

OPEN ACCESS AND SMART METERING COMMUNICATION STANDARDS

The AEMC Power of Choice review said services supported by new metering technology could help consumers **manage the level and cost of their power usage**. The Open Access review proposes new communication standards so authorised service providers can offer **new ways to make this happen**.



WHAT METERING ARRANGEMENTS CURRENTLY LOOK LIKE



Basic meters just do one thing - measure total usage



Basic meters must be read manually



Actual meter reads only available quarterly

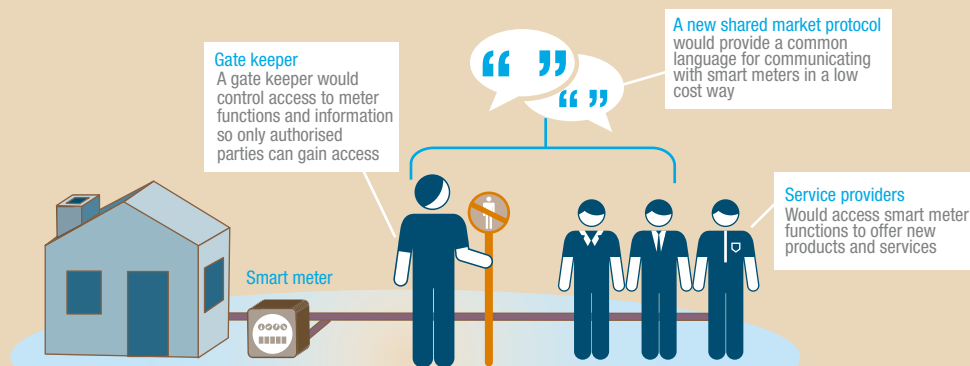
LIMITATIONS:

Most Australians (except for people in Victoria) only have basic meters. Families and small businesses can't see how much power they are using every day or how much they pay at peak periods. Basic meters have limited features to allow service providers to offer choices on how to manage or reduce power consumption.

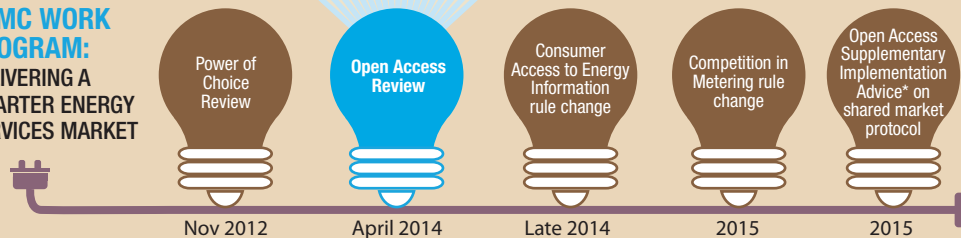
WHAT WE RECOMMEND

OPEN ACCESS AND COMMON COMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS REVIEW: FINAL REPORT

The Open Access review is a first step in the AEMC's work program to establish a competitive market for services enabled by smart meters. Our recommendations would allow enhanced services to be market-driven without further regulation. We propose we conduct a competition review of the energy services market in three years' time.



AEMC WORK PROGRAM: DELIVERING A SMARTER ENERGY SERVICES MARKET



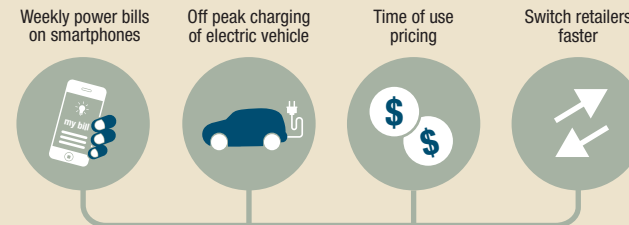
*The Open Access review recommendations are linked to outcomes in other projects. We will finalise supplementary implementation advice for the shared market protocol following the final determination of the Competition in Metering rule change request.

WHAT THE NEW ENERGY SERVICES WORLD COULD LOOK LIKE

Consumers
Choice of new services possible



Possible services



Service providers
Offering new products and services



More efficient operation and management of networks such as quicker identification of faults