all costs.

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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: Private person

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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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.

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

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: 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.

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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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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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

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a consumer of electricity I am against proposal to increased fixed supply charges. This discriminates against low income households that are typically low consumers of energy. Meanwhile, such a charge is a disincentive to insulating your home and investing in solar and batteries that remove load from the grid. Higher fixed charges will result in higher

and wasteful investment in grid infrastructure.

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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 now be made worse off because of it.

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

Small and low-use households will be hardest hit by any such Fixed-Cost changes. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into Fixed Charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families who are ALL VOTERS with little tolerance for Governments, OR, Any, of their Agencies, with Tin-Ears..!

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

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and are critical to the public good. Many Australians are already questioning 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. Any 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, and Rooftop solar is not marginal, it is now a core part of Australia's electricity supply. Any Pricing reforms should encourage participation, not actively, discourage it, and so I urge the AEMC to protect, fair, usage-based pricing, and maintain strong incentives for households to reduce demand and to keep investing in clean energy.

Please REJECT, ANY ATTEMPTS, to increase Fixed-Charges, at the expense of equity, efficiency, and the long-term stability, of the Grid.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28324>

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au  
To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-17T18:39:40.000000  
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: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I completely oppose the proposal to increase the daily fixed grid access charge. This would penalise people who have, at considerable cost, installed solar and batteries who are contributing to Australia's transition away from fossil fuels. They should not be negatively impacted by a rule change such as that proposed.

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au

To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au

Date: 2026-02-17T18:38:42.000000

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 am in the process of getting quotes for adding storage to my rooftop generation, and am dismayed to learn that the likely cost impact of the AEMC fixed charge proposal would add [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] extra to my electricity bill. I only ascertained this after the closing date had passed - please take my submission into account. I'm really now in a quandary as to whether proceeding with a costly battery installation would be a good economic decision.

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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: Homeowner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: As an homeowner that cares about our community and environmental sustainability 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.

We should be aiming for a decentralized and sustainable energy system, not raising fixed prices.

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To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
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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: Rule Change

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: In regard to EPR0097 I would like to state my concern that the proposal will hit low energy users with higher costs. For years we as a family have tried to keep energy costs low, supporting the environment and reducing strain on the grid. Implementing sound energy efficiencies for the home such as roof insulation, LED light bulbs, blinds down during summer and reducing the need for air conditioning. If this proposal is implemented it goes against the government's objective of reducing energy costs for lower income and lower energy use families.

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URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28320>

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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: Rule Change

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

I am a pensioner with a small energy demand on the grid. I have spent a large investment on rooftop solar power generation, and I am to add a battery to 'time shift' my energy use to a time when there is a high demand on the network grid. This contributes to smoothing the high demand over the grid.

Raising the price of connection to the grid:

- Disproportionally burdens me for the cost of running the network/grid.
- It undermines my investments and punishes me for 'doing the right thing' for the transition to renewable energy.
- It also dissuades me from connecting to the grid at all. If I go off grid, it will deny the network the clean energy it is becoming dependent upon.
- It 'shoots Australia in the foot' in the effort to transition to clean energy.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28319>

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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: NA

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This is the impact of increasing service charge:

- \* Wealthy with solar and batteries will abandon service connections!
- \* Service costs will relate unfairly considering the ongoing reduction of domestic transmission costs - home solar and batteries!
- \* Transmission and domestic retail costs are already incredibly excessive and profitable.
- \* Already recent service charge increases result in excessive charges!
- \* More equitably charges for industrial time of use and transmission costs is a higher priority.

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URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28318>

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Date: 2026-02-17T18:09:09.0000000  
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: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Do not support an increase in pricing or connection fee. If we use less we should be charged less.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28317>

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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: Individual engineer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This rule punishes both the wealthy who were able to install solar panels, as well as the low-income families whom is fighting every day to attempt minimise electricity usage.

Those who are invested into cleaner energy are being punished for acting for the environment, and the low-income families will be forced to pay more for their bill making their monetary problems worse.

This ruling does not benefit the end-users, environment, or the aging electricity infrastructure.

Australia is well known for being a very solar and clean energy driven country.

To stagnate this appeal for unhealthy intentions are blasphemy.

I ask of you to seek correct advice from a wider audience and professionals in the field of energy.

Do not forget what happened to European countries because governors stopped nuclear power plants for votes.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28316>

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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: Public

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/28315>

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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: Public

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/28314>

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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: N/A

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposal to shift a greater proportion of electricity network costs into predominantly fixed daily charges.

My concern is based on practical experience as an engaged residential customer who has invested in distributed energy and actively attempted to understand and verify retail billing structures.

In a recent dispute with my retailer, Engie, I identified inconsistencies between tariff structures, billing categories and how usage and solar exports

were applied to my account. The issue was not simply price level – it was complexity, transparency and the difficulty for a consumer to independently

verify fairness.

That experience reinforced an important principle: pricing structure matters

just as much as price.

When a larger share of a household bill becomes fixed and unavoidable, the

connection between consumer behaviour and financial outcome weakens.

Households are encouraged to install rooftop solar, invest in batteries, improve efficiency and shift demand. These are significant private investments that reduce reliance on the grid and support system resilience.

If the proportion of unavoidable charges increases, the financial signal supporting those investments diminishes. Even if the immediate bill impact

appears moderate, the longer-term effect is erosion of confidence in the regulatory framework.

There are also clear equity considerations. Predominantly fixed network charges are structurally regressive. Low-consumption households – including

pensioners, apartment residents and families deliberately managing usage –

would see a larger share of their bill become unavoidable. High-consumption

households are comparatively less affected.

Electricity networks are regulated monopolies providing an essential service.

Pricing reform should prioritise:

cost reflectivity

meaningful behavioural price signals

equity

preservation of investment incentives in distributed energy

Before progressing a shift toward predominantly fixed charges, detailed and

transparent bill impact modelling – including distributional analysis – should be published. A reform of this magnitude requires a strong evidentiary

basis.

I urge the Commission to retain pricing structures that preserve usage-based

incentives and avoid structural movement toward predominantly fixed network

charges.

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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: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am against the proposed changes which significantly increase the daily usage charge penalising those like my family who have recently invested a large amount of money to go solar, battery and almost totally electric. To do this i had to be convinced on a return on investment over 10 years. If this changes after all the advertising you as a government have made to get people to make the investment then i will no longer vot Labour.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28312>

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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: 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 penalize 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.

If fixed charges continue to rise, households, like mine, who can afford solar, batteries and backup systems will increasingly consider leaving the

grid altogether. I am happy to provide my electricity to the grid for free, I

shouldn't have to pay to benefit the community, 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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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: Myself

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I have just invested in solar and battery to support the grid in the evening.  
Increasing the fixed electricity charges will simply force people with battery off the grid and hopefully not reverting to fossil fuel generator!  
This will make it worse for everyone and the grid network stability - with less home batteries supporting the evening peak and economically make everyone else worse off. Except for Electricity companies that makes huge amount of money.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28310>

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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: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This proposed increase per EPR0097 manifests the governments reversal of the ethic that individual households believed to assist to lessen the Climate Change disaster. As it stands the various grid and retailers of electricity providers have been given every opportunity to extract maximum financial gains in having access to the cheapest source of solar and battery energy ie 0.05 cents (often far less than current solar feed-in tariffs) and then be able to use that to charge [REDACTED] cents per kWh ie some 500% to 800% more for it. That the current situation is already very far from any reasonable balance to those who put their monies into rooftop solar and batteries. Now to actually suggest to trap us into a bigger losing situation,

is nothing short of disregard to the many who attempted and believed the call to "save" the world from Climate Crises. I have absolutely no doubt that if further disincentives are to come about by this existing government, it will only aid climate Change deniers argument it was all simply virtue signalling.

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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: Individual 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, with consequent knock-on climate and environmental effects.

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: [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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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: [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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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]

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NEWSLETTER

Are the authorities running Australia's main grid quietly out to ruin us all? Certainly seems they are.

Read on as I explain the lunacy - there's a proposal on the table that could restructure how we all pay for electricity. They want us all to pay more in fixed charges.

The Australian Electricity Market Commission is the body charged with making up the rules and they're calling for submissions on the change, as part of electricity pricing reforms included in a recent draft review. Trust me this is not good news for consumers.

#### The Shift To Fixed Charges

The proposed new rule change will shift more of your bill into fixed charges.

That means you would pay more just for being connected, even if you use less power, even if you've insulated your house, even if you've spent thousands on solar and a battery, even if you are doing everything right.

If this change goes ahead:

Solar and battery homes could pay \$400-\$680 more per year;  
Clean energy systems will take longer to pay for themselves;  
Low-use households will be hit hardest.  
If you live in a small home, an apartment, or you simply use very little power, you may end up paying more per unit of energy than someone who runs ducted air con all summer.

It's simply perverse. It tells people that saving energy does not save as much money as it should.

#### We Have Always Paid Two Ways

There's a fee for access to the grid, and then there's a charge for the energy you use. It's not unlike driving, where private motor vehicles pay one way and heavy transport pays differently.

In a light vehicle (4.5 tonnes max) you pay registration for access to the network, and then fuel excise (supposedly) funds the maintenance of the roads according to how many kilometres you drive. Fuel is the major cost, so you have an incentive to ride your bike.  
In a truck you pay much higher registration costs. Truckies are buying the

right to have more wheels, 6 or 9 Tonnes per axle in fact. More weight means more wear, on roads that have to be better built to withstand the load. Right now, most homes pay low fixed daily charges, while charges for power used are relatively high. The more kilowatt hours you use, the more you pay. If you install solar, cut your usage, or add a battery, your bill falls because you buy less from the grid.

#### Industrial Customers Get The Other Deal

Big users pay for the load they can put on the grid, or size of the wires.

It's called a demand charge, so if you have a petrol station, supermarket or nursing home, you're paying for a big fat connection to feed you power, but the actual cost of the units you're guzzling is relatively low.

Demand charges can be a trap. Years ago they only applied to industrial users, so a winery which only uses bulk power for crushing season would be crippled with year long contracts for a couple months peak use.

While networks have moved to setting the demand charges each month, they've also managed to have rules changed so this pricing model can be applied to small customers. That horse bolted years ago.

If you're subject to demand charges under your retail bill, you could be stung for an expensive month, because just one day you had a party, simultaneously air conditioning, cooking and drying the clothes for that kid that fell in the pond...

#### Lowering Demand Is Good

Some operatives whinge that solar customers put expense on the grid, but that's only because there needs to be some smarter hardware to control the network. What they ignore is that solar behind the meter lowers grid demand.

The poles and wires need not be as big so we don't have to go around gold plating the infrastructure to make sure things don't melt in a heatwave.

As the wholesale price of power has risen, commercial users have moved to solar because solar is cheaper AND it can reduce their demand as well. In fact Chadstone shopping center has a shipping container sized battery just to lop the peak off their bill.

The thing is that networks hate that too. They don't get paid for shifting electricity per se, they'd rather build big expensive assets because they get paid a regulated fixed amount, based on the value of the network assets.

Gold plating means they get paid more, so having an engaged consumer with efficient habits and solar to back them up is really bad for business.

AEMC has plenty of history to refer to so we can see who's got their hand out for more.

#### The Business Is Broken

When the government owned the network, there was a steam engine at the hub and spokes delivering electricity to you. As soon as solar hit the market, you had some choice on where to buy your power. Thankfully, the authorities didn't see the threat emerging. They didn't try throwing up rules and obstructions because solar was too expensive and would never work, bless them.

Now we have some jurisdictions where fully half the customers have solar, whole states run off it during the day and cheap batteries are causing consumers to just vanish. It's almost as dramatic as exploding a steam turbine.

calide turbine blown up

The remains of "reliable coal" at Calide in Qld. otherwise known as the longest unplanned outage on the NEM.

#### Solar Systems Will Wither

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 installed 1.5kW or 3kW 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.

#### The Battery Boom Needs More Generation

At the same time as large-scale wind and solar face delays, the big gentailers are racing to build large batteries.

Why? Because batteries are fast to approve and quick to build. Compared to a wind farm and a new transmission line, a battery is simple, but a battery does not generate energy. It just time shifts it.

As more and more large batteries come online, they will be scrabbling for

cheap clean generation to charge from. Without enough new wind and solar, batteries end up charging from whatever is available. This could extend the short term profits of fossil fuels while continuing to fundamentally undercut them.

In other words, we can't build storage without also building supply, and we can't afford to weaken rooftop solar at the same time large projects are being held up.

All this will lead to is a disorderly transition, unexpected closures, subsidies for clapped out plants and maybe even the rolling blackout scenario that seems to be a wet dream for those who've always denied the need for change.

batteries under construction graph  
Liddel is at the bottom of this list and it's something like 560% more powerful with 865% more storage than the "World's Biggest Battery" they started with in South Australia.

#### This Change Will Push People Off Grid

The solar installation industry will continue going gangbusters, because those who can afford it will be more likely to "go off grid" with publicly subsidised batteries that are no longer helping the broader community.

We've explained before this is a terrible outcome, because the wealthy suburbanites choosing to disconnect won't be helping to pay for the mains running past their house - they'll be paying even more for diesel generators to keep the heating on overnight.


While those who don't own a roof, or rely on a pension, will have no choice at all.

#### Have Your Say Today

This proposal is open for public comment.

If you have solar.  
If you are thinking about solar.  
If you use very little power.  
If you care about keeping bills fair.

Now is the time to speak up.

 Submit a comment here

Select:

- Market review submission
- EPR0097 Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

You can also read more via the Smart Energy Council here.

This change could tilt the playing field away anyone who's invested and done the right thing.

A fair grid should reward people who use less and generate clean power, not punish them for it.

Have your say while you still can.

If you want some inspiration, here's what I'm planning to tell them:

"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  
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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.

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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: 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. I have just installed solar and battery at considerable expense. 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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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.

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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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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: 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 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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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: Unknown

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. I would feel cheated after being encouraged by the government to spend significant money on Solar and a battery system.

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. Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes. Pricing reforms should strengthen trust in the system, not weaken it. Pricing reforms should also 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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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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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.

I have invested in solar, and spent a long time saving for it.

Thank you. [REDACTED]

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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: I strongly oppose raising existing supply supply charges, because we are low usage customers who have spent time and money insulating our house, repairing leaks, adding new window treatments to make a better life for us. We will be angry if charges appear on our bill. We will vote against our sitting state and Federal members at the first opportunity.

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

Organisation: Private resident

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I disagree with the proposal to increase the fixed component of domestic electricity. The current usage based charging favours retention of existing solar and batteries as well as encouraging new installations. Any move away from this model towards electricity billing with a higher fixed component will cost lower income households and low consumption users more and tend to discourage residential and small retail/business investment in solar or batteries. This ultimately could impact the ability of solar and stored solar to ease peak demand for power.

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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 Commissioners,

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

While the intent of pricing reform may be to recover network costs, shifting the cost burden to high fixed charges is a short-sighted strategy that will trigger perverse outcomes. It will not only unfairly penalise vulnerable households; it will actively sabotage the efficiency of the national energy market by destroying the consumer behaviour required to stabilise the grid.

#### 1. The Destruction of Energy Efficiency Incentives.

The most immediate effect of high fixed charges is the removal of the price signal to conserve energy. If the majority of a consumer's bill is unavoidable regardless of usage, the financial incentive to reduce consumption evaporates.

Households will cease "caring" about their load profile. The economic case for investing in energy-efficient appliances, upgrading insulation, double-glazing windows, or simply turning off unnecessary heating and cooling will be decimated. By making the "usage" portion of the bill negligible, you are effectively telling consumers that efficiency no longer matters. This will lead to higher overall demand, putting more strain on the network infrastructure you are trying to protect.

#### 2. Withdrawal of Grid-Supporting Assets (The "Battery Isolation" Risk).

This proposal fundamentally misunderstands the motivation of households that have invested thousands of dollars in solar and storage. These households currently act as prosumers, often participating in Virtual Power Plants (VPPs) or allowing their batteries to export during peak demand to lower prices for everyone.

If fixed charges rise and the value of engaging with the grid falls, existing battery owners will have no reason to degrade their expensive hardware for the grid's benefit. We will see a mass behavioural shift where owners actively shutdown their grid-supporting settings.

Households will reconfigure their systems to "Backup Only" or strict self-consumption modes. They will hoard their energy, disconnecting their batteries from VPPs to preserve cycle life, only utilising them when the grid fails. This turns a massive, distributed, grid-stabilising resource into a dormant asset that the network can no longer access, exacerbating blackout risks and frequency instability.

### 3. Accelerating Grid Defection.

Perhaps the most dangerous long-term consequence is the acceleration of total grid defection. As fixed connection fees rise and battery technology becomes cheaper, the "tipping point" for going off-grid moves significantly closer.

This policy will push those with the financial means—who are often the heaviest investors in renewables—to sever the connection entirely. They will install oversized solar arrays and backup generators and leave the network. This results in the "death spiral" scenario: the customer base paying for the poles and wires shrinks, forcing prices even higher for those left behind (renters, pensioners, and apartment dwellers), creating a fractured, inequitable two-tier system.

### 4. Undermining Trust and Equity.

Electricity is an essential service and a natural monopoly. Privatisation has already eroded consumer trust; penalising the very people who have funded the clean energy transition out of their own pockets will destroy it completely.

At a time when large-scale transmission projects are facing delays, the grid needs more distributed storage and more engaged consumers, not fewer. This proposal achieves the opposite. It discourages new investment, incentivises wastefulness in existing homes, and forces grid-loyal battery owners to isolate their systems.

I urge the AEMC to reject higher fixed charges. We need a pricing structure that rewards efficiency and flexibility, not one that encourages consumers to disengage from the national grid entirely.

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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 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.”

Note: Credit to [REDACTED] for putting these words together. I fully support them.

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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 do not support the proposed shift toward higher fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Moving a greater share of network costs into fixed daily charges would disadvantage households that actively manage and reduce their electricity use, including those who have invested in rooftop solar and battery storage.

These households have committed substantial private capital to lower their grid demand and contribute to Australia's clean energy transition. It would be inequitable for pricing reforms to diminish the benefits of those efforts.

A higher fixed component also weakens the price signal that encourages energy conservation. When more of a bill is unavoidable regardless of usage, households have less financial motivation to install solar, upgrade aging systems, add battery storage, or undertake efficiency improvements. Over time, this risks slowing the expansion of distributed energy resources that help reduce peak demand and support overall system reliability.

Low-consumption households would be disproportionately affected by an increase in fixed charges. Pensioners, renters, apartment residents and smaller households generally use less electricity, yet a higher unavoidable daily charge would mean they pay more relative to their usage. Shifting costs away from consumption and into fixed fees raises clear equity concerns.

There is also a longer-term structural risk. If fixed charges continue to escalate, households with the means to install comprehensive solar, battery and backup systems may increasingly consider partial or full grid defection.

As higher-income customers leave or reduce reliance on the grid, remaining consumers—often those least able to afford alternatives—would shoulder a larger share of network costs. This dynamic could entrench inequality and undermine the principle of universal access to an essential service.

Electricity networks operate as natural monopolies and provide a critical public service. Public confidence in energy market governance is already fragile, particularly in jurisdictions where privatisation has not delivered the lower prices many consumers expected. Pricing reforms should aim to

rebuild trust and demonstrate fairness and efficiency, rather than shifting unavoidable costs onto households in a way that appears regressive.

At a time when large-scale generation and transmission projects face timing and cost challenges, distributed energy in homes and communities plays an increasingly central role in maintaining supply and managing peak demand. Rooftop solar is now a significant contributor to Australia's electricity system. Regulatory settings should encourage continued participation and investment in distributed energy resources, not weaken the incentives that support them.

For these reasons, I urge the AEMC to retain a strong usage-based pricing signal and avoid reforms that increase fixed charges in a way that undermines equity, efficiency and long-term system sustainability.

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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: Sorry but 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: Private individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: With regard to any proposal to increase fixed electricity supply charges.

I installed rooftop solar 7 years ago and a battery in July 2025 to reduce the reliance on coal fired generators and to reduce my electricity bill. [REDACTED] as encourage "go solar". My original feed-in tariff was [REDACTED] it is now [REDACTED] and my fixed charge has been increased each

Now I discover that there is yet another increase being proposed because we have heeded our glorious leaders' exhortations to go solar. What a bunch of dummies we all are, thinking that we were doing the right thing.

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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.

The proposed changes, if implemented, will unfairly impact those who use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. Households that have invested in solar infrastructure already have reduced demand on the grid and have made significant personal 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. Long-term that will weaken the incentive for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency to the detriment of both Australia's clean energy goals, and to development of a secure long term energy supply and distribution system.

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: 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 strongly oppose the proposed increase in fixed electricity charges.

At a time when the greenhouse effect is severely damaging our environment, the government should be encouraging households to invest in solar panels and battery storage systems. Instead, raising fixed charges sends the opposite message. It discourages energy efficiency and renewable adoption, which is both counterproductive and disappointing.

Rather than increasing fixed costs, we should prioritize policies that promote clean energy and make sustainable choices more accessible and affordable for everyone.

Can we set aside other motives and focus more seriously on protecting our environment?

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Submission Type: Rule Change

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

Organisation: Just an individual not an organisation

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.

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Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public good. Pricing reforms must improve the system for all, not advantage major companies.

At a time when large-scale renewable and transmission projects face delays, locally generated energy in urban areas is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is a vital component 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.

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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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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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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: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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

It's grossly unfair that a lack of an East Coast gas reservation scheme is the main driver of rising electricity costs, and there is an attempt to remedy a profit situation by imposing additional standing system charges. Electricity generation and distribution is a natural monopoly and as such should be under Government ownership entirely.

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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.

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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.

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: 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.

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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.

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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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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.

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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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: [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. People should not be penalised for supporting the transition to clean energy to preserve the profits of corporations

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That reduces the incentive for households to become energy efficient, or to install solar, 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.

More households with battery backup will improve resilience during power outages. Which will become more common as storms worsen.

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.

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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 bills will unfairly penalise households that use less electricity and those who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. We have made a significant investment in solar panels, inverter and batteries. This was done in good faith, to lessen the load on the grid and to move to a greater level of self-sufficiency.

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. We are a couple who strive to keep our footprint low and not use electricity unnecessarily. We are both retired and have to live on a fixed budget.

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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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: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am concerned that the proposal to increase the daily supply charge will unfairly impact those who have invested in Solar & Batteries to reduce our reliance on coal and help save us from global warming. Surely a user pays strategy where all overheads are covered in the consumption rate. This way the people using the power infrastructure are paying for it. I accept that there should be a small daily charge to cover metering costs however it should be user pays for the 'poles & wires'

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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.

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It is unfair for households on fixed or reduced incomes. More people will be on assistance.

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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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]

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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.”

Who do you work for?

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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: Submission Regarding EPR0097 - Electricity Pricing For A Consumer-Driven Future

I oppose the proposal to increase the fixed component of household electricity bills.

I am not a wealthy investor or large energy user. I am an ordinary household

that made a significant private financial commitment to install rooftop solar

and a battery system approximately two years ago. I did this because I

believed in the stated direction of Australia's energy transition;

resilience, consumer participation, lower emissions, and shared benefit.

At the time, the policy and market signals encouraged households like mine to invest. We were told distributed energy would strengthen the grid, reduce peak demand, and contribute to system stability. I was proud to export surplus energy back to the community and reduce my reliance on centralised generation.

Since then, the policy environment has shifted in a way that undermines that investment.

Rising fixed charges mean I now pay more simply to remain connected, regardless of how little electricity I draw from the grid. Feed-in tariffs

continue to decline and are forecast in some areas to approach zero or even

become negative. At the same time, demand-based retail structures expose households to disproportionate financial risk from short duration events. In one quarter I was charged approximately [REDACTED] for a single [REDACTED] demand spike

measured over one 30-minute window. It was the only meaningful grid draw I

had for the entire billing period and occurred during a severe storm when I

deliberately conserved battery capacity in case of a blackout.

To put this in perspective:

A [REDACTED] draw sustained for 30 minutes equals [REDACTED] of energy. On a standard US [REDACTED]-only tariff at approximately 30-40 cents per kWh, that energy would cost between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] cents.

Instead, I was charged around [REDACTED].

That is roughly one hundred times the cost of the actual electricity consumed.

No sustained load was placed on the grid. No excessive quarterly consumption

occurred. One short event determined the financial outcome for the entire billing period.

Under a usage tariff, you pay for what you consume. Under a demand structure

like this, you can be penalised for a moment. For small households, this does

not function as a reasonable price signal it operates as a financial trap. A

single coincidence of appliance use, weather, or system behaviour can wipe

out months of careful management.

As a result, I now monitor my electricity usage between 4pm-9pm with a level of vigilance that is stressful and unreasonable for an essential service. That is not empowering consumers. It is conditioning them to fear

normal electricity use.

Increasing fixed charges compounds this problem.

Higher fixed charges disproportionately impact:

- Low-use households
- Energy-efficient homes
- Solar and battery owners
- Pensioners and small households

When more of the bill becomes unavoidable, the financial reward for reducing

consumption weakens. That undermines incentives to invest in rooftop solar,

maintain existing systems, upgrade inverters, or add storage.  
There is also a systemic risk.  
If households who have already invested in solar and storage are continually exposed to shrinking export value, higher access fees, and disproportionate demand penalties, the rational response for those who can afford it will be to consider partial or full grid defection.  
I do not want to go off-grid. But if feed-in tariffs become negative while fixed and demand charges continue to rise, remaining connected becomes economically irrational.  
If higher-income households disconnect, network costs are spread across fewer customers. That increases pressure on those who cannot afford to leave, creating a two-tier electricity system.  
That outcome weakens the grid, undermines equity, and erodes trust in market governance.  
Rooftop solar is now a material contributor to Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reform should strengthen distributed participation, not diminish it.  
A consumer-driven future cannot be built on policies that reduce consumer agency and penalise responsible investment.  
I urge the AEMC to:  
Maintain strong usage-based pricing signals.  
Avoid shifting a greater proportion of network costs into fixed daily charges.  
Ensure demand tariffs for small customers are proportionate and genuinely cost-reflective.  
Protect incentives for distributed energy investment.  
Consider the long-term equity implications of policies that may accelerate grid defection.  
Electricity is an essential service and a natural monopoly. Pricing reform should increase fairness, transparency and trust, not penalise households who have acted in good faith and invested their own capital to support the transition.  
I respectfully request that the proposed increase to fixed charges be rejected.

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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 a retiree who has invested in rooftop solar on my current property as well as my previous property because I believe that this is a way forward for power generation into the future.

I believe that power companies have allowed vital infrastructure to deteriorate over time and now, with the burgeoning uptake in rooftop solar, want to penalize those of us who have invested in solar systems.

I urge the decision makers to consider the insignificant sums of money invested in rooftop solar by ordinary people AND the contribution these systems make to power generation. Surely it makes more sense to use this considerable resource rather than changing the pricing structure to prop up a system that is clearly outdated.

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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:

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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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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.

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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: home

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly oppose changing the network pricing away from charges for consumption to increased fixed daily costs. This change will seriously alter the payback period on my existing solar system and will dramatically change the economics of installing a home battery.

I understand that there is some cost involved in maintaining the wires and poles that deliver electricity. But those costs surely are proportional to the electricity the deliver, so a small daily charge to cover the delivery overheads, together with a usage based charge as we currently have, is surely the fairer way to go. And this is the country of a "fair go".

I gather from a solar installation company that in our suburban location that we would not be permitted to go "off grid" to avoid increased daily electricity charges, which seems grossly unfair. This is a free society. I was allowed to cut off the gas so I am not paying a daily charge for that. If daily charges are to increase for grid connection, cutting that connection is a logical way to save money in the long term.

The proposed change would dis-incentivize installation of solar and batteries, increasing the burden on the already overtaxed powerlines (currently solar generation reduces the amount of electricity that needs to

be distributed on the grid).

It seems to me that the proposed change will have serious impacts on low usage households (the battlers) whilst benefiting the high consumption (rich) households. It wouldn't pass the pub test of a fair go!

Is the change proposed a consequence of rigorous scientific analysis or something driven by politics, or worse, by the greed of the power and distribution companies.

I am unhappy with the proposed changes and encourage the

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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: Home Owner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I wish to express my concern about any proposed changes to the cost of energy (particularly electricity) that would increased fixed charges. I installed Solar and a battery after analysing cost/benefit and payback where reducing electricity usage had the major benefit. Any increase in fixed costs will reduce the benefit to me and reduce the return on my solar investment. Worse, it will discourage others from either installing new solar or replacing old systems, many of which are small (but significant in total. Many people will be tempted to go off grid, (using larger publicly subsidised batteries) completely negating any benefit to the broader community. This proposal is ill conceived and will only result in placing more, rather

than less, strain on the grid as it will disincentivise the take up of batteries by those on the grid and entice others to go off grid completely.  
Thank you for allowing me to contribute.

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Submission Type: Market Review

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

I believe in the "user pays" principal. It should be like petrol where one pays by the litre, and the fixed charges are included in that price. This will encourage people to use less electricity from the grid, reduce the need for investment in the grid and reduce greenhouse emissions from the fossil fuel burning generators.

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.

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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]

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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 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: I opposes increasing fixed electricity charges under EPR0097, as it unfairly penalizes low-usage households and those who have invested in solar and batteries.

Higher fixed charges reduce incentives for energy efficiency and clean energy adoption, disproportionately impact vulnerable groups, and risk driving some households off the grid, which could further increase costs for others.

We need to maintain a fair, usage-based pricing to support equity, efficiency, and the transition to clean energy, and I am asking the AEMC to reject the proposed changes.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28262>

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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: Home Owner with rooftop solar

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: If I had known how the "Demand Summer" etc pricing metrics worked I would NOT have outlaid the not insubstantial costs of installing rooftop solar ... currently I am NOT convinced that I am saving anything from having undertaken the so-called investment in rooftop solar! ... my current recommendation to friends and family considering installing rooftop solar is to NOT bother!

... and now I read that AEMC is considering increasing the fixed proportion of my monthly bill!!!!!!?????

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Submission Type: Rule Change

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

Organisation: Private 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 significantly will unfairly penalise

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

My household is currently low to medium user of electricity. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects energy-conscious families like mine.

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 or do not wish 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 times I 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.

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: Struggling Aussie

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Very poorly thought out idea to increase fixed charges.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28258>

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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 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: private consumer

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28256>

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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: 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 long-term risk of unintended consequences. 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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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: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I would like to state that I oppose any proposed increase in fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Any disproportionate increase to fixed charges relative to usage related charges is a cynical undertaking that is intended to increase the revenue share being generated by households that have already made significant sacrifices to reduce their electricity consumption or have sought to substitute their grid generated electricity through investments they have made in solar rooftop panels and home batteries.

The AEMC should not be seeking to have one section of the consumer market (those with solar and/or home batteries) cross subsidise another (those without solar). Nor should they be looking to sure up the retail providers profits at the expense of consumers who are looking to minimise their energy costs. Any changes in pricing structure should be seeking to promote competition and encourage behaviour that builds capacity and resilience, whether this occurs through developments from energy generators, energy retainers or consumers.

An approach that biases an unjustifiable overemphasis on fixed charges can only be seen as a detriment to the future of the entire energy network as consumers question their investment in personal solar and battery solutions or choose to disconnect from the grid altogether. The goal must surely be to continue to promote consumer investment in solar and battery while remaining connected to the grid. Over time this will allow for a greater percentage of

energy to be generated by renewables with daytime excess solar being captured and stored (domestically and on grid-scale storage) for use at times of peak demand, either locally within the home which reduces demands on the grid poles and wires, or more broadly across the grid. This benefits all - grid battery storage providers, consumers with solar and batteries who are exporting to the grid and consumers who are not able to leverage their own solar and or battery solutions.

Electricity is an essential service. Australian consumers have not been served well by the privatisation of the energy network over the past decades with energy retailers creating an expensive overhead that seeks to generate increasingly excessive profits at the expense of the consumer. This must change so that retailers are forced to become more competitive particularly as the wholesale generation costs progressively realise less expensive renewable energy, including that which is created by home solar and battery consumers who must also benefit from the investments that they have made.

I believe that the AEMC needs to protect fair usage-based pricing, whilst continuing to support incentives that see households reduce grid delivered energy demand and promote further investment in clean energy.

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

Raising the fixed component of electricity bills will unfairly disadvantage households that use less energy, particularly those that have invested in rooftop solar and battery systems. These households have reduced their reliance on the grid and made significant private investments that support Australia's clean energy transition. They should not be penalised for doing so.

Higher fixed charges weaken the financial reward for saving energy. This reduces incentives for households to install solar, maintain or upgrade existing systems, invest in batteries, or improve energy efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that plays an important role in supporting the grid, especially during daytime demand peaks.

Low-use and small households will be disproportionately affected.

Shifting a greater share of costs into fixed charges places a heavier burden on pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers, and energy-conscious families who already use less electricity.

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 altogether. This would reduce the pool of customers contributing to shared network costs, driving prices higher for those who cannot afford to leave. Such an outcome

would create a two-tier system and undermine electricity's role 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. The ACCC has itself raised concerns about how outcomes in

privatised electricity markets have failed consumers and the broader economy.

Pricing reforms should build confidence and trust in the system, not erode it.

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

ever. Rooftop solar is not a marginal contributor – it is a core component

of Australia's electricity supply. Pricing reforms should encourage participation in this transition, 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 the long-term stability of the electricity grid.

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28253>

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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 would like to submit my opposition to the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Raising the fixed component of power bills would unfairly disadvantage households that use less electricity, as well as those that have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. These homes have reduced their reliance on the grid and made significant personal investments to support Australia's clean-energy transition. They shouldn't be penalised for doing the right thing.

Higher fixed charges also weaken the financial incentive to save energy. That means less motivation for households to install solar, upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve efficiency. Over time, this risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy – the very resource that helps stabilise the grid, especially during daytime peaks.

Small and low-use households would feel the impact most. Shifting more

costs into fixed charges disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and families who already work hard to keep their usage low.

There's also a longer-term concern. If fixed charges keep rising, households that can afford solar, batteries and backup systems may start considering leaving the grid entirely. That would shrink the customer base funding shared network costs, pushing prices even higher for those who can't disconnect. It creates a two-tier system and undermines the idea of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public utility.

Many Australians already question whether privatisation has delivered lower prices or better outcomes, and even the ACCC has raised concerns about its impact on consumers and the wider economy. Pricing reforms should build trust, not erode it.

With large-scale renewable and transmission projects facing delays, locally generated energy is more important than ever. Rooftop solar isn't a fringe contributor – it's a major part of Australia's electricity supply. Policy settings should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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.

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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: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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

Just an opening comment on the report itself. Rarely do I read such over complicated and wordy treatise which is so voluminous in its size but actually says very little. Let's get to the nub of it straight away!

ANY increases in costs should be avoided if at all possible and with the advent of electrification of households and vehicles along with household batteries it SHOULD BE POSSIBLE to plan for SMALLLER distribution networks not larger ones! This is entirely due to the 'flattening nature' of these complementary technologies. There should be NO NEED to plan for the peaks of demand current seen on the networks (from 2030 and beyond).

BTW the figure in 2.1 is a joke. Are you really projecting virtually no V2G in 2040 and only 25% uptake of EV's at the same date!!!! If this is the data you are relying on then the decisions and outcomes will be incorrect.

2) 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.

1) Distribution networks are monopolies in all but name. I have NO alternative who I can use, and privatisation has made no inroads to competition at the consumer level. In that way the BEST way to charge any customer is on the "size of the pipe" entering the property. The costs should be simple and unchanging because the cost to provide that service is simple and unchanging (on average at least)

3) 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.

4) 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.

5) 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.

6) Again I emphasize, 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.

7) 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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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 am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed increase in fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

Shifting a greater share of costs into fixed charges unfairly disadvantages households that use less electricity, including those that have invested in rooftop solar and battery systems. These households have reduced their reliance on the grid and contributed directly to Australia's clean energy transition through their own capital investment. It is unreasonable for them to be penalised for doing the right thing.

Increasing fixed charges also undermines the financial incentive to conserve energy. It weakens the case for installing solar, upgrading older systems, adding batteries, or improving energy efficiency. This risks slowing the growth of distributed clean energy that supports grid stability, particularly during daytime peaks.

The burden will fall heaviest on low-use and small households. Pensioners, renters, apartment dwellers and energy-conscious families will face higher bills despite consuming less electricity. This is neither equitable nor defensible.

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 consider disconnecting from the grid entirely. This would shrink the customer base that funds shared network costs, driving prices even higher for those who cannot afford to leave. Such an outcome would entrench inequality and undermine the principle of electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies and a critical public utility. Public confidence in the sector is already strained, and pricing reforms that

further disadvantage consumers will only deepen that mistrust.

With delays affecting large-scale renewable and transmission projects, local generation is more important than ever. Rooftop solar is now a central pillar of Australia's energy system. Policy settings should strengthen participation, not discourage it.

I urge the AEMC to maintain fair, usage-based pricing and preserve strong incentives for households to reduce demand and invest in clean energy. The proposed increase in fixed charges should be rejected in the interests 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: 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 oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges noted within this project.

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.

Considering the above points there is a strong argument to reduce the current fixed charges. Please consider.

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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: Private household

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 my household, because we have made a considerable investment to reduce our electricity consumption. We have invested in rooftop solar, maximised insulation and invested in more efficient energy use for heating and cooling. Clear evidence shows that our efforts, along with thousands of other Australian households, have reduced demand on the grid. These significant private investments are supporting Australia's clean energy transition. We would be unfairly penalised by an increase in the fixed component of power costs, and this should not happen.

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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 is a form letter - however I agree whole-heartedly with it.

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 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.

- 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.

Your proposal is likely to be as popular as a fart in a crowded elevator. Can you please stop.

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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: 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.

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.

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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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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.

The rule change will significantly and adversely affect residential consumers

including the uptake of solar PV and battery systems.

It is plainly evident that consumers are already being commercially exploited

with the significant degradation of the Feed In Tariff (FIT). The economics of

installing solar and battery systems have already been degraded by FITs approaching zero! it would be abhorrent and with flow-on consequences degrading the transition to net zero if this proposed rule change is accepted. The rule change would alter not only existing but future economics

of PV and viability of installing solar systems, this is obviously not in the

public good. This would NOT be welcome at Federal government level considering the \$billions of public funding already expended on the technology.

Should you still consider increasing fixed electricity charges then it follows that the FIT should also equal consumption charges (currently in the order of 40 cents/kw).

It is simple to envision a class action or ACCC case to address any imbalance in the future.

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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 wish to second the argument made by Anthony Bennet from SolarQuotes, pasted below. Our household income comes from the Age Pension & when we retired we used our small superannuation to invest in a 7.9kw solar system with 9kw battery, reasoning that having few or no power bills will make it possible to live on a low, fixed income. By timing our usage carefully we usually draw very little from the grid. The proposed changes would see us paying way more per unit than most other households. Which is so unfair! We have no latitude in our budget to afford the increase that these changes would create. There must be many households like ours.

People who do the right thing should be encouraged, not punished. The proposed changes run counter to any practice of good governance that is required for managing Australia's inevitable transition to renewable energy.

[REDACTED]'s comments are below

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Organisation: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Not a good or well thought out idea. It will disadvantage small homes, units, power efficient users and have a negative effect on people wanting to be efficient.

It will also trigger a flow of people disconnecting from the grid. Me included

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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 fixes electricity charges. I am a pensioner that scrimped and saved to install solar panels and a 5kWp battery after researching how I could #1. help to reduce my emissions. #2. help to reduce my future electric bill by taking advantage of Government rebates and a solar loan. If this proposed increase is approved then I could never trust Government incentives again. All my efforts to do the "right thing" by my community would be dashed by a big increase to my monthly bill! Please do not allow this to happen I beg you.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

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

Organisation: Self employed

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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

I have recently installed solar panels and a battery on my house, and this new system would penalise me for the investment.

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: 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 - our household being one of these. 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.

As seems to be the case in recent times, it's the everyday person that get affected the most. This change 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. I have been against privatising utilities, and this is just another reason for profiteering. 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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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 disagree with the plan to hike fixed electricity charges. This change would disproportionately hurt the people who can least afford it, including pensioners, apartment dwellers, and low-income renters who don't have the option to install solar.

Australia's energy transition relies on the trust and participation of the public. If we punish families for being energy-conscious or for installing rooftop solar, we undermine that trust. Higher fixed fees mean that no matter how much a family tries to save power, their bill stays high. This isn't just

bad for the pocketbook; it's bad for the environment because it discourages people from being efficient.

We should be encouraging local, clean energy—not making it harder for people to contribute to the grid. Please reject these changes and keep our electricity pricing fair and based on actual usage.

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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: I submit that another round of rule changes will further disadvantage consumers who have done the right thing by the environment and had to suffer the constant whittling away of advantage solar generation has provided.

The only group advantaged by this constant barrage of rule changes is the power generators and distributors.

The prospect of this set of rules changes certainly sends a message to me that any contemplation of batteries is off the agenda because the regulator

is an active part of the whole solar scam in making solar a liability and not

an advantage. My solar system cost \$10,000 and now I am faced with zero benefit or even taxing by putting energy into the grid.

When there is no benefit for feeding to the grid. I will be switching off the

solar panels and actively campaigning against any political party who continues this fraud on the public.

The unfortunate thing that prevents me from disconnecting from the grid is that I am a pensioner and the cost of disconnecting exceeds the benefit because I am also a low power consumer. So I have to just sit and cop what ever the rich fat controllers do to me. But be assured, I am not a happy camper about what government and the regulator has been doing to me.

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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: Any pricing review should firstly include a safety net for the disadvantaged, low income or those on govt benefits.... with disabilities, pensioners etc).

For others, a pricing model (for residential) might be better based on home size and/or combination of home type (home vs unit etc and even looking at sq metres) along with usage.....and some acknowledgement in the pricing to encourage users to make their homes more energy efficient, from appliances to better insulation to investing in solar hot water, have solar panels and or a battery. The incentive might delivered be indirect means. For example now the incentive is to do all you can above to be charged less for usage but there is no escaping supply charges but there should be ways to reduce this cost or have it shared more fairly across the broader customer base.

If you live in an estate without poles why do you have to pay for the upkeep of poles. Wires and substations etc I understand and an overall infrastructure charge for connecting to the grid but why should it be the same for every property in every area.

Thanks

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Submission Type: Rule Change

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 proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under the EPR0097 review will have a negative impact on households like mine that are trying to reduce our demand for coal-fired baseload energy.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise us and households that use less electricity. We and those who have invested in making their homes more energy efficient have reduced demand on the grid and made substantial private investments to support the clean energy transition.  
We should not be worse off because of our investment.

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

lessens the incentive to install solar, maintain or upgrade older systems, add batteries, or improve energy efficiency. The outcome of this could slow the growth of distributed solar and battery energy that supports the grid, especially during daytime and evening 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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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 proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under  
EPR0097.

Increasing the fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise people like me who use less electricity and who have invested in rooftop solar. We have reduced demand on the grid by load shifting to maximise solar use and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. We should not be worse off because of it.

Higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of saving energy. That weakens the incentive for households like me 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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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Residential Consumer

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: 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.

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Submission Type: Market Review

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

Organisation: Private homeowner & 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 like mine that use less electricity and who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. My household has reduced demand on the grid and I have made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. I 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 like mine will be hit hardest. A pricing structure that shifts more costs into fixed charges also disproportionately affects pensioners, renters, unit 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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Organisation: Home Ownwe with solar and battery

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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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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To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-17T12:46:19.0000000  
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: Retiree

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under  
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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: None

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: The comments below are taken from an expert.  
I whole heartedly agree with all comments made and would be unable to improve on them using my skills alone.  
I am the classic home owner with a small solar system. We are low users of grid power, so would be unduly penalised by this rule change. This rule change would also negatively affect our decision to upgrade to a larger system which would be beneficial to us as well as our local grid.  
  
I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097.

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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: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Increasing fixed charges over usage charges for domestic customers is a terrible idea that seems like it will have the opposite of desired consequences. It is entirely reasonable that we need to pay for the upkeep of the grid and network, but this proposal seems to have other consequences. It penalises users that are energy efficient or produce clean power, it hits low-income people hardest, it encourages customers to go off-grid. Please reconsider this proposal with thought towards encouraging consumers

towards environmentally sound and community-supporting behaviours!  
Thanks for your consideration, [REDACTED]

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To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-17T12:45:20.0000000  
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 owner and electricity user

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose implementing this proposal.

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

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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: Private

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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

We understand that this is a futile exercise given prior experience in making submissions only to realise that you people have made up your mind and unless we are a major electricity retailer you have no intention of listening to the general public.

Through solar panels six years ago and a large battery installation one year ago we have invested [REDACTED] and trying to protect the planet by reducing our demand for fossil electricity. Private experience with electricity retailers only shoulders that it was sovereign theft that is approved by state governments whereby solar exported from our system is down to .04 cents a kilowatt but if we turn around and pre-purchased that same kilowatt the cost

is [REDACTED]. How on earth is this fair and just. The point being my fear is why isn't the system encouraging the use of solar panels and battery use rather than the ongoing pursuit of destroying incentive by continually raising prices that this current policy proposed of yours is intending to introduce. Where is the incentive??? Your whole philosophy is punitive and not encouraging the general public to invest in their own electricity generation program.

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discourage it.

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Finally where is the encouragement for a self funded retiree like us receive no compensation and a constantly threatened by processes of government including this organisation give absolutely no reward for wanting to conduct our life in a manner that reduces our dependency upon the government purse?

No where in your proposal is there encouragement for the elderly who undertake significant investment to receive immunity from constant rate increases from proposal such as this.

Not happy nor impressed realising that this is a futile exercise and so much for a genuine consultative exercise!

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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: Rule Change

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

Organisation: Ordinary consumer

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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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: Household with Solar & Battery

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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

Increasing fixed portion of bills will unfairly penalise our household, we have invested in solar and battery to reduce our electricity consumption hence reducing our bill. Our FIT reduces the current fixed portion of our bill and also benefits the grid.

Pensioners,renters,families that are already struggling with the cost of living cannot afford to pay more for the current fixed portion, to do so would mean reducing their usage to try to make ends meet, hence they will suffer through the heat of summer and cold of winter.

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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: Home owner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm writing as a household that has deliberately invested in using less grid electricity - we've spent our own money on efficiency and rooftop solar because we were told that if we used less, we'd pay less. I am a low electricity consumer right now, and shifting more of the bill into fixed daily charges turns that on its head: it punishes people who have done the right thing, while rewarding higher consumption and making it much harder for ordinary households to control their costs.

Higher fixed charges will hit low-use customers, pensioners, apartment dwellers and renters the hardest, because a bigger slice of their bill becomes unavoidable, no matter how careful they are. It will also add hundreds of dollars a year to the bills of solar and battery owners, undermining the payback of systems that are actually helping the grid, not harming it. In my case, this change will make it very unlikely that I will ever invest in an electric car or a home battery, because the extra fixed costs destroy the financial case for further electrification and self-consumption. On top of that, I will seriously reconsider ever replacing my remaining gas appliances with electric ones - in reality, this proposal makes it much more likely I will simply keep gas rather than electrify my home.

If the AEMC is serious about an efficient, fair and modern electricity system, the focus should be on strong signals to use less energy at peak times and to invest in local renewable generation and storage, not on "Netflix-style" connection fees that make bills more like a tax on being connected. I urge you to reject any move that increases fixed charges at the expense of usage-based pricing, because it is bad for equity, bad for energy efficiency, and bad for the clean-energy transition Australia urgently needs.

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Submission Type: Rule Change

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 have taken and reused a submission from Solarquotes, it didn't seem necessary to rewrite my own when I 100% agree with it.

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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 Citizen with Solar Panels

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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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 proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under  
EPR0097.

If fixed charges continue to rise, households who can afford solar, batteries  
and backup systems, myself included, will increasingly consider leaving the  
grid altogether.

An outcome that may create much bigger long term problems for the  
electricity  
network providers.

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To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
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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: Rule Change

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

Organisation: Private resident

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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

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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/28212>

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au  
To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-17T12:25:25.0000000  
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: Individual

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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

It is fundamentally unfair to encourage households to spend their own money on solar, batteries, and energy efficiency to save energy, only to then increase fixed charges so those savings are taken away. People who reduce their demand on the grid should benefit from that effort, not be punished by the pricing system.

Shifting costs into fixed charges protects network profits rather than consumers. Since privatisation, electricity pricing has increasingly prioritised returns over fairness, with households paying more despite using less.

A fair system should reward responsible energy use and genuine investment in clean energy, not undermine it to preserve profits.

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au  
To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-17T12:25:19.0000000  
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: Self

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 fixed income retire, I cannot afford on going price increases for what  
was advertised as renewables will DECREASE end user costs.

Keep prices for low users at no higher than current costs. Indeed costs  
should be decreasing.

[REDACTED]

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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: 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 oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under  
EPR0097. [REDACTED] Once  
again pow [REDACTED] city  
consumers.

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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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 citizen

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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

Households that have invested in rooftop solar and batteries should not be penalised for reducing grid demand and supporting Australia's clean energy transition. Higher fixed charges directly undermine the financial case for these investments and will discourage households from installing or upgrading solar systems, adding batteries, or improving energy efficiency.

This pricing change risks creating a vicious cycle: as fixed charges rise, households who can afford solar and batteries may disconnect from the grid entirely, shrinking the cost base and forcing even higher prices on those who remain. This undermines electricity as an essential service and creates a two-tier system.

Rooftop solar is now a core part of Australia's electricity supply. At a time when large-scale renewable projects face delays, distributed generation in our cities and towns is more critical than ever. Pricing reforms should encourage this investment, not discourage it.

I urge the AEMC to maintain usage-based pricing that rewards energy efficiency and protects households who have already invested in clean energy infrastructure.

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

URL: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/admin/structure/contact/messages/28208>

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au  
To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au

Date: 2026-02-17T12:25:16.0000000

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: Myself

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: 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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Date: 2026-02-17T12:16:16.0000000  
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: Private roof top solar and battery 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 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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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/28206>

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au  
To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-17T12:16:02.0000000  
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: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: "I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under EPR0097. We are on the verge of retiring and the household consists of three adults aged between 65 and 85. We have just spent a small fortune on large solar and batteries in an effort to be less reliant on the grid. We use up the cheap power in the middle of the day for water heating, cooking, washing, aircon and topping up the battery. The battery usually runs the house overnight and solar recharges the battery in the morning (weather permitting). The system costs are being offset by much lower bills and we hope to break even in another 7 years. In our case, if the connection fee is increased, we pay more and will take longer to break even, possibly about the time the batteries and inverter will need replacing.

We would probly not re-invest in a replacement system if it takes another 10 years to pay off, and end up relying on the grid again.  
Dumb move guys!

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au  
To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-17T12:15:47.0000000  
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: 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.

Higher fixed charges punish low-use households and those who've invested in solar and batteries. These homes cut demand and helped drive the clean-energy transition; they shouldn't be penalised for it.

Boosting fixed fees weakens the incentive to save energy or invest in solar, batteries or efficiency. That slows the growth of local clean energy that 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.

If fixed charges keep rising, more households with solar and batteries will consider leaving the grid entirely. That shrinks the customer base funding shared network costs and drives prices up for everyone left behind. It's inequitable and undermines electricity as an essential service.

Electricity networks are natural monopolies. 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 delays to large-scale renewables and transmission, local generation matters more than ever. Rooftop solar is now central to Australia's energy system. Policy should encourage participation, not discourage it.

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

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au  
To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-17T12:15:32.0000000  
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: private 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 of us who have invested in rooftop solar and batteries. We have reduced demand on the grid and made significant private investments to support Australia's clean energy transition. We should not be worse off because of the proposed change to increase fixed electricity

charges under EPR0097.

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/28203>

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au  
To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-17T12:06:10.0000000  
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: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I understand the need for some element of fixed pricing. However, the scale of what is suggested will completely and perversely reduce the incentives for us all to reduce consumption, to build energy efficiency dwellings and to install AND maintain solar systems.

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au  
To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-17T12:06:09.0000000  
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: Household

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: By changing to fixed prices for access to the grid you are in effect ultimately forcing customers to go off-grid if they can. The use of fixed price charges is unfair to those that cannot afford solar with battery. There is no justification for this proposal apart from unmitigated greed

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Date: 2026-02-17T12:06:08.0000000  
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: Self

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

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To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-17T12:06:03.0000000  
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: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please dont boost the connection charge. It will fundamentally disrupt the power grid and minimise the opportunity of reducing power use, boosting home power generation and unfairly impact those poorest. Keep it fair, and let's keep the market driving towards a renewable future so our kids actually have a planet to inherit.

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au  
To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-17T12:05:49.0000000  
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: Residential

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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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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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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To: Submissions@aemc.gov.au  
Date: 2026-02-17T12:05:06.0000000  
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: 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.

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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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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: Nil

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm strongly opposed to raising fixed (daily) charges as I believe it will significantly discourage responsible home energy usage, using solar/batteries and reducing overall energy footprint.

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From: DoNot.Reply@aemc.gov.au  
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Date: 2026-02-17T11:24:44.0000000  
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: Private 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 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: household

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: This is not a good way to ease cost of living pressure, why are you wanting to make it even worse ?

I oppose this change.

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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: Against

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Submission Type: Market Review

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

Organisation: Concerned citizen

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.

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

You and the Government have pushed us to use less, to invest in solar and batteries at mostly our own expense with the goal to advocate for lower emissions, lower toxic elements into the atmosphere, yet now you want to penalise everyone for trying to do the right thing by allowing these private

companies to extend their already exorbitant profit margins at our expense.

You want to help increase the also exorbitant financial benefits that some of

these profitable companies, like the CEO at Origin Energy on over \$8 million

salary package per year, enjoy. Are they driving you to make this ludicrous

proposal ?

Why are you even contemplating this ?

Why are you now penalising those who are trying to do the right thing by our

environment, those who have tried to heed the message from Government to reduce emissions for the environment ?

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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.

Australia is leading the way in green energy. At least we were if this proposal is allowed to move forward.

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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: Australian electricity prices have risen not due to unavoidable transition costs, but due to a series of policy failures and governance weaknesses driven by successive Labor governments, culminating under Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Energy Minister Chris Bowen.

This submission identifies how asset sell-offs, premature closure of low-cost generation, and taxpayer-underwritten renewable investments have shifted risk away from private investors and onto households and businesses.

It further raises serious governance concerns regarding the intersection of

nt energy policy with the private financial interests of [REDACTED]

#### 1. Political Responsibility and Policy Direction

Energy policy outcomes are not accidental. They are the direct result of decisions taken by ministers with full authority over Australia's energy framework.

Anthony Albanese, as Prime Minister, sets the strategic direction of Australia's energy transition.

Chris Bowen, as Minister for Climate Change and Energy, is directly responsible for market interventions, underwriting schemes, and renewable

investment frameworks.

[REDACTED] occupies a [REDACTED] that directly benefits from the policy architecture established and expanded by the current government.

The result is a system where policy risk is borne by consumers, while financial upside increasingly flows to institutional investors.

## 2. Sale and Leasing of Public Energy Infrastructure

Labor and Coalition governments alike have progressively sold or leased core electricity assets, but Labor governments have consistently defended these decisions while expanding regulated returns.

Key examples on the east coast include:

NSW:

TransGrid - 99-year lease (2015)

Ausgrid - 50.4% lease for 99 years (2016)

Endeavour Energy - 50.4% lease (2017)

Victoria:

Full privatisation following the break-up of the SECV in the 1990s, entrenching private monopoly distributors.

These networks are natural monopolies. Once sold, consumers are permanently exposed to regulated profit margins rather than public-interest pricing. Network charges now represent one of the largest contributors to retail electricity bills.

This is not market failure - it is policy failure.

## 3. Closure of Low-Cost Dispatchable Generation

Between 2012 and 2016, multiple coal-fired generators exited the NEM:

Munmorah (NSW) - 2012

Swanbank B (QLD) - 2012

Collinsville (QLD) - 2012

Redbank (NSW) - 2014

Wallerawang C (NSW) - 2014

Morwell (VIC) - 2014

Anglesea (VIC) - 2015

Followed by major closures:

Hazelwood (VIC) - 2017

Liddell (NSW) - April 2023

These plants provided cheap, dispatchable power. Their withdrawal occurred without firm replacement capacity, leaving the system increasingly reliant on intermittent generation supported by emergency interventions and high-cost peaking plant.

This was not an engineering inevitability - it was a deliberate policy choice supported by Labor energy policy under successive leaders.

investment, Underwriting, and Governance Risks  
and the Energy Transition Fund

Victoria Big Battery

Bulgana Wind Farm

Numurkah Solar Farm

These assets operate within a market increasingly shaped by government underwriting and revenue support mechanisms overseen by Energy Minister Chris Bowen.

While no illegality is alleged, the appearance of alignment between:

taxpayer-backed revenue guarantees

private ownership changes

raises serious public-interest and governance concerns.

Public confidence is undermined when political leaders financially benefit from policy frameworks created or expanded by their own party while consumers absorb the cost.

##### 5. Policy Inconsistency and Short-Termism

reduced funding

programs such as t and  
to fund unrelated

This history reflects a broader pattern: energy policy driven by political expediency rather than system engineering discipline, resulting in long-term instability and rising prices.

#### 6. Socialised Risk, Privatised Reward

Under the current Albanese-Bowen policy framework:

Capital risk is increasingly underwritten by taxpayers

Revenue certainty is granted to private investors

Price volatility and system costs are passed directly to consumers

Households are told this is the unavoidable cost of transition, while institutional investors enjoy government-backed certainty.

This is not a consumer-driven future. It is a policy-driven cost transfer.

#### 7. Recommendations

To restore affordability, accountability, and trust:

Full disclosure of all government underwriting arrangements and beneficiaries

Stronger conflict-of-interest safeguards involving former senior politicians

Reassessment of monopoly network returns in privatised jurisdictions

Explicit valuation of dispatchability and firm capacity

Mandatory sequencing rules preventing generation closures without replacement

#### Conclusion

Australia's electricity crisis is not an accident. It is the product of decisions taken under the leadership of Anthony Albanese, implemented by Chris Bowen, and now financially intersecting with private interests

Without fundamental reform, Australians will continue to pay higher prices for an energy system shaped more by ideology and financial engineering than by reliability, affordability, or common sense.

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

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

These charges will be unfair, unwarranted and totally unacceptable.

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Submission Type: Market Review

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: 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: Retired Resident of Australia

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: So Stunned I cannot put a cohearent thought together. My husband & I are the fortunate recipients of an aged care package recently granted, which after 22 years of crimping & saving & making all decisions to ensure that our cost of living did not out grow are meagre resources, 22 years of no home help & paying for everything ourselves after a medically forced

retirement in the 55-60 year age range, The AEMC is proposing to take away the only financial benefit that helped us get through the last 22 years by having a legislated permanent price increase to network charges. We survived this last 22 years by taking up the first Solar panel & battery offer which has allowed us to have electricity when we needed at an affordable price, we have not complained about the diminishing Feed-In-Tariff, as we have never expected Government to pay us to live, we believed in paying our taxes when employed. That the AEMC would countenance this gift to suppliers, because they need bailing out, when those same suppliers have had all the information at their finger tips to gradually modernise their future business models to allow for the obvious direction changes that were staring them in the face as far back as the 1990's or possibly earlier. This price increase on top of the "Guilt Plating" of the network a few years back which was another "gift" to suppliers that could not look to their asset management for the long term future is mind boggling. Returning to my brief mention of our fortunate receipt of an age care package, THE DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF THE TYPE OF MOVE AEMC IS CONTEMPLATING WILL INEVITABLY FORCE QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT ABOUT INCREASING THE SUBSIDIES FROM GOVERNMENT TO AUSTRALIAN CONSUMERS BECAUSE THEY CANNOT AFFORD THE INCREASED CHARGES. FULL RATE TAXPAYERS ARE A DIMINISHING GROUP; WHERE DOES AEMC THINK THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO FIND THE BUDGET TO INCREASE SUBSIDIES FOR ELECTRICITY TO CONSUMERS? Time for the AEMC to read & listen to inquiries/Reports/Assessments & industry people whom have clearly outlined what an incredibly huge mistake this would be, these sources have the industry knowledge, scientific & network understanding to put this "Rush of blood idea" where it belongs..IN THE BIN OF NEVER NEVER!!

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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 this proposal to dramatically increase daily supply charges.

I have invested a significant amount of money into a solar set up for my house and have always aimed to minimise my usage so this change would really hurt.

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: Na

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: Set a minimum service charge that includes a certain amount of kilowatts, make this variable and base it on the amount of deliverable power on the circuit so you can have a circuit capacity and then a fixed minimum charge for that circuit capacity with some included power. This way someone on a low income for instance, you can have a 20 amp single phase a 40 amp single phase or a 40 amp 3-phase. All of these have different capacities and you should be charged a minimum but that capacity with included power this way if you're on a low income, you can have a 20 amp circuit with included power of up to a certain amount and a low income post and would end up paying about the same as they were beforehand, but it just means that everybody pays for their circuit capacity regardless Of usage

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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: Independent

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: 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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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: What an insane proposition. Purely a money grab by the electricity companies as they have noticed the trend of usage dropping with the introduction of batteries and solar panels.

The electricity companies clearly want to keep their revenue irregardless of clear reduction of electricity usage.

A disgusting move particularly as the general public are now starting to free themselves from this ridiculously overpriced burden brought about by lack of government intervention.

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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: The AEMC's draft tariff reforms fail on multiple fronts:

Economically regressive and socially inequitable  
Punitive towards renewable adopters  
Misaligned with national climate and electrification objectives  
Poorly communicated to the public  
Unsupported by transparent, household-level data modelling  
Ignoring clear expert advice on CER benefits

Given these issues, this proposal should be rejected, and the AEMC should conduct a more transparent, consumer-centred, and analytically robust review that supports both equity and Australia's energy-transition goals.

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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.

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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: Do you even take into account the rising cost of pricing on low income earners and pensioners?

I can tell you my wife and I are pensioners deciding between AC on hot days or good Nutritional food. Alas due to medical conditions We chose to remain cool. So no fresh fruit and vegetables or red meat.

The rising costs for electricity and general cost of living is resulting in a lower quality of life. Going out for a meal or coffee is a rare event

It seems that the humanity factor is is negated in the rush to meet net zero while electricity companies make high profits.

If power prices are linked to gas why do we sell it for a pittance and create artificial shortages pushing prices up.

We are a resource rich country yet we are ridiculed for inadequate export taxes on those resources.

It is time to do an inquiry into power pricing and taxing these companies fairly to greatly reduce the household and business costs.

Thank you

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

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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 oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under  
EPR0097.

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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: Dear AEMC,  
Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I am writing as an everyday electricity customer who is deeply concerned about the draft proposal to shift households toward predominantly fixed network charges.  
1. The proposal removes my ability to manage my bill  
Your own draft report indicates a move away from usage-based signals toward fixed, unavoidable daily charges, with variable charges playing a much smaller role.

This means consumers lose the ability to manage bills through behaviour, efficiency, and solar/battery investments.

2. I thought reforms were meant to help people, not make life harder. Many households are struggling with cost of living pressures. A pricing reform that reduces control and increases unavoidable charges feels like the opposite of support.

3. The Australian Government has actively encouraged households to invest in solar and batteries to cut bills, reduce emissions, and ease grid pressure.

If pricing reforms now remove the financial benefits of those investments, the only fair outcome would be to reimburse households for their out-of-pocket costs (the money they personally spent beyond any rebates), because policy settings would have undermined the value of those investments made in good faith.

4. It is regressive and harms low-usage and vulnerable customers. Analysis shows some networks could see fixed charges increase by up to 350%,

disproportionately impacting low-income, elderly, and low-usage households who already minimise consumption to keep bills down. These households would pay almost the same as high-consumption ones – which is fundamentally unfair.

5. It incentivises wasteful consumption.

If most of the bill becomes fixed, people will have little reason to avoid high-demand periods or reduce usage. This risks increasing network stress and contradicts the goals of efficiency and demand management.

6. Please reconsider this direction.

The Pricing Review (EPR0097) is still at draft stage, with final recommendations due in Q2 2026.

I strongly urge the AEMC to reconsider the shift toward predominantly fixed

charges and instead retain (or improve) pricing structures that: reward energy efficiency, protect low-usage and vulnerable households, support solar and battery adoption, and align with national decarbonisation and consumer-empowerment goals.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Anonymous Submitter

Private individual

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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: Perhaps instead of trying to charge consumers fixed charges to "fix the grid" you could charge the power providers to connect to the grid so they can bid their energy in on an equitable basis. I'm fail to understand why my infeed tariff is near zero while solar farms can still make a profit. My embedded energy has zero additional distribution and transmission costs yet I am being expected to cover the cost of connecting unnecessary solar farms. Ive been gaslit into spending more than [REDACTED] on solar and now you want to find a new way to fund additional infrastructure i do not need.

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Submission Type: Market Review

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: We think this in a very unreasonable change. We have just spent 35k and 19k etc credit on solar and a big battery. This change would render that system basically just for show. We would no longer get our lower bills and the time the system will take to repay itself will be far longer than the life of the system. People are always told what the best change is for the environment and you and your decisions on that only to be screwed over by the greedy energy providers

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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: The proposed increase to the fixed costs of a grid connection are concerning. the fact subsidises the use of higher levels of electricity is not right and will cause people to use more energy.

Not happy.

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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 the AEMC, I seek that the AEMC abandon its proposal to shift network charges away from being tied to power demand to instead become largely fixed.

This should be deferred because:

- It will steeply impact low income households who on average tend to consume less energy than high income householders.
- Critically, 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.

- The 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.

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: NA

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the proposed increase to fixed electricity charges under  
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Reference: The pricing review: Electricity pricing for a consumer-driven future

Organisation: Residential solar system

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I have copied and pasted from Solarquotes.com.au because I cannot politely express my infuriation.

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Submission Type: Market Review

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

Organisation: Pensioner

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Comments: I object strongly to increased fixed charges, which penalise people who have worked to reduce their power usage.

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