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| 19/03/2015 | 2338     | You need to provide renewable energy, this is what Australia wants!  |
| 19/03/2015 | 4878     | I urge that this rule be adopted as an incentive to everyone to conserve energy  |
| 19/03/2015 | 4554     | <p>I am a resident of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland and wish to make a personal submission to you, the AEMC, regarding the adoption of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>Like many citizens, I believe that changes must be made to make our energy market fairer for consumers. My partner and I have solar panels on our home which more than offset our usage yet we still pay huge fees for supply and usage of electricity. Yet we wish to see a fairer, more sustainable energy system for all to use.</p> <p>I believe that the AEMC must support decentralised energy so that Australia can move forward positively to contribute to a fresh approach to renewable energies industries. Positive incentives to help customers cut their electricity demand is a step forward, not a negative.</p> <p>Many Australians want to see the development of these industries and a move away from seeing existing energy companies continue their past practice of building infrastructure and maximising profits.</p> <p>We ask as tax-payers and the voice of Australians, you please listen to what is being said regarding this important issue. The current projection of consumption using out-dated energy sources and narrow-minded approach to current industry practices is not sustainable and we urge that common sense prevail above corporate interest.</p> |
| 19/03/2015 | 2482     | <p>I have been the recipient of the solar bonus scheme for the past 5+ years since purchasing my first home. It has been one of the most cost effective and financially sound things I have done however it runs out next January and I fear the impact that increased energy costs will have on our household budget which is already tight without the added cost of electricity bills. We have already seen how much the impact of rising electricity costs have had an impact on our returns even whilst receiving the solar bonus, so I can only imagine with a continued increase of prices this will start to have drastic impact on our family budget once the bonus is stopped. Having said that our decision to have solar installed has been one of the best things that we have done to our home, and I urge you to continue to help more people invest in solar so that they can help to reduce their costs of living. I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p>  |
| 19/03/2015 | 2081     | <p>I am writing to demand a fairer systems for energy consumers. I have invested in solar to help reduce my electricity bills, to reduce our carbon footprint and because I believe in the benefits of distributed generation. We are a young family with a mortgage and limited incomes, by investing in solar and energy efficiency, we are reducing energy wastage and bill pressure in our lives.</p> <p>I don't believe I and other solar consumers should be penalised with higher fixed charges because we have invested our own money in a technology which has shown to have benefits for the electricity grid, particularly in decreasing electricity peaks in the afternoon.</p> <p>It should be taken into consideration too that the typical solar system owner is not on a high income, they are on average lower to middle income households (many of these being pensioners) who trying to counter bill pressure. These people should not be penalised when they are already struggling with their power bills.</p> <p>I strongly urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and make the energy market fairer for consumers, not for the energy corporations which have not moved with the times and are seeking to protect their vast profits.</p>   |
| 19/03/2015 | 6057     | <p>Urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Hi,</p> <p>I feel very strongly that it is important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I have taken steps to reduce your energy usage with a solar voltaic system myself.</p> <p>As a one income household, rising power bills and fixed charges have definitely affected me.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a big difference to my already stretched budget.</p>   |
| 19/03/2015 | 3015     | <p>Please make our energy market fair and transparent, by helping people to SAVE power for the planet and our children's future. We have a small solar system, which helps, but have seen no decrease in our power bills. We are careful to use off peak energy when possible, and believe that all who make efforts to reduce their power usage, or to shift it to off peak times should be rewarded. Off peak rates help, but any saving in our aged pensioner home would help. Any amount would be significant. Thank you</p>   |
| 19/03/2015 | 2206     | <p>For the last six years I've had six solar panels on my roof feeding into the grid. My power bills dropped dramatically. I urge AEMC to make lower power bills a fact of life for all Australians. I am led to believe this would be possible by adopting the: Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. If this is true then it makes sense to do it.</p>   |
| 19/03/2015 | 2050     | <p>Dear AEMC please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer.</p> <p>In this day and age everyone should encourage solar including all the power companies. Urgent help is needed for people to go solar.</p> <p>I'm taking steps to reduce my energy consumption and switched energy provider to a company that encourages the use of renewable energies, mostly solar. rising power bills and fixed charges affect everyone of us.</p> <p>savings of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a big difference for you, our communities. It s time everyone embraces solar.</p>  |

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| 19/03/2015 | 2602 | <p>I write to urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Helping people to go solar this will have a very positive effect on global warming, perhaps the most serious issue facing humankind at this time.</p> <p>Like many others, my household has installed solar roof panels and the new house we are building has an excellent energy rating. The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will make our energy market fairer for consumers. The extra saving the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will bring us will be of great assistance in helping to pay of the extra expense we have incurred in trying to be good solar citizens. We hope that the rule change will help others to do likewise.</p>  |
| 19/03/2015 | 4561 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, it will reward power companies for encouraging consumers to save energy. This will provide incentives for power companies to support the installation of more solar with storage, helping to lower energy bills.</p>  |
| 19/03/2015 | 2484 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Power companies need to help people go solar to reduce air pollution from coal power, devastation to the earth from mining and help them be financially able to use CLEAN renewable energy.</p> <p>I have put on a 1kw solar panel and solar hot water, but rising power bills and fixed charges have still made my power bills outrageously expensive.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would be a great help to me and other people too. Please help us.</p>   |
| 19/03/2015 | 3875 | <p>Current regulation and industry structure leads to discriminatory pricing to domestic solar customers. Since installing solar my tariff has changed eroding the benefits of my investment. The incentive is to get off the grid so as not to be at the mercy of this discrimination and price hiking.</p> <p>This is not an ideal situation for the grid- Solar customers should be rewarded for their impact on peak demand. I have reduced my average consumption from around 32kWh per day to around 6 kWh er day through solar hot water, solar PV and energy efficient lighting but the payback for this is blowing out because of unfair tariffs. Given the correct incentives I would instal storage as I produce more energy than I use. A direct incentive for energy storage would be sensible policy.</p>  |
| 19/03/2015 | 3066 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make it fairer for more consumers trying to conserve energy and also generate energy with solar systems and encourage more citizens to invest in clean solar power which will reduce the need for more infrastructure, and reduce pollution from eg coal power. Australia has the climate for solar!</p>  |
| 19/03/2015 | 2136 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change which will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I believe it is VERY important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage with efficiency measures and resent the continual increase in power prices.</p>   |
| 19/03/2015 | 2560 | <p>I am urging the AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as I believe this will benefit solar owners by fairer prices, especially in the area of the fixed charges that will rise as it is these charges that can't be controlled by any of us (solar or non solar people have to pay the fixed charges just to stay grid connected.) Solar people cut their electricity costs to try and make it more affordable with a great spinoff of being good for the environment. We deserve better treatment given that we are providing extra grid infrastructure for little to no monetary compensation yet our bills go up in the name of increased costs to maintain the grid? Well I paid and maintain my grid! People with solar will go off grid the first chance they get with increasing developments and lower prices in battery storage and technology and then who are the electricity providers going to make a \$ out of? Come on let's be fair about it as all this solar stuff is happening and not going away. We can't afford to run our air con (and don't even with solar) so it is no exageration that we feel we are in a 3rd world country when sitting in the house eith freezing or sweating depending on the season. My family and I believe that this new rule (well at least the way it has been explained!) will benefit us and the electricity providers if only they would look at the bigger picture. Our bills despite every effort to save power just keep going up even with usage dropping so you just can't ever get in front of it all and that is not fair. I am presently looking at off grid or at least a hybrid (on/off grid) battery system and I know I am not the only one so to keep people like us on side and forgetting about the need to POQ the grid and the provider we need some fair incentive / compensation for the electricity we put back to the grid. 6c doesn't cut it. Even with solar you still buy at different times during the day and may end up buying in 2 or more kwh's at 30c plus but still give the grid say 5 or mre a day so why can't what you buy at least be offset in full with what you produce and the excess be at some fair price? Anyhow I do believe this new rule will be of some benefit to us solar (and others) people down the track so I support it and just wanted you to know. Many thanks for your time.</p> |

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| 18/03/2015 | 6107 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make the energy market fairer for consumers. Power companies should be embracing the future not burying their heads in the sand, remember what happened to Kodak??</p> <p>Renewable energy is the way of the future as recognised by all other comparable countries. Why are we lagging behind developing nations. It's a no brainer that Australia has all the natural advantages to make it one of the top renewable energy producers in the world, why are we lagging so badly, I feel that our Kodak Moment cannot be too far off.</p> <p>As the very happy owner of solar panels which supply our electricity needs, I fail to understand how our country can be so dumb in not fully embracing this technology. The jobs and investment we are missing out on while our government continues to embrace coal!! is criminal.</p> <p>Please help our country to become more sustainable and a fairer go for all by accepting this rule change. Thank you.</p>                        |
| 18/03/2015 | 3135 | <p>I strongly endorse the AEMC acceptance of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, as a meaningful practical move towards reducing unnecessary provision for increasing supply demand. I consider this increasing demand allowance unnecessary in the light of viable and cost effective renewable energy alternatives more cost effectively meeting current and future demand - especially daytime peak demand. I know this is possible, as I have dramatically reduced my average and peak household demand by the recent installation of a 3KW residential solar PV system and evacuated tube solar hot water system, while at the same time being penalised by my distribution company for increased demand provision as my demand is reducing.</p> <p>In addition, shifting demand management to focus on increasing distributed renewable generation, directly addresses the urgent problem of fossil fuel generation emissions contributing to global warming.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change</p> |
| 18/03/2015 | 4212 | <p>Solar power should be available to every household in Australia, rich or poor, owner or renter, caravan parks and mobile homes.</p> <p>Australia has abundant sunshine in most of the inhabited areas for most of the year.</p> <p>Why does the government allow power companies prohibitive fees for connection to a grid that is becoming obsolete as a model for infrastructure? Self sufficiency is empowering and may be necessary in future if power 'stations' become to expensive to run and maintain &amp; staff.</p> <p>Please allow simple systems with back up batteries at a reasonable price for people to make a choice that is accessible. The money I could save with solar power would go towards my continued education which is on hold due to high university costs.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 3147 | <p>I encourage you to accept the proposed DMIS Rule Change, to incentivise power distributors to manage demand as an alternative to investing in infrastructure.</p> <p>As a household consumer, price increases over recent years have had a significant on our household budget. We have taken steps to reduce usage by replacing inefficient appliances and by installing solar panels. However the effectiveness of these steps is being eroded by constantly rising fixed charges.</p> <p>For households like ours, the proposed rule change could make a significant financial difference and make the retail electricity market fairer for consumers.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 6122 | <p>Lowering power cost will help our house budget a lot.<br/>any amount helps when its hard to keep up with bills.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 4127 | <p>Solar Energy users need to be heard that their wish is to contribute and save against the environmental costs and damage in using fossil fuels. Until an alternative energy is found that is safe and efficient why waste power lost due to inefficient high tension power lines transporting mega volts over fragile landscape just to power the cities.</p> <p>These people paid a lump sum to gain the efficiency and eventual savings from solar energy. It is up to independent thinking in powerful places to construct sensible policy that will guide our future to a cleaner and more practical future of energy consumption.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 3057 | <p>My family installed a roof top solar system in 2013 and we purchase green power for when we are not generating our own electricity.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Many of my friends would like to go solar but require further support to make it affordable. It is important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected many people I know. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a significant difference.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 3212 | <p>I will be going solar in the near future and do not want to see power companies increase their supply charges to all customers in order to make up the shortfall in their revenue. I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 6230 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I have spent over \$7,000 installing solar panels onto my roof to reduce the energy usage with solar and installed a solar hot water system because the rising cost of power bills &amp; fixed charges for our household was getting out of our reach and unaffordable. If this Demand Mangement Incentive Scheme Rule was implemented the saving of \$120 to \$500 would make a huge difference not only to our family but all Australian families. This government needs to show they are giving the everyday aussie battler a fair go when they are trying to make a difference.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 4131 | <p>People who install solar of should have more benefits like a tax break. I have been putting stand alone solar units all around my home like security lights and front gate. Once storage battery cost is cheap enough I plan to go off gid.</p>  |

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| 18/03/2015 | 2167 | <p>The ongoing rising costs of electricity is shocking. We have installed solar to offset these costs, but all is not equal. We are charged more for the privilege of going solar. This is why we urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected our family finances, resulting in us making sacrifices and missing out on other opportunities.</p> <p>Alternative energy sources like solar should be welcomed and rewarded, not penalised. I look forward to the AEMC accepting the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and offering us savings of \$120 - \$500 a year on household power bills. This would make a big difference to our family.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 3057 | <p>It seems that at last there is a proposal to reward power companies and consumers who use less power. I fully support this proposal, as the waste involved in the current system is costing us all money as well as damaging the environment by using unnecessary resources now that could be saved for later. We have good technology (LED lighting, solar panels etc) so we should aim to use less electricity from non-renewable sources, not more. We should not have to pay extra for infrastructure that saves energy.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 2750 | <p>The change in rules as reported to me by solar citizens seems to make perfect sense for the consumers and for the environment. Please make your decision based on what is best for the long term benefit of the consumer and the environment.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 3463 | <p>It is blatantly unfair that when I restrict my electricity usage and installed solar to help the environment and to save money while on a very limited income, my electricity provider increases my fixed charges! My water provider has done exactly the same too! I use less water and my bills go up enormously! What incentive is there for anyone to help try and reduce carbon production???</p> <p>Please change the rules to encourage careful electricity usage. The big companies need to get real and start making money by supporting solar and renewable energy and move away from coal.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 2095 | <p>Any law that encourages and rewards people to decrease their energy consumption should be put into place now. its absolute common sense.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 2261 | <p>I urge the AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change for the reasons detailed below.</p> <p>It will bring about a more sensible approach to the efficient use of energy in that savings measures will be rewarded with overall benefits to society.</p> <p>There will be a greater incentive for individual households to use energy wisely and to adopt renewable energy generation which will contribute to moving our state and national economies towards the decentralised model. This shift is a prerequisite if we as a nation are to keep our place as a modern industrialised economy and a member of the G20.</p> <p>Energy suppliers and distributors need a model to work to which moves Australia in the direction which many other economies seem to have adopted to achieve a more economy-wide efficient use of electricity.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 4551 | <p>Under the current AEMC rules solar owners are hit with ever-growing fixed charges. Under the new proposed rule, when you reduce your energy usage, your bills go down accordingly. It's just common sense!</p> <p>The new rule works by rewarding power companies for encouraging customers to save energy. This provides incentives for power companies to support the installation of more solar with storage, helping to lower energy bills. In fact, according to AEMC research, household bills would be reduced by \$120 to \$500 a year.</p> <p>If the new rule is rejected there will be fewer and fewer reasons for Australians to go solar; current solar owners will continue to be hit with discriminatory charges and all Australian energy consumers will face rising fixed costs.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is extremely important for AEMC to help people to go solar. Countries in the northern hemisphere know the importance of solar even with their limited sunshine, and have more units per capita than Australia. So why is Australia fighting common sense for Solar installation?</p> <p>I have taken steps to reduce our energy usage with solar for both hot water and electricity. This was an attempt to try and reduce rising power bills which but the increasing fixed charges by power companies have shot this plan to pieces.</p> <p>This is why it is so important for the AEMC to follow through and secure the savings that the saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference, not only to me but to everyone.</p> |
| 18/03/2015 | 2777 | <p>We installed 16 solar panels in August 2013, to reduce our energy usage. It has definitely reduced our energy bills, and the environment benefits.</p> <p>We urge the AEMC to accept the Incentive Scheme Rule change to make our energy market fairer for consumers. Everyone should be encouraged to install solar power.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 4077 | <p>Solar power is the future, as it will generate jobs that ripping coal out of the ground will ever do.</p>  |

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| 18/03/2015 | 3556        | <p>To the decision makers of the AEMC,</p> <p>I urge you to please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Currently energy in Australia is anti-competitive as big, dirty power companies hold so much share of the market and renewable energy so little. By adopting this rule change you'll be making a real step towards making our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Investment and incentives to research and increase renewable sources of energy production and distribution is the way forward, not just for Australia but the whole world. Fossil fuels will hit a peak and there will come a time when the industry crashes, if we're ahead of the game by increasing renewable energy in Australia the impact of peak fossil fuels will be greatly diminished. In the face of so many of our leaders backing regressive energy policies we really need others to stand up and help people go solar. Power companies themselves can play a huge roll in this if they get on board. The great thing is, if they do get on board, we'll all benefit together and avoid the damage of an industry collapse.</p> <p>I personally do all I can to live a simple and very manual life. Every bill I have our energy consumption consistently comes in under the average for a single person household even though I'm a single mother with one teenager and two other younger children. I do believe I have a responsibility in our energy future and so does everyone else including our political leaders and companies themselves. I long for the day that it will become affordable for me to install a solar system to store our energy as I know I will easily generate more energy than I can use off my shed and house roof. It's just not financially viable for me to install a system that will only supply a part of the energy that I use, the figures just don't add up. For it to be truly viable I need to be able to store the massive amounts of power I'll generate so that I can benefit from using them during the night when I'm not generating power, otherwise the ridiculously low buy back price to supply to the grid just doesn't make it worth my while.</p> <p>I really use so little energy that a significantly large portion of my bill is just service fees. If I had a chance to offset that by storing energy for my use at non-generating times and can even sell back my excess then I would be getting a much fairer go for all the effort I go to, to save energy.</p> |
| 18/03/2015 | 2471        | <p>I installed 11 solar panels on my roof less than a month ago. My neighbours installed panels a few years ago. They receive 60c per kw put back into the grid. I get 6 cents. While I struggle on a pension to leave as small an environmental footprint as possible only to have the electricity company trying to stymie that by continually increasing the price of electricity and rolling back the compensation for putting power back into the grid. A saving of \$120 to \$500 per year would make a big difference to assist my financial situation</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 3450        | <p>Dear AEMC</p> <p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change.. household solar is an incredibly successful means of reducing carbon intensive energy demand. Rising power bills and fixed charges are a real problem for many many families. We need to be assured that when we make a big financial investment and install solar that the power retailers do not ambush our return on investment by increasing fixed charges. The lower our draw on the grid, the lower our bills should be.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 4575        | <p>Rising power bills are certainly hurting the most are the older generation, mostly on a fixed income, who have paid their taxes &amp; kept this country going , over good &amp; bad times, fought for their country, &amp; the right for free speech</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 4110        | <p>Agree</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 2250        | <p>This is a submission to AEMC on behalf of myself and my wife</p> <p>We urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>AEMC needs to know that it is very important that power companies do what it takes to help people go solar.</p> <p>We have invested \$6800 to have a modest Solar System installed. Our system only covers our electricity bill twice per year.(summer time)</p> <p>I bring to AEMC attention that we do not make any profit or surplus since the installation 5 years ago.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges do affect us.</p> <p>We mention to AEMC that a saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make difference for us.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 6167        | <p>Support reduction in non renewable energy and support growth of jobs and tech that supports our future not a select few, don't increase charges to tax the responsible energy users for the lack of foresight power companies and policymakers had that did not foresee the benefits and growth of renewable energy.... we as null need to reduce our carbon footprints in a snell sustainable mannner</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | Sydney 2011 | <p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Just like wireless cell phones pay a premium to the telecom establishment, the grid needs to help people go solar.</p> <p>I am very careful with my energy usage, I don't leave lights on, I only turn hot water on overnight when it's cheaper.</p> <p>I can't afford the high cost of electricity in this country, so I am forced to use solar power, bdause it IS cheaper, &amp; it's cleaner for our environment.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 2780        | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>While I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage with efficiency measures, I would like to be able to one day be able to access solar power.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected me and my family.</p> <p>Through solar energy, saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for me.</p> <p>It would be fantastic if the AEMC would put in place out measures to help power companies help homeowners and renters to go solar.</p>   |

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| 18/03/2015 | 3204 | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>After many years working in the area of climate research, I feel it is imperative that I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Not only because it will encourage consumers to make the switch to solar, but it will also make our energy market fairer for those who have already made the change in order to lessen the impact of fossil fuel generation of power on our planet.</p> <p>Simply put, the benefits to all mankind of slowing climate change cannot be denied.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 4055 | <p>I urge The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) to proceed with the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I installed Solar PV Panels in response to the Federal Govts incentive scheme in an attempt to reduce my power costs and in so doing reduce CO2 emissions. Since the abolition of the QLD State Govt feed in tariff both have now risen. I believe it is unfair of the state governments to accept solar generated electricity from house holds at a cost far below what is reasonable.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 4019 | <p>Since paying to have a solar powered electrical system installed at our home three years ago, we have had to pay a small Electricity A/c monthly on only one occasion. This was due to having a relative staying with us for that month. The use of solar power is totally justified, from any point of view, economic, environmental, safety, etc. It's use should be justified at all levels of government authorities, state and federal.</p> <p>Our financial outlay for installing solar has almost been repaid.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 7053 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>it is vitally important for power companies to help people go solar because in the long term the Earth needs us to reduce our dependence on energy sources such as coal. Our future and that of our children and grandchildren depends on a renewable energy future.</p> <p>I have installed solar panels on my house as well as double glazing my windows in order to reduce my energy usage. This should mean that my bills are lower - less power usage = lower bills. The rising fixed costs on power bills makes this equation less clear. This can make it seem pointless for less environmentally committed people to change to solar and this should not be the way the system works. We need incentives for all Australians to go solar if they can.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 3145 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is important to reduce our green house gases for the future protection of our planet and future generations, including plant and animal diversity. Therefore it is essential that we support as much sustainable energy as possible.</li> <li>2. People need encouragement financially to convert to solar power. Retail electricity companies do not encourage this conversion when they disadvantage people who go solar by putting up their charges. Our house is solar powered and our electricity rate increased substantially when it was supposedly compulsory to change from a single rate to a peak and off peak rate. At least that was what I was told when I objected to it.</li> <li>3. As a result of dealing with retail electricity companies, getting poor evasive service with little information to make informed choices, I will choose to go 'off grid' if the opportunity arises. I do not trust that their motives are in the interests of consumers who are trying to reduce their energy consumption.</li> <li>4. For the reason of making solar power fairer for those who have it, please support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</li> </ol> |
| 18/03/2015 | 4560 | <p>Please do all you can to keep power costs down and protect the community from power companies constantly looking for greater profits. Introduce incentives for power companies and government to encourage solar installations</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 2550 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is extremely important for power companies to help people go solar, otherwise the cost to our economy from Climate Change will be far higher than any measure we can take now.</p> <p>I have taken every possible step in our household to reduce our energy usage with efficiency measures.</p> <p>Despite using less power, our power bills and fixed charges have risen and are affecting us as a low income family, besides all the other price increases, like Telephone, internet, our rent, food, fuel.....</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a huge difference to us.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 6062 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for all consumers.</p> <p>I also urge the AEMC it is important for power companies to help people move to solar.</p> <p>I have reduced my energy usage with solar hot water and power and also adopting efficiency measures such as low wattage globes and turning devices off at night.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected me and my family and are slowly eroding the usefulness of using solar.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a definite difference for myself and my family.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 4553 | <p>Being a pensioner any saving in electricity charges will help with the ever rising cost of living. Living in a country that sees so much sun on a daily basis it makes sense to encourage Australians to embrace solar power. Technology is advancing in spectacular leaps and bounds and spending money on upgrading the present grid is tantamount to burying ones head in the sand. Cheap storage batteries are on the horizon.</p>  |

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| 18/03/2015 | 2034 | <p>Hi There,</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Going solar should be the law on all new housing! Barring that suggesting people who build, renovate or want to do the right thing invest in solar, in a country with more than enough sun, is just smart. Please support this.</p> <p>We have solar panels that feed back to the grid and wish everyone else did too.</p> <p>Australia should be the leader in solar and wind power. Help make sure we're not the laughing stock of the world by sticking our heads in the sand.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 3116 | <p>AEMC must change the rule whereby network providers are rewarded for over investing in their networks. Here in Victoria those unearned profits are repatriated to their parent companies overseas. This does not help our economy, nor us as consumers, due to the inflated prices charged for energy distribution.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 2430 | <p>It is as clear as crystal. Solar is the way forward for clean, efficient energy and it can only get more efficient as more individuals and organisations embrace it.</p> <p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Before we put up solar panels we took steps to find out which appliances we owned were inefficient and were able to half our energy usage.</p> <p>It is important that power companies help more people go solar.</p> <p>Power bills and fixed charges related to these have risen out of all proportion over the last decade, way more than the rate of inflation and saving money on household power bills certainly is important to us as self funded retirees.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 2525 | <p>Allowing individuals to install PV panels with the possible inclusion of storage should shave peak power from our electric power system. It is the peak power prices which causes the overall bulk electricity prices to rise. However, so far it has not translated into lower retail prices. The retail power companies somewhat similar to the behaviour of retailers of petroleum products when crude oil prices have halved have not passed on the full savings. In fact in the case of electric power companies, they have increased electric energy prices claiming they have invested additionally in the pole and wires of the distribution networks. This defies logic. If energy is produced locally at the distribution, it saves power companies from having to supply power at a more distant location and hence reduce losses on the line. An additional benefit first implemented in Germany and subsequently taken up by the California Power Utility is to require PV generators to have inverters that can produce leading or lagging vars. This measure will ensure that the 240V distribution line operates within close limits of 240V. The power companies will not have to additional equipment to regulate the line. With these advantages, why are power resisting solar so much so they are canvassing the state and federal government to reduce the renewable energy target.</p> |
| 18/03/2015 | 6233 | <p>I support this rule change as I strongly believe solar energy is the direction this country should be leading the world and the more positive changes can help this goal the better off our children and their children will be - greed should not be the thing that hampers this goal as the future is more important.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 3067 | <p>Stop 'gold plating' the network so people can just keep adding air-con infrastructure and using unlimited power. This is not sustainable in the long term.</p> <p>Let's provide real incentives for households to reduce their consumption of power and to go solar. For future generations.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 2484 | <p>Rules to regulate electricity production and distribution are currently biased AGAINST users and TOWARDS producers. This bias undermines true market forces and protects inefficient, profiteering companies. Power to produce and store electricity (solar) should be encouraged as a national asset - instead regulators are acting as company agents permitting the price gouging victimisation of the public by monopoly producers. Failure of regulators to force producers to buy surplus solar production at no less than 95% of the retail cost proves that the regulators are working for productions companies and not for the benefit of the nation.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 2290 | <p>Encouraging Solar power for households and business will help the planet, help household budgets, reduce infrastructure costs on governments and the power industry.</p> <p>It just makes economic and environmental sense.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 4552 | <p>Australia is lagging behind other countries in its short-sighted view of power conservation.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, encouraging consumers to reduce their power usage.</p> <p>Rising power bills disadvantage lower-income Australians and small businesses. This is counter-productive for both the economy and for the wellbeing of Australians.</p> <p>I can find no justification for increasing the infrastructure for electricity production. The future lies in renewable energy and in reduced demand.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 3174 | <p>To the AEMC:</p> <p>I would like to implore the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Due to climate change, power companies should help consumers go solar. In addition saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bill makes a big difference to your family budget. Every dollar counts when my parents are pensioners.</p>   |

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| 18/03/2015 | 3191 | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I am concerned that Australian electricity prices doubled between 2007 and 2014.</p> <p>Right now, you can change the rules to help ensure we don't waste billions on unnecessary poles and wires in the future.</p> <p>Please follow through on your 2012 recommendation for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and support a cleaner, more decentralised energy system.</p> <p>It will provide greater incentives for electricity distribution businesses to undertake projects that reduce demand and benefit consumers.</p> <p>Please do the right thing by Australian energy consumers and fix our electricity market.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 3977 | <p>Even with installing solar panels to help offset the cost of our power bill, it still keeps rising, even though our usage has decreased.</p> <p>the cost of the fixed portion of the bill makes it very hard to justify further expenditure to reduce our usage, when the usage is now only a very small fraction of the bills total.</p> <p>anything that can be done to reduce the fixed cost would be very welcomed by all solar users, and would encourage more australians to take up solar options.</p> <p>thank you.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 6169 | <p>I am a Aged Pensioner with solar<br/>I have solar for the environment protection.<br/>Extra cost for doing the right thing will be hard to bare.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 3956 | <p>Please don't put profit before people and our earth, stop the unfair EXTRA costs to those trying to save energy by installing solar, we should be encouraged not penalised via higher tariffs and the switch on charge is just crazy, we need to encourage people to switch things off when not needed. Power companies need to pay same for same feed in tariffs as we are saving on the amount they need to generate.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 3190 | <p>Could you please allow the Australian public catch up with a common sense approach to solar power and saving power and resources for the future of our grandchildren.<br/>Thankyou</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 3934 | <p>We have recently installed solar on our house. If power companies continue to profit from customers installing solar, through low tarriffs, fixed line costs etc., there would be no ROI for solar.<br/>Imagine the impact on the environment.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 2320 | <p>This new proposed rule to encourage customers to use less energy makes absolute sense to me.<br/>By accepting the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change you will be making our energy market fairer for consumers.<br/>My husband and I have just downsized and are in our seventies - we have installed a large solar system on our home and are extremely happy with it. Savings generated by adopting this scheme would be extremely helpful.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 2101 | <p>Please remove the ridiculous incentives available to power companies to waste money on unwanted infrastructure.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 2484 | <p>To the AEMC</p> <p>I writing to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change.</p> <p>It makes sense because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. It is also important because more people will go solar which supports a clean environment.</p> <p>The financial savings for families is reason enough to accept this rule. It could mean a saving of \$120 - \$500 a year on household power bills and I know for my family that would make a huge difference.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 4074 | <p>Dear Australian Energy Market Commission,</p> <p>RE : Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change</p> <p>I welcome this new rule which would reward power companies for encouraging customers to save energy (and our one and only planet earth). By providing incentives for power companies to support the installation of more solar with storage, it would help to lower household energy bills in the order of \$120 to \$500 a year.</p> <p>Furthermore, I would love to see consumers opt for electricity efficiency measures. Unfortunately, even people whom I consider intelligent are opting for the cheap, yet expense to run, old technology incandescent/halogen light bulbs. These products should not even be on the shelves for sale! People do not understand how much they cost to run. If you can't ban them, I would love to see mandated shop smarter stickers on them (and all energy products) if this bulb is run for an average of 5 hours per night at 25 c/kW it would cost \$x per year. Let's give real information to consumers to help them shop smarter!<br/>Aim high.</p> |
| 18/03/2015 | 7315 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for all. It is critically important that power companies help people go solar. It is good to INNOVATE, ADAPT AND BE JUST. I am now an AGE PENSIONER who has believed in renewable tech. for half a century and put up solar panels asap funds permitting to REDUCE rising power bills and fixed charges. But the CHARGES STILL GO UP AND FEED-IN TARIFFS GO DOWN - this is nonsense! All savings on day by day utilities are essential for personal financial survival.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 4552 | <p>I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p>  |



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| 18/03/2015 | 2250 | I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. When reducing my energy usage, my bill should go down. To encourage more solar power uptake, all households need to be supported not penalized. Australia needs to be committed to reduce dependence on coal-fired power stations as soon as possible. Wind and solar could supply most of the domestic market, and a majority of industry - battery storage technology is improving rapidly. Let us invest in the future.   |
| 18/03/2015 | 4510 | My home is fully energy efficient with a 5kw solar system and meets all the local and state guidelines   |
| 18/03/2015 | 4214 | <p>Hello,</p> <p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change needs SUPPORT.</p> <p>New Zealand already produces more than 80% of its energy from renewables. Despite this New Zealand is planning for an influx of solar renewables and energy storage. The approach of NZ utilities, regulators, politicians and businesses is refreshing. There is a genuine openness to innovation and new ideas the opposite of what we have seen recently in Australia.</p> <p>The Energy utilities duck inconvenient truth about demand management and keep bleeding consumers by building unused infrastructure (because they can...) and they get rewarded handsomely for doing it!</p> <p>NO MORE.</p> <p>The International Energy Agency has hailed a surprising and unprecedented halt in the rise of global carbon dioxide emissions an event it directly credits to the growth in solar and wind power, increased hydro, and the decline in coal-fired generation.</p> <p>THIS NEEDS ALL PARTIES OF GOVERNMENT TO BACK IT.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 4510 | My home is fully energy efficient with a 5kw solar system and meets all the local and state guidelines.  |
| 18/03/2015 | 4555 | Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Power companies should help people change to solar. I have ALWAYS been careful about my use of power and more people need to. We have solar panels and very low power bills now. If there was more room on the roof we would have another panel. I would really like to be off the power grid but battery storage is too costly at present. I am also very eco-aware.  |
| 18/03/2015 | 2571 | <p>I am writing to urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>The rule change will make our energy market fairer for consumers, will encourage more investment in solar and other renewable energy sources. This is not only important for the environment but also for our economy.</p> <p>I have had solar panels and solar hot water on my roof for the last five years and the savings these have made for me have literally kept my little family afloat these last few years. I am a single parent working part time in order to be home for a chronically ill child.</p> <p>The success of my home solar system has encouraged my parents to invest in a solar system too. Although they generate more power than they use, they are still plagued with considerable power bills - which seems contrary to commonsense and extremely unfair.</p> <p>The rule change will go a long way toward helping ordinary people, and preparing our country for the future of power generation. Rewarding companies who burn rocks cannot possibly be the way forward for Australia.</p> |
| 18/03/2015 | 4703 | I want AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  |
| 18/03/2015 | 4551 | Solar power helps the environment. People who opt for solar power are interested in the environment as well as affordable utility prices. I believe we deserve support from government in our quest to do the right thing.   |
| 18/03/2015 | 2480 | <p>It makes perfect sense to reward people who are making an effort to reduce their electricity bills by using solar/wind devices, with or without battery storage.</p> <p>Why do those making an effort, like myself, have to support big business with bad practices?</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 3442 | Decentralised low-carbon energy generation, coupled with energy efficiency measures, is an effective method of reducing everyday Australian's electricity costs via the avoidance of additional network infrastructure installation. The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change would be an important mechanism in realising these savings.  |
| 18/03/2015 | 4214 | As we are on the pension we found it very difficult to pay our power bill, due to the massive power hikes. We decided to go to solar energy to help with our power bills. We paid it off over two years, it was not given to us as some politicians seem to think. We urge the AEMC to make sure the new rule is adopted. Government should be embracing solar not trying to make it harder for people to connect to the system.   |

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| 18/03/2015 | 4156 | <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I believe it is very important for power companies to help people go solar. At the moment, we are being hit with ever-growing fixed charges. Under the new proposed rule, when we reduce our energy usage, our bills go down accordingly. This makes a lot of sense to me and I fully support it.</p> <p>We have taken many steps to reduce our energy usage with solar or efficiency measures including the installation of solar panels, batteries (hybrid solar), three levels of insulation, solar hot water, LED lights etc. This is a significant investment. Having fixed charges and our power bills rising is UNFAIR and does NOT make sense.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on our household power bills would make a huge difference for us as we are self-funded retirees.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 4216 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as I believe it will make the energy market fairer &amp; more energy efficient for consumers. Energy companies should be encouraging consumers to use as many solar panels as possible as it would reduce the overall daytime energy usage, particularly in areas of 'sunny' Qld, which could be fed back into the 'grid'. Why not 'rent' rooftops (e.g. highrises, shopping centres, etc.) to supplement the energy market &amp; stop relying completely on outmoded/dated coal-fired power stations. As a disability pensioner with 2 teenagers, rising energy costs basically forced me to get solar as I knew that I could not afford escalating prices in the long term. We have 'cut back' as much as we could and our dbble storey house is almost as energy efficient as can be possible. Even a small financial saving makes a great deal of difference to our quality of life. We lost power a couple of years ago due to a local pole generator failure. Why not devise a simple switch system (I'm sure the fire brigade will also agree) so that in those circumstances we can still have power when the 'grid' is not working? If costs continue to rise the way they have been we may be forced to disconnect from the 'grid' with the solar feed-in &amp; just use the pole electricity sparingly during the night-time hours.</p> |
| 18/03/2015 | 4556 | <p>We committed substantial amounts of our own funds signing up for solar. What concerns me is that we will have to subsidise the inefficiencies of the dirty energy producers further contributing to environmental damage. Please stop protecting these companies and show some backbone.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 2614 | <p>I am writing to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. This is necessary to remove the barriers to cheaper energy and to a fossil free energy future. The changes are inevitable, but are needed as soon as possible to minimise the effects of global warming.</p> <p>As a concerned citizen I purchased a 3kW solar PV system and a solar hot water system many years ago. These actions are needed and must be made as easy and as cost effective as possible.</p> <p>The current archaic and expensive energy policies must be changed for the benefit of everyone.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 4670 | <p>There needs to be an incentive for all people, customers and the electrical providers, because as it stands at the moment, the prices keep going up and are slowly making it harder to keep ahead. Pensioners who can ill afford it, have sunk a lot of their precious savings into installing solar electricity, now see their benefits of a quarterly cheque that goes to pay for other rising costs, dwindle. To reward the Providers, may in the long term assist those on low or fixed incomes.</p>  |
| 18/03/2015 | 2780 | <p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing to say that the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change sounds like a good idea. My understanding is that this would encourage consumers to use less power.</p> <p>It is important that the power market gets away from coal and towards solar, wave, and wind energy as soon as possible. Almost 100% of scientists are in agreement that coal and other polluting forms of power contribute to climate change and to disasters such as the recent cyclone in Vanuatu, Kiribati and Tuvalu.</p> <p>I have recently installed solar panels, and also am with an energy company which does not use coal or other polluting sources of power. There is popular support for initiatives such as Earth hour. I am on a low income, and struggle with rising gas bills. I live in a place with cold winters, but do not like to use heating, as I know it contributes to climate change.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 4562 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change to make our energy market fairer for consumers. I have installed solar panels to reduce energy consumption in my home but am watching the set charges on my power bills rise dramatically. I am a self funded retiree and cannot afford to meet continually rising charges. It is imperative that power companies support solar installations.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 7252 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is extremely important power companies help people go solar.</p> <p>We have taken steps to reduce our power bills and reducing energy usage with efficiency measures.</p> <p>Everyone benefits if they are able to save \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills. Better for the householder and better for the planet.</p> <p>Go solar</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 4555 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I am concerned that there are currently structural factors in the consumer energy market that are a strong disincentive for consumers to further adopt solar energy systems. This leaves all of us poorly positioned to deal with the challenges of the future.</p> <p>We have already adopted solar power at our home, and could expand this system and significantly reduce our external energy demand, but are penalised for this under the current market structure. This is unfair to consumers and unsustainable over the longer term. We should be able to save money and reduce our reliance on non-renewable energy sources. But the current arrangements (and the flow-through to the consumer) penalise us for doing this.</p>   |

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| 18/03/2015 | 3072 | Why should I be hit with charges for reducing my impact on the world?   |
| 18/03/2015 | 6211 | It is the utmost importance for the power companies to help people go solar as their shareholders will also benefit in the long run.<br>We have installed solar panels to reduce our energy usage and to help reduce the effect of future energy price rises.   |
| 18/03/2015 | 6071 | This bill makes complete sense and passing it will be of great help to struggling Australians. Power bills are horrendous these days and it's the ordinary person who is facing the greatest challenges in paying these bills.<br><br>Please support this bill.<br><br>Thank you  |
| 18/03/2015 | 4553 | Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.<br><br>It is very important for power companies to help people go solar in order to reduce Australia's dependence on non-renewable energy sources. The sun is out there, free for the taking and we should be maximising our utilisation of this abundant resource.<br><br>I've done all I can to reduce my energy usage by installing low energy light bulbs, limiting myself to two lights only on at a time, using gas for cooking, and using window shutters to keep my house cool. I had installed solar panels at my old house, and intend to do the same at my current residence.<br><br>Saving money on household bills would mean that my financial situation would not be so dire when my current employment contract runs out and I am once again unemployed.<br><br>Please let common sense come into upper level decision making for a change, and do something for the benefit of all Australians, now and into the future. |
| 18/03/2015 | 5023 | Having solar power is a no-brainer!<br>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Surely it's in everyone's interests to go solar? Not only Nationally but Globally?<br>I took steps several years ago to go solar and don't regret it for a nanosecond. As a person on a small, fixed income it was very important to me to reduce my bills and where possible, reduce my carbon footprint.<br>Please AEMC, it is ethical for power companies to assist people to go solar, surely??  |
| 18/03/2015 | 2040 | I would like to indicate my support for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme. It is clear that this would encourage the use of safe renewable energy, reduce the impact of carbon emissions, lower the rate of Climate change (a small contribution which Australian consumers should rightfully make) and limit overspending on the electricity grid, rather than encourage overspending.<br><br>All of these seem self-evident given the history of mismanagement by politicians and the large power utilities together with the technological advances in solar energy capture and storage as well as working examples in many other parts of the world. With thanks for considering my submission.  |
| 18/03/2015 | 2452 | As a pensioner couple we have been horrified by the apparent lack of action on climate change and the rising power costs. The continued use of fossil fuels etc. We decided to invest some of our small savings in solar power. For a number of reasons, to help the world and to save money. We were thrilled to find that we got a better return from solar than from bank interest. Please help the rest of Australia to do the same.<br>Accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  |
| 18/03/2015 | 4850 | I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because I believe it will make our energy market fairer to consumers. I have installed a 5kw solar system on my residence and have changed the ways I use electricity from night time usage to day time when I am producing excess power, therefore reducing my network usage dramatically. The cost of electricity to my family has risen out of proportion to the extent where I feel like we are living in a third world country. Any decrease in electricity bills will have a positive effect on my family.   |
| 18/03/2015 | 3057 | As a Home owner and Solar power user ( installed last year ) as a country we should be investing in more sustainable and Environmentally sound ways to produce electricity the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will be a way we can move forward and make sure electricity is affordable for all Australians and also sustainable. This is a important change that could change the face of the way power companies operate and also charge their customers.   |
| 18/03/2015 | 2480 | Please consider accepting the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change so that it supports the new rather than shoring up the old in the energy sector.<br>Those that are presently employed in the existing energy sector could be employed in the emerging renewable energy markets and to that end we have gone solar to attempt to reduce our energy usage.<br>We use a power company that does not produce electricity that produces carbon as a waste product but the standing costs are becoming so big that the solar system that we installed is now not meeting our power bill although it does cover our usage.<br>The rule change would help us to look at reducing our energy usage further as alternative technologies become available.<br>Thank you.  |
| 18/03/2015 | 2508 | Its time for the govt. to think for the people and the environment. Not big business all the time.  |
| 18/03/2015 | 4035 | I strongly urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme as it will become a most positive initiative in keeping Electricity prices as fairly priced as possible to all classes of Power Consumers.  |

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| 18/03/2015 | 5074 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for all consumers and help power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>It makes the best sense to reduce reliance on archaic infrastructure, its maintenance costs and the fossil fuels it relies on.</p> <p>Even small reductions in consumers bills makes a big difference in the cost of living.</p> <p>It's best for Australia.</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 4568 | <p>As a pensioner I can't afford the power rises. As the sole occupant the power bill consumes about 20% of my income and that is without air-conditioning or heating</p>   |
| 18/03/2015 | 6158 | <p>I think you need to be very careful to not create a structure which incentivises people to go off-grid which I'm sure you know will be feasible soon.</p> <p>You should also not make changes which retrospectively affect your clients. They have made an investment in their solar systems which lose value if you shift charges to be fixed rather than associated with actual electricity use.</p> <p>This really is a case of 'if you can't beat them, join them' trying to ruin the business case for getting solar panels will drive people off grid in the coming years which is not good for anyone.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3631 | <p>Power companies tend to state that they support green energy and environmental responsibility, but the behaviour of most is antipathetic to lessened grid-power use and the installation by consumers of solar and other renewables.</p> <p>My own experience, after installing a large-ish domestic solar array, was that both my power retailer and the wholesaler mucked me about for the best part of a year, while blaming each other all the time. Ultimately, we discovered that my solar array had been incorrectly connected to the smart meter so that my feed-in was not recognised or netted off and I was charged for total usage, despite operating an 8.36 kw solar system. I have discovered many similar stories.</p> <p>Therefore, I believe the power companies should be compelled by regulation/legislation to facilitate the uptake of solar and other renewables as a Community Service Obligation attached to their ownership and trading licence. Providing them with incentives is just another way of feathering their nests; the incentive should be that they won't get fined or lose their licences if they can demonstrate the achievement of very substantial increases in solar uptake by their customers and an efficient, pain-free process for making it happen.</p> <p>The Energy Ombudsman's office should be adequately resourced to police this, and to deal with the huge numbers of service complaints related to these matters.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 4551 | <p>Power companies want to make profits and have no incentive to reduce power consumption from the grid unless the gov gives them a financial reason to do so.</p> <p>The environment would be improved by less burning of fossil fuels ( even if global warming is not a problem)</p> <p>The legal framework should be structured to give financial incentives to reduce power consumption from fossil fuels</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6025 | <p>The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) proposal for a rule to reward companies for encouraging customers to save energy should be supported in the interest of consumer fairness and to reduce energy consumption generally. The rule should provide incentives for power companies to support the installation of renewable power. Increasing power usage within households amounts to waste and simply should not be occurring with the numerous opportunities to household energy consumption. This is the interest of the country, reducing energy usage and fairness to households.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2069 | <p>Help save the environment and climate change. We need to go more and more solar like the rest of the world. Incentivise more and more Aussies to install solar PV panels like I did, and bring down our electricity cost.</p> <p>We want the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4017 | <p>It is time for a government to make a change and look for better future for the citizens and not only the big companies and their stakeholders.</p> <p>A country like Australia that has been blessed by the available free sources of energy cannot turn a blind eye into a very affordable solution that can contribute to reduce the household expenses in energy but also help an innovative industry grow providing new technologies and subproducts to foreign markets</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4655 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage with solar power and efficiency LED lights but my bill seem to not reflect these changes by continuing to get price increases</p> <p>The rising power bills and fixed charges make it hard for a person on a fixed income to meet the financial needs of my family without making cuts on other necessities.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a big difference for me.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4171 | <p>I would like the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make energy companies fairer to consumers.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3124 | <p>I have installed solar panels, and notice a difference in my power bills, but I feel that you can encourage more people to use the sun and reduce our need to have polluting power stations</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 5031 | <p>This plea is addressed to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) to give consideration to and support the adoption of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>The Demand Management Incentive Energy Scheme Rule (DMIESR) change will lead to a fairer energy market for electricity consumers.</p> <p>We have installed solar panels on our roof top (since 2011) and have enjoyed the benefits of lower power bills and knowing we are contributing to lower carbon emissions. However over the years we have seen these financial benefits been whittled back by the rising cost of power and the steady increase in fixed charges and are disturbed by this on-going trend. Friends of ours who did not or were unable to take up the solar option are now reporting to us bill stress when their electricity bills come in due to these increased costs. An acceptance by AEMC of the DMISR would encourage power companies to support more people to take up solar, improving power affordability.</p> <p>My partner and I encourage more solar uptake amongst Australians as a means to lower carbon emissions in general and reduce the impact of climate change.</p> <p>Adoption of the DMIESR by the AEMC and the subsequent increase in the uptake of renewable energy solar options would also lead to the obvious benefit of lowering the impact of climate change and the overwhelming threat that this represents for our futures.</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 4740 | <p>To the AEMC,<br/>I urge you to adopt the demand management incentive scheme rule change. As it stands, those trying to do their bit by reducing their energy consumption are being penalised.<br/>My home is run by stand alone power so thankfully I personally have escaped the unfair effects of the current regime.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3461 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change so I will and other solar users be rewarded instead of discriminated against because we choose to produce our own power. Bring back common sense to the electricity industry.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4550 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.<br/>It is very important for power companies to help people go solar.<br/>I have installed solar panels and an inverter at home and our workplaces have likewise done so. So our \$3,000 per month power bill at work is now \$1,000 per month (no feed in tariff as commercial installations don't qualify) and at home we weren't paying any bills until Can Do wrecked everything and left us to AGL's devices. Now we pay exorbitantly for the power we produce. Saving money on power would allow us to spend more on planting vegetation to prevent land slips in our area.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3551 | <p>It is imperative that the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is enacted.<br/>I have personally made sacrifices to reduce greatly my energy needs and to provide extra electrical energy available to other users.<br/>Rising power bills have an effect on those especially with lower incomes and young families.<br/>Please support this new rule.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 6164 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management incentive scheme.<br/>It is important for energy companies to help us go solar.<br/>I have taken steps to reduce energy usage &amp; have solar panels.<br/>The steeply rising energy prices are denting our retirement funds drastically.<br/>Even a &amp;gt;\$300 saving per annum would be helpful.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2480 | <p>The Manager<br/>AEMC.</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>After following the nsw power selloff with inbuilt incentives for infrastructure over-capitalization I have witnessed first hand the harm and distress done to the most vulnerable in our Nth NSW communities. I can only conclude that the current formula is in error. Please note my considered opinion that the AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5244 | <p>To Whom it may concern,<br/>I am writing to urge you, the AEMC, to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I believe it is very important for power companies to help people go solar, as our planet is unsustainable at current levels of energy demand. I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage with a solar panel system on my house and would recommend other people do the same to help reduce the demand on our planet. Rising power bills and fixed charges have meant that my family has struggled to pay our power bills in the past, and although the initial investment was difficult, going solar has meant we will be better off in the longer term, as will our planet.<br/>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a huge difference for me and my family.<br/>I strongly urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 2546 | <p>To The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC),</p> <p>I Megan Ridgway urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is important for power companies to help people go solar to help reduce emissions, pollution electricity costs and ultimately climate change.</p> <p>My family have had a solar system and solar hot water system and we value the choice we made to lower our carbon footprint on the planet. My partner is a designer and installer of grid connect and off grid connect solar systems so ultimately this decision affects the economic outcome for my family.</p> <p>Allowing this rule change will help my family and others to save \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills. This would make a huge difference to our annual overall bills but more importantly will send a clear message that we value solar energy as a means to power our home and country. Please make this happen. Accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change!</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4370 | <p>My wife and I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for us and all consumers.</p> <p>It is really important for power companies to HELP people go solar, not throw obstacles in their path.</p> <p>We have taken steps to reduce our energy usage with solar PV, Hot Water and efficiency measures throughout our home.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected us to the extent that we felt we had no choice but to use the last of our meagre savings and take out a loan to try and future-proof ourselves against this never ending series of electricity charges increases. Both my wife and I have the pension as our sole source of income.</p> <p>The opportunity to saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a huge difference for us, given how close we already are to the bread-line.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5007 | <p>Dear AEMC staff,</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It is just common sense. As a community in SA we did the same with water use years ago. You recommended this change already in 2012, and it will mean a fairer system for electricity users. I would prefer to regulate my power use and power generation according to load if possible. My first solar panels made a small amount of money for our household due to good incentives to install, however with our current house power bills just keep going up despite low usage, the payback rate for solar has decreased, and my efforts to reduce power are not having any serious effect on costs, despite no kids in the house.</p> <p>Demand Management makes perfect ecological sense to me, and is also good economic management, but companies have to see an economic advantage to themselves as well, otherwise there will be no change.</p> <p>Please look at the future, not just a continuation of the current system.</p> <p>Kind regards,<br/>Adelaide Householder</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 7248 | <p>We struggled to pay our power bills,<br/>So decided to go solar to reduce our power bills and impact on the planet. saving 120 to \$500 dollars a year would go a long way in paying bills and helping my family.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4034 | <p>About 3 years ago I installed a PV system, and my family now greatly enjoys being part of the worldwide movement towards replacing the destructive burning of fossil fuels with sustainable, renewable energy. It's a great feeling! But I am dismayed that Australia's power companies are refusing to support people who want to foster solar/renewable research and protect the planet for our grandchildren - and seem rather to be driven only by their insatiable desire for profit, whatever the cost to our environment. We are much more conscious of our energy use now that we've gone solar, and this is a great talking point among family and friends. But it is very upsetting when we've reduced our carbon footprint, are returning power to the grid, but are paying through the nose to the greedy power company for their supply charge, which now costs well over half of our energy use! This service fee has grown astronomically over the last couple of years, and seems quite unjustifiable and out of control. We strongly urge the AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, to make the energy market more equitable for all consumers, to encourage more people to go solar, and ultimately to protect our environment.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 2480 | <p>Dear Commissioners</p> <p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is important for Energy companies to help people go solar so we all have a sustainable future. My household have already taken active steps in reducing our power consumption by replacing all lights with high efficiency LED lights, there by reducing the power used by the lights by 90%. Still, even this step is offset with the increase of charges by the power companies. Saving and extra \$120 to \$500 a year off power bill would make a huge difference to us and we really appreciate your efforts toward this.</p>   |

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| 17/03/2015 | 5050 | <p>Investing in solar and having supportive power networks and retailers which are smarter and can responsibly manage solar contributions to the grid is something important to my family. Making a \$120 to \$500 pa saving is important in meeting our household budgetary requirement. Ongoing saving from our initial investment in solar and knowing that new micro-grid technologies and smart meter investments which addresses the complex issues of energy generation and management should be an important consideration in relation to relevant AEMC policy/actions. As it is our believe a focus on renewable energy will in the medium and long term will create positive economic, social and environmental outcomes for Australia. Our initial cost outlays in solar should subsidised our energy bills, and ideally any contributions we make to the grid should be close to the amount we pay for any energy (if we need to import it from the retailer). Ever increasing daily supply charges and ongoing reduced retailer contribution for solar energy for the grid is not fair for current rooftop solar owners like ourselves and take away renewable energy opportunities for the nation as a whole. It is important to continue developing energy infrastructure which allow for new innovation and efforts to allow regulations to keep up with technological changes. I support healthy competition not only for retailers but also for the development of new smart meter and storage technologies which could further support the grid rather than hinder it (as in many of the existing 'dumb' networks). In summary it is important for power companies to have viable solar options. One which encourages good solar installation and ongoing maintenance (if necessary). We also support solar leasing as one viable option of working around the associated consumer &amp; technical installation issues.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 6065 | <p>You try and do the right thing for the climate by going solar and the first thing the government do is try to figure out some other way to get revenue from the tax payers. At the moment the WA Liberals are trying to increase the supply charge of electricity, while reducing the price per unit used, to give an overall same bill charge scenario for non-solar homes but solar homes will be forced to pay more. Not very encouraging for potential investors in solar, again...</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3550 | <p>I wish to add my support to the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change being proposed.</p> <p>I have used energy saving lights for many, many years and solar panels on my house since late 2008. It has been a really great move for myself &amp; the environment. I would like many more Australians to be able to do the same.</p> <p>I really like the win/win/win/win outcome the above rule change would bring about i.e. for Australians, the environment, the power companies &amp; the solar industry.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5050 | <p>Investing in solar and having supportive power networks and retailers which are smarter and can responsibly manage solar contributions to the grid is something important to my family. Making a \$120 to \$500 pa saving is important in meeting our household budgetary requirement. Ongoing saving from our initial investment in solar and knowing that new micro-grid technologies and smart meter investments which addresses the complex issues of energy generation and management should be an important consideration in relation to relevant AEMC policy/actions. As it is our believe a focus on renewable energy will in the medium and long term will create positive economic, social and environmental outcomes for Australia. Our initial cost outlays in solar should subsidised our energy bills, and ideally any contributions we make to the grid should be close to the amount we pay for any energy (if we need to import it from the retailer). Ever increasing daily supply charges and ongoing reduced retailer contribution for solar energy for the grid is not fair for current rooftop solar owners like ourselves and take away renewable energy opportunities for the nation as a whole. It is important to continue developing energy infrastructure which allow for new innovation and efforts to allow regulations to keep up with technological changes. I support healthy competition not only for retailers but also for the development of new smart meter and storage technologies which could further support the grid rather than hinder it (as in many of the existing 'dumb' networks). In summary it is important for power companies to have viable solar options. One which encourages good solar installation and ongoing maintenance (if necessary). We also support solar leasing as one viable option of working around the associated consumer &amp; technical installation issues.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 4285 | <p>I wish to urge the AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. As a user of a solar PV system I can fully appreciate the advantage of using such systems to augment the production of electricity. These PV systems being adopted clearly reduce the load on power generating facilities, thus lowering the demand for and the use of coal with it's inherent environmental problems.</p> <p>It seems from current pricing schemes being employed by electricity distributing companies that they are trying to claw back the lost profits by using fixed charges in lieu of the income.</p> <p>Adopting this scheme would lead to a more fair cost to the consumers and this, personally, would be very helpful.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4101 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to help our energy use and energy industry transition into a new era.</p> <p>I have installed solar in a large household and found it wonderful, combined with energy-efficient appliances, for reducing costs: it saves me around \$2500 a year. That's a lot of money! Demand management makes sense for everyone. Please, get on with it!</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 7215 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because:</p> <p>It will help Australia meet CO2 reduction targets.</p> <p>It will give added incentives to the fledgling electricity storage industries.</p> <p>It will reduce household bills.</p> <p>It is the ethical way to go.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 6056 | <p>Dear AMEC</p> <p>Isn't it time to stop this nonsense about protecting power generation companies that have massive carbon emissions? Australia is embarrassingly behind most of the rest of world in efficient, cheap and low environmental impact power generation, and we have the greatest of natural resources.</p> <p>Please put this rule into practice. Immediately.</p>   |

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| 17/03/2015 | 2508 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to assist with:</p> <p>Encouraging the reduction in electricity consumption;<br/>Reducing consumers ongoing power bills; and reducing Greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>I have committed to reducing my greenhouse emissions through installation of solar hot water heating and solar PV electricity panels at my house. I believe it is important to make structural changes to assist others to do the same. Again, I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6148 | <p>To whom it may concern AEMC please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.<br/>It is so important for power companies to help people to go solar.</p> <p>I have had solar panels installed on my unit and so have millions of other responsible people all over Australia.</p> <p>Recent research has shown that the panels are getting better by the day and producing much more energy. We as Australians have come up with great results, let us not waste this hard work done by these wonderful researchers.</p> <p>We can save as much as \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills which will make a great difference to me and my family and it will be getting better when the new panels are released.</p> <p>I am sure that all of us who have solar panels will appreciate very much if you will please accept the DMIS Rule Change.</p> <p>Thank you for reading my message</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 6147 | <p>Sir/Mme<br/>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It is good for society and for the future. Governments are raising the base electricity prices and there is a need for solar power on all homes. I want to go solar but I'm afraid that with lower RET and a higher electricity base price that it will no longer be feasible. Please help us reduce the cost of electricity.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 6027 | <p>My introduction to the idea to install solar panels came from the state government of WA.<br/>They were having problems producing electricity due to the existing power stations not being efficient.<br/>We rally behind this and now we are to be bunnies in the headlights of their guns.<br/>We put our money in so the inefficiency would be corrected.<br/>Do not make the Australian people totally disregard any promises made by our governments, our country also needs a clean source of energy</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6072 | <p>I am writing to urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme as I believe it should make the energy market (such as it is in WA) fairer to me, as a consumer. I currently have a 1.52kw solar installation and so enjoy the benefits of reduced and/or credits on my account. I have also changed my light bulbs to low energy ones, and believe providers need incentives to encourage households and businesses to reduce their energy needs and stop the proliferation of more wires and substations and coal burning generating equipment.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6023 | <p>This note is a personal plea for the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, which I believe will make our energy market fairer.<br/>It is critically important that power companies play a key role in helping people go solar, as after all it should be their future as much as consumers.<br/>I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage by using solar and would like to extend these efforts.<br/>Putting the environmental issues aside, the cost of power seems out of whack and I can assure you that a saving of \$120 to \$500 a year on my household power bill would make a difference. Not the least because household budgets are already tight.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3079 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.<br/>It is very important for power companies to help people go solar.<br/>I have installed solar and will be installing storage when the feed-in tariff drops in 2016.<br/>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for me.</p>   |



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| 17/03/2015 | 3450 | <p>Greetings AEMC,</p> <p>I encourage wholeheartedly the adoption of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>The current rules providing for ever increasing fixed charges are not only retrograde compared to best practice models being adopted elsewhere, they cause real hardship for those on fixed low-incomes.</p> <p>Do you fancy living through a cold winter unable to afford heating? What about aged pensioners? Could this be YOUR parents, sitting in the cold and the dark because power is so unaffordable?</p> <p>This is my human reality NOW and I am not yet an aged and vulnerable pensioner.</p> <p>Pleeeeee put people first and regulate for fairness. The future of so many will be absolutely bleak without common sense regulation.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6028 | I want the government to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3078 | <p>I would like to encourage you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for the people.</p> <p>It is essential for a prosperous future that power companies assist in the promotion of solar power. Many within my family and local community have discussed the financial benefits of going solar, but are also happy in the knowledge that they are making a positive change to the future of energy in Australia.</p> <p>Rising power bills are felt by everyone I know, especially those who are struggling to get ahead.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for people on the lower end of the financial spectrum.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5330 | <p>Urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Tell the AEMC how important it is for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>If you've taken steps to reduce your energy usage with solar or efficiency measures, let the AEMC know.</p> <p>Tell the AEMC how rising power bills and fixed charges have affected you and your family.</p> <p>Let the AEMC know how saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for you.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5291 | <p>On behalf of my wife and myself we wish to convey that we have installed both solar and solar hot water and are seeing some of the benefits that this provides.</p> <p>However it is of increasing concern that we see the spiralling power costs and wonder how much longer before we are no longer ahead of the market.</p> <p>We urge that the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change be accepted by the AEMC to enable greater participation in this opportunity by other Australians.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5255 | <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Prior to putting in solar I faced hefty bills every quarter making it very difficult to meet those bills. I cannot remember when I relied on power from power companies if I ever managed to pay bills on time.</p> <p>That stress was enormous and I do not wish to live like that. With continuing increases in power it made life very difficult when planning to do things that were simple around the house.</p> <p>Those who have solar and contribute to the grid do deserve to be rewarded. They have taken the risk to invest and help by reducing the damage that is being done to the climate. It would be very disappointing if that more than fair venture is not recognised and those individuals supported. I am looking forward to and seek fairness. That is a reasonable request and makes simple common sense.</p>                 |
| 17/03/2015 | 7112 | <p>I am writing to urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. This will serve the consumers in making the energy market fairer, encouraging solar power and alternative energy, and allowing power bills to go down, rather than up, despite reduced energy usage.</p> <p>Our household has installed solar power, which has completely reduced our power bill. Without it, we would be paying more than we can afford on an annual basis, just to run a small household. In Tasmania, power is very expensive, jobs are scarce and every dollar counts. Saving on power bills, especially over the winter when heating costs rise, becomes very important just to financially survive.</p> <p>Please support this change that rewards the power companies that encourage energy savings. It makes more sense for the companies AND the consumers.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 2640 | please accept the Demand management Incentive Rule change as it is the most sensible thing to do for all of us. This will also increase the size of the market  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 4556 | <p>Any steps to encourage energy companies to encourage the use of alternative energies (solar, wind) and to ensure that individual householders pay LESS when they have installed SOLAR will be a benefit in the fight against global warming.</p> <p>In fact energy companies should be supporting a every house in Australia being solar.</p> <p>It is urgent that you accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make the market fairer and to ensure investment, in Australia, in alternative energies.</p> <p>With Australian embracing solar energy we now need the energy companies to do the same!</p> <p>Thank you</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3352 | I Urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3677 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is extremely important it is for power companies to help people go solar for the sake of our citizens and our planet. I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage with a solar hot water system and efficient building design. i would consider further measures should processes improve and the effort of arranging to install more efficient energy systems was less laborious.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected me and my family. I particularly object to my parents having to do without common daily comforts in order to budget for electricity bills; saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a significant difference.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 2088 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The rule would encourage power companies to encourage households to save energy, an essential step towards avoiding catastrophic climate change.</li> <li>- The rule would encourage power companies to support the trend towards decentralisation of energy and installation of solar, another useful step away from catastrophic climate change.</li> <li>- Household bills would be reduced by \$120-\$500 per year according to research commissioned by AEMC. This would contrast starkly with the steep rise in power bills and fixed charges experienced by Australian households in recent years, largely caused by excessive investment in network infrastructure.</li> </ul> |
| 17/03/2015 | 3450 | <p>I urge AEMC to accept the Demand management Incentive scheme.</p> <p>It is important for the power companies to help people go solar to reduce global warming. Saving \$120-\$500 a year helps my family as we are retirees.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3227 | <p>accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is important it is for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I have reduced my energy use with solar energy.</p> <p>rising power bills and fixed charges have affected you and your family.</p> <p>saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference to many people.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6153 | <p>I urge the Australian Energy Market Commission to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make our market fairer for consumers. I believe this will help consumers by causing a slowdown in increases in power bills in the longer term. I have installed 2kW of solar panels to assist in reducing my power bills and to assist with decentralizing the network Infrastructure thus causing less money required to be spent on Infrastructure. (although my contribution is small, lots of small solar connections will have a big effect when the load is greatest ie when the sun is shining causing an increase use of air conditioning)</p> <p>The rising costs of power have affected our budget and any relief would be of great benefit to our household.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2448 | Please bring some sense to our energy system and adopt this new proposal to reduce the cost of energy for the average consumer and regain a logical approach to energy distribution.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6169 | I already have Solar Power installed @ I wish AEMC to accept the demand management incentive scheme rule to assist all the private household SOLAR OWNERS to reduce there power accounts Especially all the pensioners that I know that have SOLAR PANNELS   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4305 | <p>AEMC please bring back sensible running of a power infrastructure. LNP is bad for prosperity why invest in old technology that is bad for the environment or messing with infrastructure that has nothing wrong with it.</p> <p>The original mass roll out of solar wasn't well put together and power feed into the grid should have been on par with electricity usage charges.</p> <p>Solar is changing at a rapid pace and we need to embrace this and get with the program.</p> <p>I have not regretted putting a 4.5kw system on my roof what makes me sad is the amount of decent solar companies that have gone broke because of the LNP stance of renewable energy. Privatization is not the answer to all our problems history shows it only makes things worse.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2607 | Australians need to decarbonise our energy consumption quickly. As well as installing solar panels and buying green energy, we need to manage demand for electricity and gas. We need more than off-peak hot water. Encourage the power networks to encourage demand management.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6108 | i UNDERSTAND THAT generating CO'S may have spare capacity at the moment but with the growth in building it will balance out and new customers need to be asked to embrace their own generation of power to help OZ become a smart country.Then other industries can be established thus putting us back on the list of smart countries.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2749 | I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 3150 | <p>Irrespective of issues around climate change, widely adopting solar power and encouraging consumers to go solar is pragmatically sensible.</p> <p>Reduced reliance on fossil fuels reduces air pollution. Clean air is a sensible aim.</p> <p>Additionally encouraging solar encourages clean energy employment and reduces the need for power companies to invest in further infrastructure -</p> <p>I encourage the adoption of the rule change that will incentivise energy saving!!</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2280 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is critically important for power companies to help people go solar so that Australia can keep pace with the worldwide acceptance that dirty power sources cannot continue to be allowed to contribute to global warming.</p> <p>I have installed 12 panels on my roof in an effort to reduce my energy use and to reduce my power bills. As an age pensioner I really need to keep my utility bills to the minimum, and solar panels on the roof makes sense to me. Rising power bills will threaten our health if my wife and I can't afford to use our air conditioner during hot weather and heating on cold days and nights. Saving between \$120 to \$500 per year on power bills could mean the difference between spending our remaining years suffering from the extremes of temperature or living with the comfort of knowing that at least we can afford essential heating and cooling.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2469 | <p>Australia cannot continue to rely so heavily on coal for electricity production. Environmentally, there will be increasing pressure through global agreements to reduce coal usage. Solar panels are a part of the solution, reducing carbon emissions and electricity costs for consumers. With growing calls for Australians to pay more tax to assist in meeting the needs of an ageing population, panels etc would help to neutralise the impact of increased taxes and make people more receptive to this.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5085 | <p>accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 7307 | <p>Renewable energy is the way forward, coal is dead, why does our Government pay polluters to continue to rip us off. Now there are so many people like me who make more power than I use the power companies are on the wing again ...</p> <p>Whine whine our profits are too low let us charge more, allow us to charge Solar folks for giving us power!! Well Mr Government person, get out of the past and come into the present, try looking after the folks who voted you in and pay your wage.</p> <p>Myself, any more negative attitude from power companies and I'm going off grid and I'll store my unused power instead of giving it to the power company for less than half they charge me...</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5158 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I am a pensioner but I used some savings to put a basic solar panel system on my roof. It was to help pay for the ever increasing power costs.</p> <p>I have reduced my use of electricity as much as I can, but feel that the Power Companies are just putting up prices and paying my input back at the lowest rate they can. Originally I had expected the panels to cover both my electricity and gas usage, but the gas is going up at a rapid rate as well, so I am not making much there. I wanted to do my bit for the Planet as well, reducing my CO2 output. Please make the change to reward the Solar Panel owners, rather than the big power companies. Thank you reading my submission.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 6027 | <p>I think AEMC needs to accept the rule change. In WA where electricity is a dictatorship i.e. there is no alternative to western power. Off grid is a catch phrase I am hearing a lot lately. This is where your greed is going to force the average consumer. The price of off grid inverters and batteries is falling and will become mainstream (affordable). Europe power suppliers are already shitting themselves as the peak loads are small and at the start and end of the day i.e. less revenue. Your probably scoffing thinking there is legislation to stop off grid installations there is at the moment When the issue i.e number of off grid supporters gets big enough (translation vote catcher) do you think the politicians will hesitate to pass new legislation? Your thinking I'll be retired by then What about your son or daughter that you got that cushy job for 5 years ago? They have probably got a mortgage family by now? OH sorry REDUNDANT DUE TO DOWNSIZE.</p> <p>The Moral of this submission is be good to your customers</p> <p>If you are struggling with the moral bit you can look this up on wikipedia (in company time of course)</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 3880 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I have Solar Panels on my roof and so have reaped financial and personal benefits knowing that I am part of Decentralized /Local power generation plant. I urge the AEMC to encourage all to Go Solar to facilitate Local Generation and more even Local Distribution. The Fixed-Charges cannot be allowed to ever increase. My Feed-In Tariff will end at the end of 2016. I don't want to have to make the decision to go Off-Grid. This would put greater Fixed Charges liability on others without Solar.</p> <p>I believe in Community Energy. The local Men's Shed and RSL have Solar Panels Installed. More and more of my neighbors and more recently a Community run Accommodation House have Gone Solar. It is a sign of a Healthy Community.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3331 | <p>I am a pensioner and find rooftop solar for my house and hot water service extremely helpful in trying to keep my power use-age within my small budget. I have supplier installed smart meter installed in my power board that connects me to my suppliers energy use, efficiency and energy reduction software. This is really good as it helps me know where my use-age is high and where the rooftop solar is saving me money.</p> <p>Where I live we are 100% power there is no gas reticulation available so I very susceptible to small price increases made by my power provider.</p> <p>Within the next 2 years I plan to upgrade my solar system (pay through my power supplier program) to 3Kwh or a bit larger any reduction in my power bill is a big plus when on a age pension, especially as the Government is trying to cut age pensions for all australians</p> <p>Any saving over \$100/yr has a big meaning to me</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 7330 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as this will make the Australian energy market fairer for all Australian consumers.</p> <p>We need more Australian homes to be able to install solar so that we can cut down our countries production of green house gases from coal fired power stations.</p> <p>Even though I live in Tasmania where hydro power is the norm I have installed roof top solar so that I reduce my draw on the system which enables Tasmania to export clean power to the coal powered states. This helps to reduce green house gas production from coal fired power stations. It also enables Tasmania during times of drought to conserve water in storage and reserve this for future power requirements.</p> <p>I have over the last winter, especially, closed doors &amp; curtains to retain heat in the house and reduce the amount of heating required to keep my house at a comfortable temperature. I have also been turning off appliances at the wall to reduce the amount of standby power used in my home.</p> <p>I have been lucky that over the past 12 - 18 months the fixed charges in Tasmania have reduced however prior to that they seemed to be increasing by more than the CPI and were causing affordability issues with my power bills. I installed solar panels at this stage to assist with ongoing power bills.</p> <p>As I now only work casually any savings brought about by the introduction of the AEMC on my power bills will assist immensely with balancing my household budget.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 4869 | <p>I am urging you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make the energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>We cannot keep using coal indefinitely to provide electricity and in a country with an abundance of sunshine it makes sense to encourage solar energy. We have invested in solar panels but we don't have much incentive for producing our own power. The fee structure is currently unfair to people trying to use cleaner energy and reduce their electricity bills.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5232 | <p>I am concerned about climate change and am doing everything in my power to use less energy! The government needs to encourage Australians to harness the power of the sun by going solar. This is why I have gone solar. We are crazy to keep insisting on ignoring the gift of the sun's energy!</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2480 | <p>I urge the AEMC to provide incentives to power companies to support the installation of Solar PV to save on peak energy. This will benefit the economy as a whole and customers as it will reduce the need to constantly upgrade the grid infrastructure.</p> <p>Insofar, I ask AEMC to support the introduction of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2752 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Scheme Rule change to make our energy market Fairer for all. Currently power companies can charge what they like ,add additional charges when they like. The system is all geared to help the power companies to make bigger profits every year, while the poorer consumer continues to pay more and more. I have put solar panels on my roof to try and reduce my bills yet we will only be paid 6 cents per Kilowatt even thou we are charged 25 cents. how is that fair. Even thou we have reduced our consumption our bills keep climbing. Its high time consumers got a fair deal.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2041 | <p>It is time for the electricity companies to stop demonising solar users in order to raise their profits. Solar is the way of the future and anyone who cares about the environment will understand its advantages. The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will make billing fairer for consumers who want to reduce their carbon footprint.</p> <p>It should also prevent the electricity companies from unfairly raising fixed charges when a customer is taking care to use less electricity.</p> <p>AEMC must make sure this is put in place.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3084 | <p>Economics and markets are as much to do with people as they are to do with money. They are often about the decisions that people make about their money.</p> <p>Incentivising good decisions (good for the customer, society, the environment, as well as for business interests), remains a large challenge for living now while thinking of the future.</p> <p>Supporting decentralised energy production would provide an excellent example of how a regulator can set a system to assist people in making good decisions.</p> <p>I support the AEMC consideration of changes to the Demand Management Incentive Scheme.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5355 | <p>I have installed a solar power system, changed light bulbs, turn everything off at the switch to try to manage rising power costs.</p> <p>Electricity prices are very high, I am not sure how pensioners are coping with the huge price rises every year, I would hope they are not sweltering in heat because they can't afford to put the air conditioning on</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5162 | <p>I need you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it makes our energy market fairer for us the consumers.</p> <p>It was important for us go solar to save us money in the long run.</p> <p>We try to reduce costs by turning off appliances at the wall, but our power bills keep rising which has a huge impact on my family.</p> <p>By saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would take a massive strain off the budget.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2146 | <p>â€œI urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>â€œIt is very important for the power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>â€œI have taken steps to reduce my energy usage with solar or efficiency measures.</p> <p>â€œRising power bills has forced me to install solar.</p> <p>â€œSaving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference.</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 3284 | I write to urge the AEMC to make the market a fairer place for consumers. There is a real need to encourage people to reduce energy use. As it is now, we pay enormously for system upgrades, that do not reflect necessity. Solar needs encouragement, not mothballs. Fixed charges constitute a huge proportion of my power bill, to such an extent that I have considered for some time going off the grid entirely instead of feeding into the grid as I do now. Having seen for myself the huge effort developing countries, like China are making, I see us being left far behind.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 6156 | Please, please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy Market fairer for consumers.<br><br>I now have solar panels. ( thanks to my family)). Please encourage people to how solar it saves a lot of heart ache for people and also creates a lot of jobs.<br><br>But with the rising Power bills and fix charges it is starting to hurt. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year makes a very big difference.<br><br>So once again please accept the rule change it would help so many people.<br>Thank you  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4740 | Dear Sir / Madam,<br><br>I urge the Commission to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as this will benefit all Australians who consume electricity. Australia is the sunburnt country with more than enough sunshine to power a huge percentage of our current usage and as such we should be encouraged to use more solar power than we currently do. By installing solar panels within our household, we have been able to reduce the exorbitant power bills to an affordable cost. Even so, we are still charged over \$250 per annum for account charges. By reducing electricity prices we would be able to go on a family holiday for the first time in a very long time.<br><br>Thank you for your time.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5523 | Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change<br>It is about time the consumer was considered by the AEMC, when the power system was privatised in SA it was meant to make power costs cheaper for THE CONSUMER how ever power costs have gone thru the roof and are now stupidly expensive for the consumer.<br>People who have taken steps to reduce their power bill costs should have that happen no ifs or buts   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2770 | I will save \$120 to \$500 on my annual power bill if the AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.<br>As a owner of a 1.5 Kwh solar system I only receive \$.08 for all my generated solar power going into the grid, and pay \$.24 for peak Kwh power I consume.<br>I am concerned about Climate Change and embrace alternative power generation Solar, Wind and Wave, the burning of fossil fuel and the release of carbon into the atmosphere is intolerable.<br>As old age pensioners on a limited budget we try very hard to keep our power usage to a minimum power costs money Considering Australia's abundance of sunshine it is a no brainer the we should not take advantage of this given resource.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 7310 | Power bills can consume your life if you live in a very cold place. Some areas of Tasmania are hit with temperatures well below zero through winter, and some of us have real snow and freezing winds, but we still have rooftops that can absorb and utilise sunlight! As the poorest state in the country and also possibly one of the coldest, I can see this being another step backwards. But despite that, most of Australia is a desert for crying out loud. Other countries as hot and arid as ours are rushing to not only HAVE solar but to make it as cheap as possible to own and to utilise so that communities aren't bogged down in the fears of how to cope with huge power bills. This country is in dire trouble. If we don't stop penalising solar users we will go down in history as the one country left that helped to destroy the world through climate change. |
| 17/03/2015 | 4350 | In the long run, Solar Energy will benefit everyone. Whilst in the transitional stage there may be some disadvantage to those who can't afford to install solar power in the long run everyone will enjoy lower power costs, because new power stations will not be necessary and infrastructure requirements reduced.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4127 | To make it fairer for al, I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. With dwindling resourses we need to make sure that Solar continues. We have soalar Power and it really makes a difference and we feel we are helping the planet. Saivings that we may get from this scheme would help us manage the all increasing bills as we are pensioners we do not have much disposable income  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4565 | Urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.<br>It is important for power companies to help people go solar.<br>We've taken steps to reduce your energy usage with solar or efficiency measures. Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected us & our extended family.<br>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a significance difference for our & family/ies lifestyles. We'd be able to afford to upgrade our electrical equipment/ appliances for more energy efficient ones.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4655 | I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change presently being considered. As power demand is falling why are the Power companies wanting to gold plate the network. With lower PV solar systems in the works more people will install them thus reducing demand. Also, new appliances and A/C are getting more efficient which will again reduce demand. i installed PV solar system in 2008 and upgraded again at my own expense in 2012. When I use my A?C in the afternoon my demand is reduced by nearly 40% because of the Solar power.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3350 | I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change. More people need to embrace renewables lie solar, not less. The rule change makes the energy market fairer for all.  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 6148 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Surely it is incumbent upon power companies to assist people to go solar.</p> <p>Four years ago this household invested in solar panels in order to alleviate the crippling costs of electricity. So far we have been extremely happy with the results of that investment.</p> <p>If the AEMC can possibly further reduce the costs of power for the average family then that would 'free-up' household income that could be applied in other areas, thus stimulating what appears to be a flagging national economy.</p> <p>There is no doubt our flagging economy would benefit from lower power prices.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 3000 | Make solar more available.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5022 | <p>I striongly ask that you support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme.</p> <p>My friend was just told that she would be paid 6c/kwh for the peak energy her proposed new solar system would generate while she is at work but would have to buy her power back after dark at over 30c/kwh. She was advised therefore to set her electric hot water heater to work during the day while her solar was producing power. This all seems insane to me. I have an off-peak meter and my hot water only heats at night because that is when demand is needed. Our system rewards craziness.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3752 | <p>We (my wife and I) currently have 18 solar panels on our roof. We had solar installed for two reasons - (1) projected saving of some money and (2) to be involved in clean energy. We have not saved much money yet due to the discriminatory way the power companies charge us, so they can cut their losses. On reading of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme, I realise that there may be greater savings available to us because of our solar power. A saving of up to \$500 per anum would give us more disposable income. Spending is always encouraged by Governments, to support local traders and tradesmen. We urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme which will then provide many more citizens to switch to solar.</p>       |
| 17/03/2015 | 4054 | <p>The proposed rule change makes sense for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>â€¢It is extremely important for power companies to help people go solar because electricity demand on power companies is reduced. Therefore the government should provide financial incentives to power companies when residents install solar systems.</li> <li>â€¢Along with over 300,000 other Queensland residents I have a solar system installed.</li> <li>â€¢I am a low income earner and the price of fixed electricity charges has effected me greatly. A saving of up to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a significant difference for me.</li> </ul>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4217 | <p>I Urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>The AEMC needs to know how important it is for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I've taken steps to reduce my energy usage with solar or efficiency measures, like LED's and off-peak metering.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for me and many other families.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3446 | <p>We have made a number of changes to equipment and usage to increase our household energy efficiency. We have also installed a grid-connected solar PV system.</p> <p>We urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2325 | <p>The AER seems to provide a regulatory framework that encourages a centralised system that provides benefits for the energy companies but little incentive or benefits for the consumer.</p> <p>For my part I installed PV panels to my home and am now sufficiently disenchanted with the Federal and State Govt's and energy companies attitude and negative policy to solar and wind power generation, that I am considering going 'off grid'.</p> <p>It is time that alternatives are considered that would give incentives to consumers to lower their energy consumption and make savings. The application of a 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change' would be a positive change to assist consumers.</p> <p>Please consider.</p>               |
| 17/03/2015 | 4860 | <p>I have had solar for just over two years in Qld. It has made my family more aware of our power usage in efforts to make the most savings and keep our power bills affordable. Australia seems to be so far behind the world in large scale solar uptake. We have the free resource yet we aren't strategic enough to make best use of it. As a country we need to support the solar industry and change laws to benefit our citizens. Please approve this new rule.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2450 | <p>I have installed a solar system to reduce power usage.</p> <p>Power companies should assist with solar as this helps with their running costs.</p> <p>I have reduced power consumption as much as possible.</p> <p>As a pensioner a reduction in any costs would greatly improve our standard of living.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 7054 | <p>I would encourage the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make energy companies more competitive with each other and also lower costs for consumers. As a solar owner, I would welcome any positive change to make solar (and other green energy) more mainstream, hopefully with the eventuality of not needing large polluting generation facilities.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3429 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. It is important for power companies to help people go solar. I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage by installing solar panels, but rising power bills and fixed charges have affected my family with the extra cost. A saving of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a big difference for my Family.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2233 | <p>I wish to support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme. I believe it is in the best interests of consumers and the nation to reduce electricity demand, to seek availability efficiencies and to encourage use of new technologies such as solar and storage.</p> <p>I have installed solar panels, changed appliances and light bulbs in order to reduce usage and increase efficiency. It not only reduces power bills but ensures finite resources are not wasted.</p>   |

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| 17/03/2015 | 4102 | <p>To the AEMC</p> <p>as a solar contributor to the energy market, I ask you to please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I believe it is a matter of imperative that power companies do all they can to encourage the uptake of solar.</p> <p>Rising power bills along with fixed charges are impacting people around the country, especially families.</p> <p>Just a saving of \$200 to \$500 annually on household power bills would make a huge difference to people doing it tough.</p> <p>Solar power contributors should not be unfairly targeted by rising fixed charges, this is inequitable.</p> <p>Thankyou</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2605 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change' to enable the energy market to be fairer to all consumers.</p> <p>I believe that it is important for energy companies help people go solar by providing an incentive scheme to assist with the costs of the changeover.</p> <p>I have installed solar panels on my residence and find that as a result my power bills have been greatly reduced.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4565 | I support the new rules that are proposed  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2088 | A GREAT IDEA   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3099 | As the owner of a 5KW solar system, Electrical supply companies, refuse to give me the same deals they give non owners of solar systems.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3350 | <p>Please make our energy market fairer for consumers.I have got a 2Kw solar.</p> <p>Since electricity became so expensive I have tried to minimize my usage. But solar is wonderfully helping. I am prepared to go off the grid altogether if the costs keep rising. Of course, my sorrows would turn into joy if the household power bills would come down to a saving of approx. \$120 to \$500 depending on the size of the household.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2484 | <p>My 3kw Solar panels generate 22kw of electricity a day. My average daily consumption is 10kw. I get 10 cents per kw I return to Power to companies via the grid. This 10 cents morphs into 33 cents that the Power companies re-sell to customers, that's 23 cents per kw profit the Power companies get for producing NO electricity. AND I still have to pay them for consumption (Go Figure). The argument about upkeep of poles and wires doesn't hold because I still have to pay the quarterly service fee.</p> <p>Profiteering and Racketeering is alive and well in the guise of Electricity Companies.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2073 | Those that purchase energy through alternative sources should be rewarded accordingly. Please make a common sense decision to approve the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2470 | The AEMC should encourage solar because it reduces the need for new poles and wires. It also reduces the damage from climate change. Suppliers should pay a fair price for solar and they should also reduce their fixed charges.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2305 | <p>I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and Urge the AEMC to adopt this rule change in the interests of a fair energy market for consumers. .</p> <p>My household has been solar for 5 years and have made great reductions in our energy usage, yet at the same time we have seen an escalation in fixed charges and our overall energy bill. Our family like other families have found constant raising the cost of energy difficult to manage regardless that we have installed a Solar system. Savings on household energy bills will make a huge difference to this family.</p> <p>The current energy charges and fixed charges in particular are unfair and do nothing to encourage or reward energy conservation. All they do is cause family stress as they struggle to afford the high cost of energy. By adopting, the Demand Management Incentive Scheme the AEMC will encourage the development of alternative solar technology and storage. Climate Change is real and we, as a community, will eventually have to move away from fossil fuels for our energy needs. We need incentives for the power companies to expand alternative energy sources by helping the community go Solar.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 6158 | <p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Scheme Rule Change and encourage companies to help people go Solar.</p> <p>We have had solar hot water for over 40 years, ceiling insulation for about 35 years, and solar panels for about 3 years. And know not only the financial benefits but also the feeling that we are doing our little bit help with climate warming.</p> <p>We believe in the grid and solar generation support as part of supplying reasonable priced power for this basic essential for all people.</p> <p>Rising power bills in rental situation is contributing to our younger people being unable to afford their own homes.</p> <p>Unsustainable increasing power costs will negatively impact on our community to be abreast of change.</p> <p>Make energy costs fairer.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4160 | <p>TO ACCEPT THE DEMAND MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME MAKES PERFECT SENSE AND SHOULD ALSO MAKE SENSE TO THE AEMC.</p> <p>WE HAVE INSTALLED SOLAR GRIDS UP TO THE ALLOWED CAPACITY AND IT IS SAVING US A LOT OF MONEY.</p> <p>BUT AT PRESENT ELECTRICITY PRICES ARE AT PRESENT AT AN RIDICULOUS HIGH AND AS PENSIONERS WE WOULD WELCOME IF PRICES WOULD GO DOWN A LITTLE.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3070 | <p>I call on the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers like me.</p> <p>The way forward is for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I have installed solar panels. In a country like ours it is essential to use what natural renewable energy assets we have.</p>   |

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| 17/03/2015 | 3934 | <p>We urge the AEMC to accept the 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change'. Doing so will make the energy market fairer for all participants.</p> <p>It is most important that all of the energy companies (both suppliers and retailers) actively help consumers to install solar power. This is important for Australia and for the planet.</p> <p>Since installing solar panels in May, 2013, we have taken active steps to reduce our energy consumption - including turning off at the wall to eliminate stand-by usage.</p> <p>Despite advising our supplier and retailer at the time, we have still not gained the advantage of our solar panels at it took the supplier 12 months to install the required 'Smart Meters' and they are yet to be configured for the bi-directional flow. We believe the supplier is intentionally delaying this step to discourage us and others from installing and using solar power. This situation must be turned around.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2785 | <p>I wish to encourage the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I have 2KW of solar panels installed. While I only receive 6c/KWh for energy exported to the grid, the value for me is the free energy I now obtain during the day. I have achieved some savings on my electricity bill, but if my bills continue to increase it WILL become viable to install a battery bank and disconnect from the grid. It's up to the power companies. Introduction of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will make it fairer for electricity users.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4103 | <p>Dear sir/ madam</p> <p>I have recently purchased a 3.5 KW solar electrical system Our power provider is only paying 6 cent a KW. for my excess ,whilst others receive 40 cents and more .the disparity is ridiculous and costly to every body.</p> <p>We are trying to reduce our carbon foot print and energy costs which are spiralling out of control .</p> <p>These costs continue to eat at our limited budget ,I feel that adopting the demand management incentive scheme changes would help improve our quality of life by reducing this erosion of our limited funds.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5351 | <p>I am keen to see the general public rewarded for reducing energy use. Please change your rules to allow us to be rewarded for saving energy and looking after our future and environment.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4069 | <p>As a homeowner and father of three young children, I took the decision to install solar power on my house in an effort to keep my electricity costs under control. I have also installed energy saving devices, and altered my behaviours to ensure I use as little electricity from the grid as possible. However the one thing I cannot control are the fixed costs that the electricity providers are able to charge. It is important that these charges are kept under control, and not used to fatten the profits of the electricity providers as people use less of their product. For this reason it is important that the AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Because at the end of the day there is nothing special or different about electricity - it is just another commodity, and if you are able to produce it for yourself you should not be penalised, but should rather be encouraged to do so.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2000 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers, help people go solar and overall reduce our energy use.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2305 | <p>I would like to register my support for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as I think solar represents an excellent opportunity to decentralize power generation. I have solar panels on my home in Newcastle, and a property at Limeburners and think Australia needs to take advantage of the abundant solar energy here.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2904 | <p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is extremely important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>Contrary to what we were promised by the Government power bills and fixed charges have risen &amp; are making it harder for mine &amp; many other families to pay for these increases.</p> <p>We have installed solar panels which has reduced our consumption &amp; would install more if it was more affordable.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4160 | <p>I the urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Power companies need to help people go solar as part of a global approach to CO2 emission reduction responsibilities. It is everyone's responsibility to reduce CO2 emissions. Many other nations are make a far greater effort than we here in Australia. This embarrasses me. Help people go solar, reduce cost and making the energy market fairer are a good start to addressing our responsibilities.</p> <p>My own efforts to reduce my CO2 emissions include the installation of solar water heating and PV system. Everyone should have this option.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2021 | <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing to ask you to proceed with the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I believe that the incumbent energy companies are imposing outdated and near obsolete network infrastructure and ignoring disseminated battery storage and PV generation, motivated by profit arising from their monopoly market position, perverse government incentives for network infrastructure and a current lack of awareness amongst affected parties. The successful implementation in other markets (especially California and recently in Auckland via Vector Energy) of energy storage systems and distributed generation (supplied and encouraged by utilities) both at utility and consumer scale linked to predominantly PV sources shows how the modern grid is developing. Instead in Australia consumers are being fleeced in returns from PV returned to the grid and in fact PV is being discouraged as incumbent energy companies press on with outdated models of central generation and top down hierarchies of supply and grid control. Massive over investment to accomodate increasingly rare peak events is occurring at consumers expense . Instead of this far cheaper storage systems (eg South Australia's <a href="http://www.zenenergy.com.au/power-systems/">www.zenenergy.com.au/power-systems/</a>, Redflow etc ) could be deployed to time-shift energy including consumers PV energy. These systems are now off the shelf real world and being bought in quantity by smart utilities overseas. Why are we stuck with obsolete technology for network demand management and self serving 20th century dinosaurs financially abusing 21st century consumers? This is a clear case of market incumbents manipulating a market - please use your powers , designed exactly for this purpose and mandate some long overdue change. For a more thorough technical briefing please speak to Giles Parkinson, editor at <a href="http://www.reneweconomy.com.au">www.reneweconomy.com.au</a></p> |



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| 17/03/2015 | 4022 | <p>The ever increasing cost of domestic electricity is a burden we can no longer afford to bear.</p> <p>We urge the AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make it fairer for consumers, particularly low volume users.</p> <p>The recent massive increases in daily Fixed costs in Queensland bear no relation to the real costs of simply connecting to the grid over a long period and are discriminating against solo home occupiers who use minimal power consistently. The total cost per kWh including daily access and other fixed costs for solo occupiers is way out of kilter with that for a family of five who use more than five times the power.</p> <p>Stopping further increases and actually reducing costs for low volume users needs to be seriously addressed and the user pays principle should come into your considerations.</p> <p>Savings in electricity costs are essential for single pensioners to maintain their standard of living because the cost of electricity has increased at a greater rate than incomes.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 3644 | The rule change needs to go ahead as soon as possible, Common sence at last   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2076 | I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Mgmt Incentive Scheme as it will make our energy market fairer for consumers and assist people to go solar.I have solar panels and it helps me as a self funded retiree.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4020 | I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. This change is long overdue. Other countries have long ago adopted regulations that reward the saving of energy and the promotion of solar energy. Follow Germany's example and adopt the Incentive Scheme. It will support power companies to support their customers to generate more solar power. It will stabilise the grid. As happened in other countries, there won't be the need for new power stations. Power bills will decrease for the average Australian family. That money will either be saved or flow into other businesses.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 6330 | We all should go Solar to help reduce the power house polution  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2577 | <p>I am urging the AEMC to access the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to increase greater efficiency into the power industry and encourage sustainable use of power.</p> <p>I have installed solar panels on my roof to reduce my power bills in the long term (once I have paid off the cost of the panels), and also to save the environment.</p> <p>The energy companies cannot keep charging higher and higher prices, and inflict damage not only on individuals but on the environment, and not be accountable. There must be incentives for individuals to save power usage and be rewarded by lower power bills. Energy companies must be encouraged to work towards greater efficiencies, and they will only do that with financial incentives.</p> <p>Please do what you can to change the power game.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6028 | <p>I urged AEMC to accept the demand management incentive scheme rule change because Australia as a lucky country to receive so much sunlight should capitalised what we have in abundance - sunlight.</p> <p>Why shouldn't we tap on solar instead of burning more coal to polute the world?</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2445 | We urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to reduce our energy usage with solar power. The constant rising power bills are becoming unbearable and too difficult to pay.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4563 | Installing solar was an excellent decision for us. It has helped us to become more energy conscious and to seek ways to minimise power consumption. But rooftop solar is small change compared to the potential from high efficiency floating solar on reservoirs, dams and waste water treatment ponds. Coal currently delivers 74% of Australia's needs but just in Qld alone, floating solar arrays on 1-4% of the surface of half of the lakes over 800ha could deliver 750MW, the equivalent of the Millmerran coal fired power plant.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4563 | Dear AEMC please ensure the DMRS rule change is accepted we are pensioners we have invested in solar and badly need a return.Also we along with all other sensible people see every reason to curb the use of nonsustainable resources.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3188 | <p>It is imperative to improve renewable energy, and reward those of us who choose to do so !</p> <p>We are using too much coal-fired power, with too little awareness of the effects ! (Apart from those who suffered during fire in Gippsland last summer !)</p> <p>Thank you.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2087 | Energy efficiency and self sufficiency should be encouraged not penalized.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 6052 | To the AEMC I wish to urge you to accept The Demand Management Incentive Rule Change Scheme change because it will have a fairer outcome for energy consumers Solar energy is a clean energy supply and so it is important for our country and the planet I have had solar panels installed but find that with higher charges by power companies it is not benefitting me greatly.As apensioner I find that rising power bills impact my income a great deal.Any saving on these bills would help a great deal.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5451 | I am an owner of domestic solar and have been selling power to the grid since 2010. In that time I have noticed a sizable increase in unfair fees as the power companies, many of whom have monopolies in regional areas, are looking to offset their own losses from investing in fossil fuels. This punishes people who are doing the right thing by the environment, and that harms local solar installation businesses as well. I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and make solar power more fair.  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 4650 | <p>Instituting an energy market 'demand management incentive scheme' sounds almost too good to be true. It could restore some fairness to our energy retail system if AEMC finally implements this rule. I am astounded it has been left out of play for 3 years since first proposed.</p> <p>Energy industry 'name' players have spent considerable effort and consumer dollars denying their business model is broken, as energy demand continues to fall not just in our marketplace but across the developed world. Their modus operandi established while still GBE, has not changed to accommodate rapidly changing micro energy generation. However the world continues to change around us. Vulnerable members of the Australian public will be the big losers in future, alongside our once creative and resourceful manufacturing sector, if effective competitive measures are not introduced to our marketplace to curb costs and reward responsible use of energy, including micro generators and off-grid initiatives.</p> <p>Those who are able to afford domestic solar and able to manage their acquisition should not be disadvantaged for reduced demand from, or contributing surplus back to, the power grid, now or in future. Those who cannot join them should not be disadvantaged either as is now already the case.</p> <p>Implement this proposal for future growth and credibility of our energy markets.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 3953 | <p>I have already taken some steps to reduce my energy costs with the installation of a small solar panel setup and solar water heating. However, this is not sufficient to cover all my energy needs, and as I am a pensioner my electric power costs and particularly the electrical fixed charge costs are a burden.</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and make the energy market fairer for all.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5113 | <p>As the cost of energy supplied by the power companies increases out of proportion to cost of production, it is even more imperative that the sorry users of their inflated product find ways to circumvent their usury, we have installed solar panels and solar hot water systems, plus changed to led bulbs for lighting, but still the energy companies do their worst to charge usage fees out of mind.</p> <p>And reduce the rate for energy we supply to the grid, in a few years our individual efforts to save power and cost will be virtually annihilated by the energy companies greed and the various governments connivance with them to rape the users.</p> <p>Please Help!</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4615 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change</p> <p>Solar makes sense</p> <p>I have solar I now also have power bills even though our daily consumption is below 10kw</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5039 | <p>I urge you to implement the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it works by rewarding power companies for encouraging consumers to save energy. This provides incentives for power companies to support the installation of more solar with storage, helping to lower energy bills.</p> <p>I have installed solar panels on my home and was one of the first group to do so. It has helped my energy usage and bills and I now wish that I had put in a larger system. We should not be investing in poles and wires infrastructure but in the solar industry instead.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4455 | <p>I urge you to accept the 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme' as it will encourage the use of solar power and reduce the costs of electricity. I have a 3.1 KW solar system feeding the grid but find that with the ever increasing electricity charges, it doesn't make a lot of difference to the bill in summer.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2541 | <p>I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and urge you to adopt it.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 6150 | <p>I would like to see that the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule NOT be changed.</p> <p>We are paying too much for power.</p> <p>I put solar panels on my home to reduce our power bill and also at my expense, mostly to lower the usage of fossil fuels in this country and consequently provide a cleaner atmosphere and I don't think it is fair that I could be penalized for it. It's a shame that other countries like China, India and Indonesia for example would think the same about pollution.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3040 | <p>I wish to urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It's important for power companies to help people go solar as it will reduce greenhouse emissions from power generation, makes sense to make use of solar power in a country like Australia and reduces the need to keep expanding the countries grid, poles and lines as the population expands.</p> <p>We installed solar for electricity a few years ago and it's helping us save on power costs, but we don't want costs to increase nor reductions in the feed-in tariff, negating benefits of solar.</p> <p>A saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills resulting from the Demand Management Incentive Scheme would make a difference to our household.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5016 | <p>as a solar owner I support the aemc new proposal to regain control of my energy bills demand management incentive rule change</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6027 | <p>I am urging the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for all consumers, especially those that are attempting to reduce their energy consumption and, like myself, have installed solar energy systems.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6026 | <p>Please support the DMIS rule change to help customers and reduce costs, not only for those with solar storage, but any solar user. If change is not embraced users will ultimately be forced to detach from the grid entirely.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3192 | <p>I have installed solar panels and have installed 100% LED lighting. Some of the lighting during the day is powered from a directly connected Solar Panel. Also I have invested in energy efficient appliances to reduce my electrical consumption. As my consumption goes down the fixed delivery costs keep rising which is not fair.</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 2778 | <p>We live in a country that should be thriving on solar energy and other renewable sources.</p> <p>The greed of the energy companies continues to benefit them and cost the consumer.</p> <p>Justice dictates that the 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change' should be accepted totally and unequivocally so that Australian consumers such as myself can move forward and save on energy costs into the future.</p> <p>I am a senior and currently pay in excess of \$1000 for my electricity costs per annum. I would love to go solar if the costs were affordable for me.</p> <p>I have reduced my use of power as much as I can and look forward to the day when Australians can be almost self sufficient through the use of renewable power supplies.</p> <p>Please support and accept the rule change that will encourage fairness to all and bring that day a little closer.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3101 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make energy consumption fairer for all consumers. Solar power in Australia is critical for managing our total energy consumption, and should be encouraged.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4670 | <p>We have installed solar panels to reduce our power bill.</p> <p>We are pensioners and any increase makes it more difficult money wise to.</p> <p>WE are much more power conscious now even though our bills are lower and we fully support solar and wind power.</p> <p>We did not install solar to make money but to just reduce our costs.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4212 | <p>Solar is so expensive and it shouldn't be. The government should subsidise solar technologies. It is absurd that I could get free energy from sunlight whilst I keep paying inflated energy rates for dirty energy ie coal.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4551 | <p>It's time to start recognising the technology and the cost pressure which push the customer for electricity to reduce reliance on the grid.</p> <p>A start now will alleviate the shock which will be felt by the supply industry when solar and storage combinations become viable.</p> <p>Change the rules now.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3305 | <p>I installed a grid connected PV array on my roof about 3 years ago and with detailed attention to my electricity consumption have been able to reduce my bill to zero.</p> <p>To achieve this I need to monitor my consumption, which I still have to do manually (reading the meter).</p> <p>I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change primarily to force electricity retailers and distributors to make it easier for electricity consumers to reduce consumption by supporting power saving initiatives such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rewarding lower consumption with a lower unit price,</li> <li>Providing consumption data direct from the smart meter to an indoor terminal or PC,</li> <li>Providing free power saving information to consumers.</li> </ul>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3215 | <p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make the energy market fairer.</p> <p>We have installed solar panels to reduce our energy consumption and costs. It is unreasonable the way the price of power is going up and the lack of incentives for people to go solar.</p> <p>We urge power companies to encourage people to use solar power by offering incentives.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3975 | <p>I spent a lot of money installing solar panels. This was done in the hope of reducing my carbon footprint. As to monetary savings I may make this would go towards therapy for my disabled son.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6056 | <p>To the AEMC</p> <p>It has come to my attention that the WA government has now approved a rise in the fixed charge portion of our power bills. This is unfair to those of us who have invested in solar panels. We have already suffered a loss from 42 cents to 7 cents in the buyback of power from panels, now this adds insult to injury. Soon there will be little reason (other than altruism for the planet) and no financial reason for anyone to install solar panels. This goes against common sense.</p> <p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, which will make the energy market fairer and provide incentive for companies to encourage people to go solar.</p> <p>My family is approaching retirement age and are facing a low fixed income, with increasing energy costs, food costs and housing costs. It's a frightening outlook. Please do what you can to lower our energy costs and encourage renewable energy.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 5086 | <p>Its time for energy companies to be fair to consumers. Ever rising fixed charges, particularly for solar owners is blatantly unfair. I urge you to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. When people reduce their energy consumption, their bills should go down. Energy companies should be encouraging energy efficiency, not punishing it. I will be putting solar on my house this year and will watch keenly how I'm treated. I know that rooftop solar fed back to the grid keeps wholesale prices, and therefore retail prices, down. I dont want to be forced into battery storage due to unscrupulous energy companies trying to lock Australia into fossil fuel technology and not embrace the future of clean energy. Please adopt this rule change.</p>   |

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| 17/03/2015 | 4562 | <p>Please implement the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is extremely important for power companies to assist consumers to install solar as it will reduce peak demand, and therefore unit cost, reduce network spending, give more flexibility, and hopefully reduce power bills for consumers.</p> <p>We have reduced our energy usage by installing solar, buying energy efficient appliances, by using timers etc, and by installing energy efficient light bulbs.</p> <p>Due to the steady increase in electricity charges, especially the fixed charge (supply to property charge), we will never pay off the \$8000 we invested in solar to do the right thing, as encouraged by the Govt, and to reduce our upwardly spiraling power bills. The fixed charge has doubled every six months several times in the past year or so, and is an unconscionable charge which must be reversed! The more electricity you use, the more you should pay. This encourages efficient usage of electricity.</p> <p>Due to ever increasing electricity charges, we are finding it difficult to pay our bills due to the cost of living because of price increases, and a saving of \$120 to \$500 would mean we would have to struggle less.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 2579 | <p>We took money out from our superannuation fund to purchase a 4kw solar system .</p> <p>We live in the country and do not have access to gas, town water or sewerage. We have to run a water pump to supply water, everytime we flush a toilet, or clean our teeth, we use electricity.</p> <p>We run an envirocycle for our toilet system, which has 2 electric motors, running continually. As you can see we use a lot of electricity just for standard living.</p> <p>That is why we installed a solar system, to keep our bills manageable.</p> <p>Please implement all legislation and laws to enable us to have cheaper living costs and also to assist with a healthier environment, using the sun, instead of coal. We are just one of hundred of families doing the same .</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6163 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Being a Pensioner I'm constantly attempting to reduce my energy use, the recent rise in my power bills is having an adverse affect on my standard of living.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4129 | <p>Give consumers a fair go and adopt the rule</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4179 | <p>Sounds like a great idea. if our demand was managed more effectively through things like storage then intermittent renewable energy could start to be used to power our peaks rather than wastefully running huge dirty coal generators at peak capacity just so it can be used for a short period. No brainer. Also batteries for grid storage are getting quite affordable now I hear.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5330 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I have taken steps to reduce our energy usage with solar and efficiency measures,so why should I not be rewarded.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges do affect you me and my family.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for me.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5213 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make the electricity market fairer. Electricity costs have increased to unsustainable levels. Solar is the way to reduce emissions and reduce pollution.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2454 | <p>Its very simple. The world needs solar energy. We have this amazing energy source called the sun and its energy can be trapped in solar panels for our use. It is clean, abundant and inexhaustible. I cannot afford the current levels of electricity pricing. I never comes down it is constantly increasing. The service fee I pay is half the cost of what I use in electricity. This is not only an unfair charge but punishes those of us who are trying to cut back of carbon emissions. Please address this issue.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3123 | <p>As a citizen considering going solar (for electricity), I would urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make the energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>secondly, I believe that it is vital that power companies help the ordinary citizen to go solar.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3198 | <p>we need to just get on with solar, wind &amp; renewable power generation for everyone.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2575 | <p>Greetings, I learned about the proposal for a Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and wish to support it. I have solar panels because I care about dangerous climate change and want to do everything possible to reduce energy consumption. It seems that this rule change will help drive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. REDUCTION in energy consumption;</li> <li>2. stopping the unnecessary expansion of poles and wires the costs of which are born by households predominantly</li> <li>3. energy companies to support decentralised solar and wind generation (much more energy efficient and cost effective) and thus enable Australia to move quickly and efficiently OUT of fossil fuel generation</li> <li>4. job growth in renewable energy development</li> <li>5. reduction and equity in costs of power for households</li> </ol> <p>I am not an expert in the field, but this proposal makes rational sense and would help Australia transition to a healthier social, environmental and economic future.</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 4710 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It's important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage with solar.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges affect my ability to live within my means.</p> <p>Solar energy is essential to create savings on household power bills and has an enormous impact economically and responsibly.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4305 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is important for future generations and to keep our earth livable we must discontinue using fossil fuels and go solar, power companies need to help people go solar.</p> <p>I have invested \$11,000 to do my bit for sustainable planet, this has been wasted by Newman government increasing access charges and impacting on my return of investment.</p> <p>We have the sunniest state and yet we can't go solar because of Government bills and fixed charges.</p> <p>The projected savings of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make our lives as pensioners, able to survive.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6148 | <p>I support the DMIS rule change. It is important for power companies to help the population convert to renewables like solar.</p> <p>Personally I have reduced my energy bills significantly with solar and only paid \$23 for excess usage last financial year. With further savings, the power company will be paying me this year.</p> <p>Rising power bills are affecting families' expenditures and therefore the rule change must be effected.</p> <p>I seek your support to make sure this rule change is carried out.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2602 | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, as I am keen that as a nation we continue the drive to make power consumption more efficient and more renewable. Power companies should be incentivized to help reduce unnecessary power usage and to foster the use of distributed renewable power generation. Personally, my household has taken multiple steps in that regard, including heat pump hot water, low voltage lights, double glazing, solar power, and R9 insulation in the roof cavity. Additional saving of \$120-\$500 a year on the household power bills that the Demand Management Incentive Scheme could help provide would help us pay off those investments faster, and make it more economical for other families to make similar investments.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2488 | <p>I fully support the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>It is grossly nonsensical that small solar generators, ie home owners and small/medium businesses, should be suffering increasing electricity bills when they have taken the initiative and installed PV Solar on their roof-tops to reduce the demand from huge environmentally dirty coal and gas fired power stations. Distributed solar generation (preferably with co-sited storage) should be reducing distribution network costs as less electricity has to be delivered from centralized generators.</p> <p>Further, the Rule changes should encourage the installation of more roof-top and commercial PV solar generation along with electricity storage co-sited with new and existing PV solar generation.</p> <p>As an owner with roof-top solar, I look forward to the early implementation of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 6107 | <p>The AEMC should accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Power companies must help people go solar because we need to encourage clean electricity generation rather than dirty generation based on coal. This rule would do that, but without it there will be fewer and fewer reasons why people would invest in solar panels on their roof.</p> <p>As a self-funded retiree I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage with solar panels but rising power bills and fixed charges would be difficult for me, and any saving on household power bills through the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change would make a difference.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6210 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I have taken steps to reduce my power usage by installing a 5KW solar PV grid connected system.</p> <p>I have also installed solar hot water and a Solecraft solar home heating system too.</p> <p>It is about time that it is recognised that generating power at home reduces huge voltage drop losses delivering power over 100's of Km of power cables and at the same time reduces infrastructure spending for more &amp; larger transformers, power generation for peak and the like.</p>   |

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| 17/03/2015 | 6083 | <p>We put our solar panels on because it was going to help us lower our bills, it was going to help the environment, save energy and that because it is so important to the people by using this scheme, it was going to make a great difference to all.</p> <p>As pensioners we don't have much say, but ask that you look at this favourably and not change this to help all the families who have taken the great expense to have panels installed.</p> <p>A few hundred dollars is nothing compared to what AEMC can afford but to my husband and self it is a huge amount when calculated over a year. Please do not hit us with these extra charges.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2095 | <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>This is a submission to support the acceptance of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 6285 | <p>We and AEMC must support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for all. We have purchased solar panels and it is a wonderful investment. Power companies do not need to spend so much of our money on upgrades which cause an increase in power costs. It is ridiculous and unnecessary. Energy companies must encourage more of us to go solar and reduce power usage. We continue to install energy saving devices and turn off stand-by equipment.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2350 | <p>I urge AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme. With increasing CO2 in the atmosphere it is critical to help power companies to help people go solar. The companies themselves will benefit in the long term when everyone will have to be more efficient with energy. I have taken significant steps to reduce energy or use solar instead. I live in a cold climate and as a pensioner have benefitted the environment and my situation by going solar.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6072 | <p>We had solar panels installed for a while now and have seen a marginal difference in price. A lot of people are sceptical to take this route as the cost to install often out weighs the benefits. We should be encouraging and rewarding people to harness natural power and a more natural way of life.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6072 | <p>We had solar panels installed for a while now and have seen a marginal difference in price. A lot of people are sceptical to take this route as the cost to install often out weighs the benefits. We should be encouraging and rewarding people to harness natural power and a more natural way of life.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3930 | <p>Clean renewable energy is essential to the sustainability of the planet. Rules to ensure that solar owners are not disadvantaged with excessive infrastructure and power charges are important to ensure that more local solar and wind generation is taken up as is occurring in countries such as Germany. I would like to increase my solar generation from 1.5kW to 5kW, but find that I cannot justify the expenditure as it will adversely change my tariff structure.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4310 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change in order to assist in creating a level playing field for all solar generators.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4816 | <p>First of all, we are in North Queensland where there IS NO CHOICE of provider - it is Ergon or nothing so we cannot shop around for better options. When I received a small inheritance from my parents' deaths and with our own retirement coming up we decided to invest a portion of it in solar to save money in future. At the same time we opened our home as a small bed and breakfast. It was excellent to see the reduction in our costs - we were always careful with our usage but we went from around \$1200 per year to nothing overall in the first couple of years of solar usage - sometimes getting a small bill but then going into credit in other quarters. This was despite it being a home AND a business. Now we see the service charge leaping from \$49.16 in June 2014 to \$82.58 per quarter. Even though we got in early and have the 44c feed-in the service charge alone adds over \$130 per annum and there is no way our solar production is going to go up by that much! The 'reduction' due to the removal of the carbon tax barely made a difference as we use so little actual power when the solar is balanced against it. Please protect people like us from the unnecessary price rises.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 2519 | <p>I am writing in support of the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>Demand management has been found to be a cost-effective alternative to just building more 'poles and wires'. I understand that research commissioned by the AEMC estimated the potential consumer savings as being between AUD4 billion and AUD12 billion, with annual savings to households in the hundreds of dollars.</p> <p>I particularly support the Rule Change because I think it will result in a fairer system for consumers who are taking efforts to reduce their carbon emissions by lowering their electricity use, especially owners of renewable energy systems such as solar panels and batteries.</p> <p>The regulatory system for electricity in this country needs to do everything possible to encourage lower electricity use, whether through use of more efficient appliances, use of distributed energy and energy storage systems such as wind power, solar power and batteries, or avoided energy use. This is critical to help reduce Australia's contribution to dangerous climate change, but will also help reduce costs for power companies and business/residential consumers alike.</p>            |
| 17/03/2015 | 6152 | <p>I have a solar system installed at my home and it has helped with my power bills. This is an obvious way to create power in a location with ample sunshine and it is eco-friendly. The power companies should be able to cut back on the expansion of their networks and bring down the cost of electricity by encouraging installation of domestic solar power installations.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5068 | <p>I, as an aged pensioner with disabilities, urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive scheme Rule Change. It will make our energy market fairer for consumers, I have a small solar panel system and understand how important it is for all Australians to install solar systems. Power companies should be doing more to help them do this. Saving from \$120-\$500 a year would be a bonus to all consumers. Rising power bills have impacted our lives greatly. We have to think twice before switching on the a/c or the heating. We worry over our winter power bill when we do not get so much sun to power up our small solar system. Any way our bill could be reduced would be such a blessing to us. I once again urge you to take all his into consideration when making your decision. I am but one voice of many aged pensioners living week to week.</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 4520 | <p>As the energy market has distorted costs in favor of power utilities seeing massive hikes in electricity charges changes to re balance not only even out but recover lost ground the AEMC must implement the DMIS rule change and see it implemented to make the energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Solar is a better long term sustainable way to reduce costs. I was forced by raising power costs to go solar not only does it increase energy availability when most needed but reduces the need for distribution and transmission losses.</p> <p>It would be a distortion of common sense to deny users to save significant power costs through solar installation.</p> <p>For sustainability it is time you ceased emu based behaviorism's!</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3976 | <p>Solar panel owners should be paid parity with what they are paying power companies per KWH. Anything less is a rip off.</p> <p>Also, please make the necessary changes to help bring prices down.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3450 | <p>I think it is important to support those who have gone out thier way to invest in solar elctricity for the benifit of all. Not only is it making good economic sense, it could help prevent environmental catastrophe. Australia has the potential to lead here. As a soon to retire worker I look forward to low or no costs for the electricity I use from the sun.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 7112 | <p>I am writing in support of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It provides for consumer incentives to use less energy and avoids the problem of mandatory infrastructure investment where it is unsuitable.</p> <p>I urge you to please uphold these principles of a fair system that will encourage sustainable investment in the energy sector rather than continuing our reliance on fossil fuels. Australia could the the prepared and efficient country.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6065 | <p>Please - AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Everyone should be encouraged to go solar and power companies should support this.</p> <p>I have solar on my existing residential property and currently building a new home on a rural block and will have solar hot water as well as solar panels fitted to the property.</p> <p>We would like to see a reduction in our energy bills not keep having increases even though we have solar energy.</p> <p>By having reduced energy bills and saving gives me and my family a better quality of life financially and to be able to invest in the environment and a brighter future for our grand children.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4810 | <p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as this would contribute towards making our energy market fairer for all consumers.</p> <p>At present there are multiple disincentives to install solar. I am one of the fortunate few who installed a very small system which attracts the 44cents payment at a time when solar systems were still relatively expensive. I did so because I wanted to contribute to clean energy and reduce our power bills.</p> <p>We actively manage our power usage and compared to other equivalent households, use a very low amount. Despite this, our power bills continue to rise because of network costs - driven by the perverse situation where power companies are paid for lines and poles, irrespective of whether more are needed or not.</p> <p>I have recently retired. Every small saving I am able to make matters but my attempts to save by carefully managing my power usage are being chewed up by network charges.</p> <p>I believe our power companies should be encouraging and helping all households to move to solar - but without this rule, there is no reason for them to do so. Indeed without this rule, there is every reason for them to continue not to do so.</p> <p>I again encourage you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change</p> <p>Thank you.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 4670 | <p>Australia should be leading the world in Solar energy and The AEMC should be supporting the Demand Management Scheme rule to reduce the cost of producing power for all Australians . I have installed solar at my house and now I think it is time to make it affordable for everyone to install solar in their homes .</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3273 | <p>I am writing to urge that the AEMC adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change.</p> <p>It is my understanding that adoption of this rule change will be of benefit to consumers by way of decreases to the fixed cost component of the power bills.</p> <p>I further believe that it will enhance the diversity of power supply sources and thus conduce to the more efficient allocation of funds in the energy generation and supply sector of the broader Australian economy.</p> <p>I may add that at the personal level I have already installed solar PV systems on two properties, one in Victoria and one in Adelaide. A significant factor in my decision to install these systems was the ability to obtain electrical power in the event of natural disasters.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2323 | <p>Dear AEMC</p> <p>I write this to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I took out a loan to purchase my solar panels five years ago in order to reduce my power bills and contribute to the reduction of green house gas emissions. I work on a casual basis and do what I can to reduce my living costs but with fixed charges increasing on all my utility accounts and no incentives to reduce usage my living costs are still daunting. This rule change would make a difference to me personally and all consumers. Please adopt it as soon as possible.</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 4035 | <p>To the AEMC, please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>It's important for power companies to encourage those who make an effort to take control of their power usage. Our household has bought a heat pump for hot water, an energy-efficient pool pump, solar panels and even a power conditioner, plus we've switched to energy efficient lighting and changed our energy usage habits - all to do our bit to reduce energy consumption and our power bills.</p> <p>However we continue to see power companies change the structure of charges to penalise everyone, including those like us who've been making these efforts, in the name of increasing grid infrastructure. In fact what our family is doing has the opposite effect of decreasing our demand on power stations and the grid. All solar users are decreasing this demand, so more people should be helped to go solar.</p> <p>When we reduce our energy usage, our bills should go down as a result. It seems the new proposed rule will allow that to happen.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 4053 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Power companies should help people go solar as a way for them to manage broad cost of living pressures.</p> <p>I have taken steps to reduce energy usage with solar and by efficiency measures - yet during that period the cost of electricity has tripled.</p> <p>This far exceeds the inflation rate. It's insane that you use less electricity and the cost goes up.</p> <p>A saving of \$120 to \$500 per annum would help relieve broad cost of living pressures for all.</p> <p>Thank your for considering my submission.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2140 | <p>My family and I are very concerned that there is no commercial incentive for power companies to help families to reduce their power costs. Helping reduce carbon emissions is something we all need to do together.</p> <p>We know many people who would love to install solar panels like we have done but they are costly and rising power cost are difficult for families to manage as it is.</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2484 | <p>To The AEMC</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. It is now very important for power companies to help people go solar. Personally I would prefer that my electricity was completely sourced from solar or other renewable sources.</p> <p>Tell the AEMC how rising power bills and fixed charges have affected you and your family. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a great deal of difference for me.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3030 | <p>We have the opportunity and the means for free and clean energy. We shouldn't be investing another cent into other forms of electricity generation, except for other renewable sources like wind.</p> <p>This is a no brainer. There simply is no 2 ways about it and it should be difficult making the right choice, unless there is some other motive behind it.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5076 | <p>Please ACCEPT this rule</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2530 | <p>I have solar and think all households should go solar , there are seven in my house all family and my power bill is high even with solar power and solar water,this bill is needed for all Australians who are battling to pay their bills and as well the environment.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5068 | <p>I respectfully urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Assisting people to install solar power is , in the light of human induced climate change the only moral thing to do.</p> <p>I have solar energy installed and instead of birthday and Christmas presents for our family for the next 5 years we have financed their installations of solar systems. Our family is playing its part now and I don't have to watch my own family struggle with ever increasing electricity prices even though they have done all that is possible to reduce their useage. It was very depressing for them and us to watch our useage go down and our bills go up.</p> <p>My family can now put the money saved from increasing power bills into the education of our grandchildren who are the future citizens of our great country</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5068 | <p>We have Solar Panels at home, rising fixed charges and rising power bills is making life very difficult when you are a Pensioner and struggling to pay our Electricity Bills and buy food.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3108 | <p>Newly retired and afraid of a cold, dark future unable to afford the ever increasing cost of electricity, we drew on our retirement savings to install a 4kw solar system.</p> <p>We've also installed all LED lights throughtout the home which has reduced our energy use considerably. However, to our dismay, we find that the power companies (and we've switched around a bit seeking a better deal) have all increased the component of the account that is fixed and we can do nothing to minimise - the daily service fee, while kwh rates have actually come down a little. Power companies are punishing solar citizens. There are now more than a million solar households - they are angry at the government's mixed message ---- the govt gives an installation subsidy then lets the electricity providers hammer the solar homeowner.</p> <p>Battery technology is progressing in leaps and bounds - we will go off the grid as soon as feasible!</p>   |



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| 17/03/2015 | 2560 | I am writing in support of the Demand Management Scheme. For too long those people who have taken steps to save energy by various means have had to do so from their own pockets. I have solar panels, a solar hot water system and have introduced a number of strategies into the house some basic such as ensuring windows are covered. I live very frugally but have spent over the years considerable personal funds to save energy and use energy responsibly. A market system does not support and reward such consumers.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4069 | I urge the AEMC to accept the proposed Demand Management Incentive Rule Change, because the current energy market rules are ridiculous. With fixed costs as high as they are presently, there's very little incentive to reduce one's power usage. This is not good for consumers, or the environment.<br><br>It also slows adoption of solar, which only benefits the power companies.<br><br>It's time to make a change.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5253 | I strongly urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for all consumers.<br><br>It is vitally important for power companies to help people go solar.<br><br>I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage with solar power and solar how water systems. This importantly reduces peak load on the network during hot summer days. My solar hot water saves on night time heating. I have installed energy efficient air conditioning and lighting.<br><br>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected me by effectively raising the rate I pay for electricity up to 60 cents per kilowatt hour as they pay a meagre amount for the electricity I generate and charge a real premium to buy it back. No other industry I know has at least a 600% difference between cost price and selling price.<br><br>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a huge difference to me and my family. I strongly urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change with alacrity. |
| 17/03/2015 | 4500 | â€œI urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.<br>â€œOn all levels of government through our electricity companies we need to cumulatively help people go solar.<br>â€œI have recently bought a near new house and one of the items we wanted was a house that was modern but also energy efficient which was what Coral Homes has done, but even then after we moved we installed a solar system to improve our footprint on energy usage.<br>â€œRising power bills and fixed charges have affected you and your family. Also with small residential households that have 3-phase power it is unfair how they charge us (they no longer balance out feed-in and grid usage)unless we make our house inefficient by changing to single phase.<br>â€œSaving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for everyone and that money will benefit the economy which is also an advantageous.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5153 | Help us to save money not waste it  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2602 | Having invested in solar panels we are anxious that we are not enlized by increasing charges  |
| 17/03/2015 | 6071 | I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule.<br>I have invested \$12,000 in a solar power system for my home to ensure I have affordable power bills in my retirement, however Power Companies and the State / Federal Governments are set on punishing solar power uses by increasing rates. Rising power bills and the possible decision being discussed by the WA government to increase the cost of power to families that choose to invest in solar power would destroy the savings they invested in solar energy to achieve.<br>Again I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change to allow us to maintain our cost savings obtain by installing solar power and any further savings envisaged by the acceptance of the rule change.<br><br>Thank you for your consideration of this request.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4068 | Commissioners,<br>Please introduce, and if possible enforce, the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.<br>This makes sense by encouraging more consumers to increase their commitment to household solar electricity generation and lessens dependence on public investment in poles and lines.<br>We have invested in solar panels and have also taken several energy saving steps, particularly in getting rid of air conditioning.<br>Energy companies should be given incentives to supply home generation technology and energy saving technology rather than being given monopolistic powers to supply more and more energy to homes and industries.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3040 | I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.<br>It is super important for power companies to help people go solar.<br>We only have one shot at this planet!  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2602 | I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.<br>Our family went solar some years ago and in conjunction with numerous energy saving strategies adopted by us for our household use have saved hundreds of dollars and significantly reduced our overall usage of electricity.<br>I believe it is fundamentally important for power companies to be actively looking to reduce their fixed charges as a result of the huge switch to solar and to play an active part in helping others convert to solar.<br><br>Thank you.   |

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| 17/03/2015 | 3130 | <p>I write to express my support for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>It is vital that Australian households and businesses, big and small, are encouraged and supported fiscally to install solar energy generators and improve efficiency in energy usage.</p> <p>Do not punish future generations by short term monetary gains or failure to embrace change to avoid painful outcomes.</p> <p>We need a positive vote now to start on the road to a sensible sustainable energy future.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6253 | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I write urging you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme to make the energy market fairer. It is imperative that everyone eventually uses solar or wind power as soon as possible. Fossil fuel will run out at some point and it is a very polluting factor both in its use and the obtaining of it.</p> <p>There is a huge need to use sustainable and non-polluting means to obtain energy. Workers will need to be retrained, but at least will be alive to experience this.</p> <p>You really do need to realise that if we mess up our home planet much more, we are done for. Please think of the long term rather than the short.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 3795 | <p>Our business has invested in grid connected solar and energy savings measures for environmental and economic reasons. In spite of our reduced power buyin, our bills increase.</p> <p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will encourage and reward us to further take responsibility for our power usage and efficiency measures.</p> <p>I support this scheme.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2500 | <p>We urge you to accept the DEMAND MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME RULE CHANGE to make the energy market fairer to consumers.</p> <p>We have installed Solar Energy and we have to ring our provider as they tried not to pass on the savings. We are taking steps to reduce our energy and we want to see the savings.</p> <p>Thank you</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5062 | <p>It is time to encourage Solar power.I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change asap.</p> <p>Power bills are out of control.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3084 | <p>I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I want power companies to be required to help people go solar.</p> <p>As a result of steps I've taken to reduce my energy usage, my household now uses only 20% as much as the average Australian household. Despite these efforts, our power bills continue to rise, primarily due to fixed charges.</p> <p>Saving even only \$120 a year on household power bills would allow my family to invest in even more efficiency measures.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4115 | <p>I am a 71 year old pensioner. I worked and paid taxes since I was 17, with a short break to have three children who are now all tax payers and very environmentally conscious. Along with other green initiatives,I have installed solar panels in an attempt to reduce my own carbon footprint. Since I did this 4 years ago, the cost of my power has more than doubled. Fortunately the panels pay for most of it, or I would be using my pension to pay for power and little else. It is time the Government assisted green initiatives, instead of thwarting them, and destroying our farming land with fracking.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3030 | <p>I fully support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I am recently retired, and in preparation for a lower income I installed a 3KW solar system. Alas, solar users are penalised by higher rates rather than rewarded for contributing to power supplies and using less.</p> <p>In spite of this, and other measures such as switching to LED lights, installing ceiling fans rather than air conditioning,my power costs have increased. It is time incentives to minimise power usage were introduced.</p> <p>It is time that</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4655 | <p>Unnecessary infrastructure - A waste of time and money. Money that could be spent in much more important areas and issues. The public should be encouraged to use less and solar power systems are just the ticket. Extra power generated can be on sold to business' at an increase price and its win win for both private consumers and power companies.</p> <p>Instead of destroying the environment by investing in extra infrastructure</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3198 | <p>Lower pricing &amp; get on with every home &amp; business having solar &amp;or wind power.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3351 | <p>Please accept the dims rule change to make electricity costs more affordable. I have a small solar system on my house but with continuing tariff and supply charge increases and some suppliers paying as little as 6cents a kWh it would be no incentive to go solar. We need solar to reduce the burning of coal accept the dims and make it worthwhile to put solar on roofs every house in aust. Should have them every solar panel is one less lump of coal burnt.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2478 | <p>My wife and I put up solar panels over 8 years ago before it was in fashion.we have never regreted doing it. I object to the high daily charges we get for being on the grid. We would love to be able to get off the grid but cannot.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4570 | <p>Rising electricity prices are making it hard for people like me a penesioneer to survive on our pension thanks goodness I decided to put solar panels on while I was still working but the government needs to recognise and try and subsidise with the help of the power companys to make it worth our while to conserve our power and feed back into the grid otherwise what is the point of having installed the panels</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 4127  | I urge the AEMC to accept the DMIC rule change. I have taken many steps to reduce my power consumption and have installed solar panels on my roof. I firmly believe that power companies should be buying into solar power and other forms of renewable energy instead of fighting against them. They should be encouraged to deviate in different methods of power generation instead of criticising those members of the public who have taken the initiative and installed solar.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2800  | 1. I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.<br>2. I have Solar power on current premises and intend to install Solar power on my new premises in the next few months. I have also installed energy saving devices in my current premises and intend to use the newer power saving devices in my new premises.<br>3. I will be retiring next year and \$120.00 plus saving will help a lot with my reduced earnings in the future.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2077  | The AEMC's recommended two rule changes are designed to address issues within the existing regulatory framework and provide distribution businesses with better incentives to use demand management to reduce overall capital and operating costs. This will strengthen the incentives for distribution businesses to undertake demand management projects that deliver a net benefit to consumers. These are changes which will move Australia forward in delivering cleaner, more sustainable and cost efficient energy.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4205  | Hi,<br><br>Having worked in a large organisation for most of my life I'm acutely aware that even the most well-meaning and community-minded manager and decision maker faces enormous pressure to maximise the outcome to their organisation based on the economic rules they have to play by, even when a wider perspective makes their action nonsensical. If I understand correctly, the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will align power companies benefit with longer term community benefit. The flip-side, where power companies benefit from plowing \$ into more assets seems, at face value, to be madness.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2650  | Political idealism has no place in energy policy. Two things must be a priority:<br>1. efficient use of the energy we have using the best technology available<br>2. A shift to renewables encouraged by policies that provide an incentive for individuals and energy providers to invest out of fossil sources energy.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2120  | I request the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change should be adopted because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.<br><br>Network charges are a substantial part of all power bills and any actions that mitigate any need to increase the network charges should be encouraged<br><br>Power companies should be rewarded for increasing consumers energy efficiency or assisting to install solar pv systems as close to or in customer premises.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 7140  | Re: Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change.<br>Please accept this rule change, to make the energy market fairer for consumers and to encourage solar uptake. Having solar has made a huge difference to our household and our quality of life. (The fixed charges on our bill now exceed the power used!!!) I believe it also makes a huge difference to the environment if more people have a renewable energy option.<br>With the massive price increases over recent years, many families have been heavily impacted; with an aging population and so many reliant on pensions, it seems almost cruel to then make the poor pay more and more for power. Please accept the rule change as it rewards power-saving behaviours, is good for people on low & modest incomes, and is good for the environment. |
| 17/03/2015 | 4000  | Please activate the new rule and reward power companies for encouraging customers to save energy. Activate to provide incentives for power companies to support the installation of more solar with storage, helping to lower energy bills. AEMC research, indicates that household bills would be reduced by \$120 to \$500 a year.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3055  | Dear AEMC,<br><br>I write to urge you to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.<br><br>I have installed solar panels and solar hot water on my house, but much of the cost benefits has been eroded because of rising power charges - particularly fixed charges.<br><br>Adopting the rule change will make the energy market fairer for consumers, help more people go solar, and put money back in struggling families' pockets.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5201  | I am a solar power user.<br>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, Which I believe will make our energy market much fairer for all consumers.<br>I also believe that it is important for power companies to help users go solar.<br>I have invested in solar power to enable me to reduce my energy usage.<br>I am a pensioner and the rising price of my power bills and fixed charges have greatly affected my family.<br>The expected savings of \$120 to \$500 a year on my household bills would make a significant difference to me.   |
| 17/03/2015 | 65696 | i have solar panels installed but the cost of power keeps going up.as i am only on an aged pension i would appreciate it if you could accept the demand management incentive scheme rule change   |

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| 17/03/2015 | 3130 | <p>I would urge the AEMC to adopt the new Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change which will help energy consumers reduce their power bills.</p> <p>The grounds on which I ask for this are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power companies should support the use of solar power to reduce the use of fossil fuels</li> <li>2. I have put solar panels on my roof and it was very difficult to get our power company to approve them and have them recognised in their system. It was over 3 months before they produced any power which was just a waste.</li> <li>3. Saving any money would help our household budget which has been very tight of late due to a loss of work in my industry.</li> </ol> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4227 | <p>Accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme to assist us consumers in lowering the cost of our power by up to \$500 per year.</p> <p>I have invested thousands of dollars in a solar energy system, but due to timing of a new house, I do NOT receive the generous rebate that some do receive.</p> <p>We would be happy to receive the same for our solar generated power as we have to pay to buy it!</p> <p>Are you aware that the power companies receive our solar power for a maximum of 8 cents per kWh and charging it out at 30 cents per kWh?</p> <p>Is this fair?</p> <p>Why do we need to gold plate the network when power demand is falling?</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2119 | <p>Please, AEMC, agree to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change so that power bills will go down rather than up. I write on behalf of my relatives in the countryside who are struggling with many disadvantages. Rising power bills will finish them off, and they will be doomed to abandon their business and go on the dole. They are in a position to benefit from their power-savings initiatives, which will be ruined if solar users are punished by rising infrastructure costs.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4068 | <p>Why should homeowners have to pay for infrastructure that is not needed?</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4562 | <p>As a stand-alone solar power user for 35 yrs., I am familiar with the subject. I sympathize with my solar grid connected neighbors who's efforts to reduce their power cost are compromised by the power marketing companies. I therefore urge the AEMC to adopt the proposed new Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule that will protect the existing and insure the growth of the domestic solar power.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3042 | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I have a small solar system which copes with most of our needs. I therefore have less need for the infrastructure that power companies are requiring me to pay for in increasing amounts. I cannot understand how this makes sense. Surely it is time to tie the infrastructure needs to the decreasing demand for electricity.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3227 | <p>I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2096 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I believe it is important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>Saving hundreds of dollars per annum would be of great benefit to me and my family, while I believe that encouraging investment in a growth industry such as renewable energy could only be a positive thing for our country as a whole.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5000 | <p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I am writing to urge you to adopt the Demand management incentive rule change. Such a scheme would incentivise installation of more solar panels. This would be better for air quality and hence health.</p> <p>Poorer people hesitate to heat and cool their homes due to the cost of energy. It makes sense to encourage households to meet some or all of their power needs. The money saved on bills would move back into the economy.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2042 | <p>As noted in the article <a href="http://theconversation.com/a-simple-rule-change-can-save-billions-for-power-networks-and-their-customers-38657">http://theconversation.com/a-simple-rule-change-can-save-billions-for-power-networks-and-their-customers-38657</a></p> <p>, a simple change could save users and the networks loads of money. Can the aemc explain why it is not implementing these changes and why it hasn't done so already if it agrees with them?</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2031 | <p>Please accept the demand management incentive scheme rule change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Obviously Australia is a country where we need to be maximising our use of solar energy - and it is fairer to reward people who are tapping into renewable energy rather than taking the thoughtless, easy way out and tapping into non renewable, destructive forms of power.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4878 | <p>I respectfully urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is vitally important that power companies help people go solar and recognise the benefits not just for their future business but for consumers. Distributed rather than centralised power generation is the tide of the future and power companies must position themselves for viability in this regard. Working in hand with consumers is the best way forward. We installed roof top solar 5 years ago and it has made a great difference to our family budget, allowing us to consider other consumer expenditure we would have otherwise foregone. Our rising power bills are still however of concern especially in regard to fixed charges which have increased and we now see our solar savings being eroded.</p> <p>The potential saving from the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would be money we could use to contribute to our local regional economy.</p> |

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| 17/03/2015 | 2913 | <p>1) I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>2) It is important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>3) I installed a 1.5 kW system on my roof 6 years ago which produces 25% of my total electricity use.</p> <p>4) As a retiree I find it difficult to meet the ever increasing power bills, which rise at a faster rate than inflation and my income.</p> <p>5) A saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would be a great help for me to balance my budget.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4552 | <p>To whom it may concern at the AEMC,</p> <p>I am a very concerned citizen who has invested in installing solar panels. I urge you to accept the 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change' to make the energy market fairer for consumers. Rising power bills and fixed charges are affecting our household. Such a disappointment that we invested our savings and now being hit by discriminatory charges!</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2482 | <p>To whom it may concern.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for all consumers, particularly environmentally conscious consumers.</p> <p>My family consider it very important for power companies to support people who choose to adopt solar power.</p> <p>My family has spent many years reducing our electricity usage by purchasing energy efficient appliances, turning off appliances when not needed, building a passive solar home, purchasing solar panels and solar HWS, etc.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected my family budget, and hence, saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference to us.</p> <p>Please support this new rule.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 3078 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is very important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>We have installed PV panels, replaced our lights with low ussge</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges see us save very little even thought we have put in lots of measures to save electricity.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make an huge difference to our household budget.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3068 | <p>Dear Folks</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I believe that it is important it is for power companies to help people go solar as this will reduce the need for new coal firted power stations. People should alos be able to invest inlocal wind generators and also have their own batterieswith the grid available for topup energy usw when wequired.</p> <p>We currently have solar PV panels installed and are a net exporter to the grid on an annual basis. This option should be promoted as an ideal aim for all consumers of electricity.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6084 | <p>This incentive by the AEMC to promote solar power in homes etc. is a crucial step forward in the reduction of the use of fossil fuels in the generation of electricity for domestic &amp; industrial use...</p> <p>I, as a pensioner, can now use my reverse cycle air conditioning more often since installing roof top solar panels simply because my electricity bill has reduced due to the sun power being generated back to the grid, saving me money &amp; less pollution being produced by the power stations...</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2576 | <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Rising energy costs affect everyone's family budget, and the possible cost savings from the DMISR, as well as being great for the environment, would be a great advantage to our family.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3641 | <p>To the AEMC I am a pensioner and thought I was doing the right thing for the environment and went solar two years ago. At all times I have supplied more power to the grid than I have used and thats at is at peak load times. In that two years the power and supply charges have risen by about a third while my feed in tariff remains static, eroding the benefits and discouraging others from going solar. I urge you to adopt the rule changes as easing the load to the private sector must surely leave more power for industry at the same time lowering overall emissions. Although I still think its worth while many of my friends are now paying more for power now than before going solar. Sincerely Denis Hill</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 2450 | <p>Please do something about this asinine rule structure/ content that allows power companies to waste insane amounts of money on unnecessary infrastructure etc. and be 'rewarded' for doing so.</p> <p>Please support the Demand Management Incentive Rule Change. This will effectively reduce elec prices.</p> <p>More support is needed for Solar &amp; if power companies came on board with the global swing towards renewable, they would survive. I can't afford solar (on pension) so any reduction to my power bills is sorely needed.</p> <p>The charges for 'the privilege of having a cable connected to the house is ludicrous! An immoral way of increasing charges !</p> <p>It's muted that \$120-\$500 could be saved by this simple 'rule change' ! Is that not evident enough of ludicrous charges. \$500 a year, it's a shit load of money to a pensioner !!!!!</p> <p>Please support the rule changes. Thank you.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6562 | Accept the demand management scheme. Do the right thing!!!!   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4160 | <p>The current energy billing system in Australia is confusing and does not nearly enough to encourage consumers to use renewables. In an attempt to defray the effects on my family of rising power costs, and effects on the environment of bringing on-line additional fossil fuel power stations, we installed solar which has massively reduced our dependence on power-generating companies. However, this is not reflected to anything like the same extent in our power bills as companies have continued to hike their fixed charges as a means to maintain revenue. The current situation is clearly heavily weighted in favour of the power companies, who appear to have a vested interest in keeping renewables out as long as they possibly can.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to redress this balance and to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4069 | <p>Hello,</p> <p>I support the Demand management incentive scheme as it rewards lower uses of electricity. This is a logical idea as the more you use the less your pay. The more you use the more you pay.</p> <p>We need to reduce our carbon emissions due to burning coal in power stations. This incentive will reward those who burn less coal. Good for carbon emission reduction and good for consumers doing the right thing.</p> <p>Please accept the demand Management Incentive Scheme.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4560 | <p>Good day,</p> <p>I strongly recommend that the AEMC accepts the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers and is an important step towards independence from fossil fuels, thus reducing the negative effects of climate change.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3197 | <p>at the moment we have a 4 kw system on the roof, the power bills have reduced but the power company is charging us more for the peak rate compared to the consumers without solar, peak charges are now 33 cents per kw/hr compared to 26 cents before we had solar install this is a penalty not a saving as it should be. if the feed in rated we receive presently is reduced we are strongly considering the extra cost and going off grid with a battery system which will reduce energy company profits even further.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4655 | Make the changes !!   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6333 | <p>â€œI urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>â€œIt is vitally important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>â€œRising power bills and fixed charges have affected most people and a reduction of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a real difference.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2323 | <p>Consumers should be rewarded for installing solar systems &amp; reducing the need for extra infrastructure to generate electricity. I'm trying to teach my 10 year old son the benefits of solar power (which we've installed), so that in the future he can make better choices, but these choices need to be accompanied by incentives from power companies to assist consumers through the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4120 | <p>It is important for as many people as possible to go solar. I have solar and it has made a difference. I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Incentive rule change because it is better for consumers</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3501 | <p>My partner and I are on the cusp of 'going solar' at the moment, but with minimal support or incentive, we are finding it difficult to prioritise, financially speaking. With the cost of rising power bills, we feel the pinch each quarter and would like to reduce our dependence on power companies. From a sustainability point of view, we would jump to solar in a heartbeat, if we had the funds readily available. Moving to a solar and renewable energy future is the only way Australia can progress and keep up on the world stage. Climate change is upon us and Australia must scramble and pull up it's socks to make solar a real option for every day people like me.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4504 | Saving money on power bills would make a difference to me.  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4221 | ...   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4159 | <p>I'm a single male, trying to run a small business from home. Any financial saving is a bonus in these competitive times.</p> <p>Every single \$ adds up!</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4310 | <p>The over investment in the grid and the rewarding of companies for doing this has meant a perverse result. We need well maintained infrastructure that builds on the fact that more and more companies, government instrumentalities, non government organisations eg schools, aged homes and peoples homes etc are all going to go alternative energy sources as soon as they can. Hopefully we will just need the grid for emergencies but all it needs to be is well maintained not over extended. Especially given power storage technology is rapidly developing.</p> <p>Pollies often use the house wife analogy to justify belt tightening budget strategies. Well here is another one for you from a hippie type housewife - if a house wife knew that the main source of the current energy usage was reliant on something that is polluting, finite and destroys environments the world over (ie Coal) she would wisely look to an alternative energy source and judiciously move to using this. I could go on but I am sure you get the vibe!</p> <p>Build a power system that is proportionate and allows for increasing alternative energy usage.</p> |

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| 17/03/2015 | 6171 | <p>Under the current AEMC rules solar owners are hit with ever-growing fixed charges. Under the new proposed rule, when you reduce your energy usage, your bills go down accordingly. It's just common sense.</p> <p>The new rule works by rewarding power companies for encouraging customers to save energy. This provides incentives for power companies to support the installation of more solar with storage, helping to lower energy bills. In fact, according to AEMC research, household bills would be reduced by \$120 to \$500 a year.</p> <p>If the new rule is rejected there will be fewer and fewer reasons for Australians to go solar; current solar owners will continue to be hit with discriminatory charges and all Australian energy consumers will face rising fixed costs.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6038 | <p>To Whom It may concern,</p> <p>As a household consumer with a interest in reducing our operating costs I strongly urge the AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. As Perth gets over 3000 hours of Sunshine a year it makes sense to use this energy to generate electricity. I have already installed Solar PV in my home which has slashed the bills by hundred of dollars and reduced the strain on the environment and the grid. It would be beneficial if it was easier for consumers to do the same. Rising power bills put considerable strain on families welfare and we need to do more with Solar PV and other incentives that encourage home owners to save energy.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2484 | <p>I as a concerned Australian citizen, urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I believe it is important it is for power companies to help people go solar and if they are forward thinking enough and invest in renewables, it will be of benefit to themselves as well.</p> <p>I have invested in rooftop solar and was an instigator in my area of northern NSW of over 150 homes going solar by a reputable company and followed up by 400 more homes through a council incentive. This was even before \$.60 gross feed in was introduced. I believe this indicates how much people believe in renewable energy and the difference they can make through installing rooftop solar.</p> <p>In the last few years I have witnessed a backlash against domestic solar and ridiculous price hikes. people should be rewarded when you reduce your energy usage and your bills go down accordingly.</p> <p>I have also read a report by Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE), which outlines comprehensively how Australia's future energy needs can be met through renewable energy supplies.</p> <p>I plead with you for common sense reasons and the future of Australia- and the planet, accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 5214 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the DEMAND MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME RULE CHANGE. Installation of our solar panels was expensive but now we are feeling some financial benefit of it together with the satisfaction of contributing to cleaner, healthier air. However, I cannot understand how we are recompensed such low kW \$s and yet charged high kW \$s for power from the grid - the profit the suppliers make from us should surely contribute to lowering the electricity cost per kW to everyone!</p> <p>There must be more incentive to encourage more produce more power from solar.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5034 | <p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Anything leading to a cleaner future for all should be embraced and encouraged.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4109 | <p>The case for changing the AEMC rules.</p> <p>Please get this adopted.</p> <p>The rule change was recommended by the AEMC in 2012 to help rein in the massive spending on network infrastructure.</p> <p>If the rule change is not adopted, the AER will probably not provide meaningful incentives for demand management. Networks will be discouraged from undertaking demand management and instead be encouraged to continue their past practice of building infrastructure and maximising profits.</p> <p>Fixed charges for network services are likely to rise and variable charges for energy will fall. There will be fewer incentives to support energy efficiency, peak load management and local generation. This will give consumers less control over their energy bills and make energy efficiency, solar panels and batteries less attractive.</p> <p>It will lock Australia into an outmoded, centralised model of electricity generation, at a time when technology and market trends all point towards more decentralised energy.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2483 | <p>The more people are able to go solar the better. It only makes sense to make solar affordable and to reduce coal fired electricity for the benefit of the environment as well as to benefit people paying large bills like myself.</p> <p>It is time companies worked to aid the customer and to aid the environment rather than to collect large sums of money - this is obvious but so difficult to do. Can you help to change that?</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3235 | <p>We have been totally solar for 15 years and it's worked extremely well. We are moving and the cost of power is a real worry to us. The sun is free - and solar panels make sense! Please help everyone get a least some solar panels, reduce energy costs, and help with global warming.</p> <p>It's so simple - solar works.</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 2533 | <p>We installed solar panels approximately 5 years ago and are pleased for having done so (for environmental and financial reasons). I would like to see governments offer incentives for those less well off, so they too could reap the benefits. The savings we have made from installing solar panels have helped us (self-funded retirees) to maintain a comfortable way of life.</p> <p>I also urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change as another way of assisting the most vulnerable in our community.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3068 | <p>To the AEMC;</p> <p>on behalf of my family and myself, we urge that you accept the demand management incentive scheme rule change because it will make it a fairer market for consumers. Currently the market is biased towards the power companies who in my view are exploiting the rules for their own corporate gains and we the consumers are not being treated fairly.</p> <p>We have invested in a 5Kw solar PV system and the process to have the system finally connected was both arduous and tedious. The philosophy of installing a PV system locally in large numbers would decrease the requirement for the power companies to invest in their poles and wires transmission infrastructure.</p> <p>The current Electricity rules are unfairly biased towards Power companies and encourage investment into infrastructure thereby guaranteeing an above market return on invested capital, gold plating the grid needs to be stopped.</p> <p>Rising power bills are a real drain on our family budget and is reducing our available discretionary income.</p> <p>The power companies are not driven to explore new technologies to reduce costs overall for consumers given the way the electricity rules are currently written. There is no incentive to drive down power usage, incorporate savings into the system and derive savings for the consumer.</p> <p>A saving of \$120-\$500 a year off our power bills would make a significant difference to our family budget, but more importantly, if solar systems were encouraged more, then existing technology could be used more effectively to reduce green house gas emission and contribute to the reduction rate of climate change.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 2046 | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>Firstly could you accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers? It will encourage power companies to help people go solar thus reducing pollution associated with coal power.</p> <p>I already installed Solar PV as well as Solpar HWS to reduce the impact my household and with more household to get on board it will only get better as time goes.</p> <p>However, rising power bills and fixed charges will have major impact on our family and even more so with those not yet embark on the renewable energy.</p> <p>Maybe for the scheme of things saving \$120 to \$500 a year will be tiny drop into ocean but for the ordinary household it has serious impact on the power bills which in turns have big difference where what and how much we could spend in our household.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4575 | <p>I urge you to encourage power companies to help reduce electricity costs in any way possible. Having previously had power included in rent - at 75 years of age I am now having to pay extra \$100 rent plus power and full water charge. I need power as low cost as possible.</p> <p>Thank you in anticipation that you will accept the Rule change to the Incentive scheme</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 7174 | <p>We have 16 solar panels on our roof. We have saved a huge percentage off our bill. Power companies need to recognise that solar is the way of the future and the more panels added to roofs across the country means more generation for which they haven't had to pay - free infrastructure ! As we age the cost of electricity becomes a major factor in being able to enjoy our retirement. In another couple of years the amount we are rebated will drop significantly and that will have a huge impact on our weekly living costs. With minima superannuation and the meagre pension life will not be as rosy as it should. There need to be more panels not less, and better recompense for people who are making the effort to help themselves.</p>   |



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| 17/03/2015 | 2072 | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I understand that you are considering introducing a new rule called the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>I am keen on installing solar cells and batteries in my house. I believe it is an ethical thing to do. However, I have heard some horror stories of others who have implemented these technologies and not received the full benefit of doing so due to the backwards thinking of many Australian power companies.</p> <p>I am hoping that the introduction of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will make the electricity market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3138 | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>Please consider strongly the accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>As a electricity consumer I am watching the unacceptable increases in my bill particularly the fixed connection charges which result in higher costs despite less consumption.</p> <p>I am watching and waiting for the tipping point when on premises storage of the power generated by my solar system is more cost effective for me than being connected to the grid and acting as a generator. At this point I will be intending on disconnecting from the grid for simply economic reasons despite living in urban Melbourne.</p> <p>Please address the inbalance of usage changes vs connection charges to avoid what will be the inevitable exodus of distributed generators who otherwise would be reducing the network distribution costs for all.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4121 | <p>Dear AEMC, the power companies are a utility, a service, not a law unto themselves.</p> <p>Please ensure that the billing is fair. taht our bills refelct our use.</p> <p>So that isf we reduce our use, then allow us to save costs.</p> <p>Furthermore, please stop the RECKLESS roll out of digital and smart meter technology, aimed at taking data on us under thee guise of being 'green'. This infrastructure is way BEYOND what is required. Our meters only need to be read once every three months not every minute of the day. The smart grid is a waste and furthermore is harmful to humans (even digital meters, not just 'smart meters')and this is a matter that has been widely publicised (see stopsmartmeters.com.au). Also the inverters that are attached to solar panels give off powerful magnetic fields that cause illness and even cancer and solar users need to be assisted to install clean systems that do not harm their health (see <a href="http://www.aimtolive.com/radiation_solar_panels.htm">http://www.aimtolive.com/radiation_solar_panels.htm</a> ) You have the responsibility to protect the powerless from dirty power. Please fulfill your obligations, and be the regulatory body that we little people need you to be. Many thanks, and with hope.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 2602 | <p>The current arrangements dictating power supply and electricity costs for consumers are perverse and unfair. Given the urgent need to increase home solar for environmental and cost of living reasons, the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change should be accepted. This decision would have a positive impact for households across the country.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3199 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>We have taken steps to reduce our energy usage with solar and efficiency measures. Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected us detrimentally. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for us.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3775 | <p>Having invested significantly in solar some 2.5 years ago I have been unhappily surprised at how with regular increases in supply charges, while limiting any rebate, my electricity bills continue to be much higher than should be the case.</p> <p>Putting in a solar unit should be receiving much greater support across the country,as it would be providing not only additional jobs, at a time of increasing unemployment, but also directly assisting with air quality by reducing reliance on fossil fuels.</p> <p>Savings of any amount would be most welcome on a personal basis, as I am a self funded retiree and try to be prudent with my spending.</p> <p>I invested in solar power by using some of my superannuation funds in order to reduce my power costs over time and to contribute to an improvement in the environment. While still contributing to improved environment, savings anticipated have certainly been eroded.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5157 | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I support and ask AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>With the major countries who compete with Australia going into renewable power it is critical that power companies help Australians go solar.</p> <p>My family has spent \$10k on solar panels help to reduce the load on the electricity supply grid. Also all our appliances are high-efficiency.</p> <p>With a large family the rising power bills and fixed charges have adversely affected us.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a huge difference for us.</p> <p>Please accept this Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3161 | <p>The current solar feed in tariff is unworkable. I need a fair system for providing my own power. Currently it is very unfair because I am paying the same energy bills now even after installing solar power.</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 3011 | <p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>Thank you for considering this brief submission.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>As the major players in the energy sector it is essential for power companies to help people go solar, not just rely on polluting fossil fuels.</p> <p>I have done a range of things in my home, including installing solar, to increase its energy efficiency - upgrading insulation, installing shading for summer, replacing lights with LED lighting, updating whitegoods to more efficient models etc. Every bit helps and power companies should play their part in addressing the real risk of dangerous climate change.</p> <p>The threat of rising power bills and fixed charges was part of the motivation for me to install solar and take the measures I've mentioned.</p> <p>Many households would benefit from saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills, so I encourage AEMC to adopt the new rule which would reward consumers for reducing their energy needs.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2122 | <p>I would urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Having travelled extensively overseas recently I am impressed with the installation of solar around the world and hearing how power companies and governments overseas are helping lower socio economic citizens to install solar in their homes.</p> <p>I would consider it very important for power companies in Australia to help people go solar as well.</p> <p>I installed solar on my Sydney property in 2006 and have not looked back - I am now in credit with my power supplier rather than paying large bills - I have also installed solar at my country property even though all I get in payment for my output is a measly 5.5c kW/h. In just 2 months I exported over 1 MW to the grid when I was not resident in the house. Solar is the future for Australia if only we could grasp the opportunity - we risk being left behind by the rest of the world at the moment.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3068 | <p>Please accept 'The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and make the energy market fairer for all of us.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6018 | <p>The current situation of the rules rewarding power companies who build more (unnecessary) infrastructure is a joke! It's already cost the Australian consumers something like \$45 BILLION, pushed up power prices 100%+ in most areas, and has done NOTHING to reduce power costs or quality.</p> <p>The rules NEED to be changed, and if they aren't changed to ensure the power companies switch direction &amp; start supporting solar &amp; renewables in general, the general public WILL go off grid in droves ASAP (with battery storage prices dropping, that will happen eventually).</p> <p>Once enough people go off the grid, the energy companies will be superfluous to our needs and end up with billions of dollars of abandoned infrastructure, which does nobody any good.</p> <p>If the power companies are to adapt to the reality of the 21st century energy environment, they NEED to change, and this looks like a step in the right direction. I support this new rule.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2195 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It doesn't go far enough, but it's a good start. The idea that we should just keep building more and more power station and expanding the grid when it's much cheaper for Australia as a whole of focus on energy efficiency measures. This rule will help align the incentives so that the electricity industry also benefits from demand management and reduction.</p> <p>We have a solar array on our roof, and because we have already taken steps to reduce our demand even our small system generates a significant surplus most days, and the consumption we pay for is mostly time-shifted - we generate at midday and consume in the early evening (despite having panels oriented somewhat west of north). The supply charge already makes up a significant part of our electricity bill, and that's only going to increase (partly through reduced consumption, but mostly through ongoing inflation of the supply charge). Why we should pay for grid expansion when we're reducing our use of it escapes me.</p> <p>We should be using a heat pump hot water system to heat water during the day (and store energy that way), but we get 5c/kWh for generated power during the day, heat using the existing resistive tank off-peak at 8c/kWh, and even without the feed-in we're only paying about \$100/year for hot water. If we switched to self-consumption we'd save 3/8 of \$100 each year. So for me as an individual it makes no sense to spend thousands on a heat pump hot water system, but from a total demand point of view it should eventually make sense for the system operator to split that cost with me rather than building a new power station or expanding the grid to carry more power to our neighbourhood.</p> <p>Currently we cannot get information in a useful form from our meters that would allow us to directly manage our demand. I welcome anything that encourages AusGrid to change that situation. We use plug-in power point timer devices to roughly control some loads, but there are a wide range of smarter ways to do this, only they're not currently supported in NSW.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 3137 | <p>I firmly believe that greater use of solar systems benefit both users and the environment. The users in reduction in power costs and the environment in pollution and mining particularly brown coal.</p> <p>I further believe that all new homes should automatically be required to have solar power systems fitted by the builders. The volume of panels to be based on the physical size of the home or number of rooms. By mandating this with all new homes costs would not escalate greatly and would be absorbed into the cost of purchase.</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 2480 | <p>I am writing to urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I think it is extremely important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I have installed solar panels and solar hot water in order to reduce my energy usage.</p> <p>Rising power bills have adversely affected my family and even with both solar power and solar hot water we still have a bill where over half (in fact 65%) is fixed charges.</p> <p>Tell the AEMC how rising power bills and fixed charges have affected you and your family.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a huge difference for me.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 5034 | <p>Remove all legislation which does not encourage competition in the market place. It discriminates against all users of electricity and increases costs with benefit only to the electricity suppliers.</p> <p>Get out of the way of competition.</p> <p>We have installed Solar Panels and changed almost all of our lighting to LED's in an effort to reduce our ever rising bills. Yet it seems that Electricity Companies just keep shifting the goal posts and keep increasing their fixed charges while slowly reducing usage charges. This works against the user who is trying to cut costs.</p> <p>We need a change of emphasis, by legislation if necessary, to remove all fixed charges and incorporate all into ONE usage charge. This would return full competition to the market place and encourage household and commercial electricity saving measures to the maximum benefit of all of Australia.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 4020 | <p>We have taken the steps to reduce our energy usage with buying a house with Solar power only to have our bills still as expensive as someone without Solar power.</p> <p>Saving up to \$500 a year on household power would make a huge difference to our single income family. As with all the other costs our children are the ones missing out.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3677 | <p>Do smart meters measure true power or apparent power this could be an explanation as to why electricity bills have increased.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 2292 | <p>To the AEMC,</p> <p>I believe that the rule changes that are being considered will be a very positive step for the future of energy generation in this country. It will align the interests of the large generators with those of the consumer/micro generators and create a situation that will benefit both.</p> <p>Please implement the proposed changes.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 4650 | <p>I'm a solar power user we put it in to help us save &amp; help the environment please help us save as we are pensioners on a limited income. Stop the price gouging please help to make more sustainable. Have more heart.</p> <p>Please I urge you to Have the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 3712 | <p>I urge you the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>We have a battery backed solar system at our home and it has made a huge difference to our power bills with now receiving a credit during the summer months and only paying for electricity usage during the winter months. Now being in a transition to retirement and only working part-time this is important to us. The health of the planet is also important to us so being able to use a clean energy is satisfying. We would like to encourage other people to also subsidize their usage with solar.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2546 | <p>I Urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is very important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I've taken steps to reduce my energy usage both by installing solar and efficiency measures, because rising power bills and fixed charges have affected me greatly.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for me.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3056 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. High electricity prices mean that I do not use the heater at night in winter as I am a low income earner. I have a disability; and my medical conditions get worse on cold nights. Many Australian families are facing difficulties paying for our very expensive (by international standards) electricity. Stop lining the pockets of large companies at the expense of the average Australian who is struggling to get by.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6030 | <p>I would like to protest the government's attitude toward solar power and cannot understand why it is pushing for more coal powered energy at a substantial cost to taxpayers when we have unlimited access to free solar energy. I have been a Liberal voter in the past, but refuse to vote again for the Liberal party if it continues to push in the direction of coal!!!</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2152 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because the rule change will make our energy market fairer for consumers and it is important for power companies to help consumers go solar. We have installed solar panels and would like to install a solar hot water system but current fixed charges are restricting our options and budget.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 6162 | <p>Like most Australian households, we're keen to save energy use for financial and environmental reasons. It is time for the power utilities to be supported by legislation that ensures this is their objective too.</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 3178 | <p>It seems that the current rules favour the making of a smart grid, when in fact it would be much better to have smart consumers instead. A smart grid can do very little, but smart consumers can achieve a lot!</p> <p>We have installed enough solar panels to generate twice our daily needs on average, got rid of inefficient appliances and lighting and shifted our load off peak by using for example a dishwasher which has a timer. Currently we are looking at installing batteries to go completely off peak. We have also invested in an electric car, which is charged by off peak electricity. Therefore we are completely eliminating the peak usage of our grid connection.</p> <p>And many other consumers can do the same if there is an incentive to do so!</p> <p>It is very important that the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is accepted as this solves a real problem in how energy is used instead of gold plating an antiquated centrally managed system. If things stay the same then people will start disconnecting from the grid to solve this issue by themselves with no help from the system.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 3672 | <p>We elected to have solar on our home to save power costs especially during our retirement (which we are now) &amp; also for the environment as we believe that is the way of the future.</p> <p>We are disappointed to know that the Government is thinking of not encouraging more people to have solar &amp; that the Power Companies are not utilising solar power but continue unnecessary infrastructure costs passed on to us through discriminatory charges through rising fixed costs.</p> <p>We think this unfair &amp; unnecessary &amp; common sense needs to prevail.</p> <p>We would support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule to apply for fairer power costs.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6027 | <p>I have a 2kw solar system on my home and have not had to pay a power bill since it was installed.</p> <p>I urge the AMEC to accept the rule change to the Demand Management Incentive Scheme, it is important that all power users should be encouraged with the help of incentives to install solar systems.</p> <p>This must be a more cost efficient way of meeting peak demand than building another power station that would only be fully utilised on peak demand days.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 6155 | <p>I urge AEMC to accept the demand management incentive scheme rule change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2087 | <p>Please change the rules to be common sense and not rent seeking to the big power companies.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4066 | <p>Please do the right thing for power users, the country, and the planet.</p> <p>If consumers are continually ripped off, like they are, it is only making it more viable for them to go off grid. Then the greedy power companies lose it all.</p> <p>Think about what you are doing. Greed will bring you down in the end.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5163 | <p>We need to adopt these changes for the future of all Australians.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4065 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers and drive better use of limited resources (grid infrastructure and energy).</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 2580 | <p>I Urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 5086 | <p>In 2014 I decided to invest in Solar Panels on my roof to take more responsibility for producing my own power and reduce costs in the medium to longer term. I believe it is important for the cost of power to be minimised across Australia and therefore urge that the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change be accepted and implemented to the benefit of individuals, such as myself and the nation, as a whole. Electricity is a basic necessity and the cost of it should be kept within reasonable reach of everyone, which isn't the case right now.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 6330 | <p>We need to continue to reform power supply and usage in Australia to conserve resources and ensure power companies are planning for the future.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4116 | <p>I installed Solar Panels and HWS because of the financial incentives and as an environmentally friendly measure that would lessen our footprint, not so that I could be continually ripped of by Power Companies for non essential infrastructure.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3032 | <p>I urge he AEMC to accept the Demand Mgmt Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our enerfy market fairer for consumers by incentivising the reduction in enery used.</p> <p>It is very important that power companies help, by removing current discentives, consumers go solar.</p> <p>I have a rooftop solar system installed as well as installing roof insulation and led lighting and don't see the benefits by way of reduced power bills.</p> <p>The current billing structure does not place enough importance on reducing power usage. Offering a clear incentive to reduce usage will drive a paradigm shift at the consumer level.</p>   |
| 17/03/2015 | 3757 | <p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme, to me, is a complete no-brainer.</p> <p>We need to move away from dirty power.</p> <p>We can open up lots more employment opportunities through the expansion of alternative power generation companies.</p> <p>We can lower everyone's spiralling energy costs.</p> <p>We should not be penalised, as we currently are, for doing our bit for the environment. We currently get a paltry 6.5c kWh return on our investment yet, with a 4.6kw system, we are not only powering our own home during the day, but possibly the neighbouring 2-3 homes as well. Where is our return on investment? Why are our fixed line costs the same as everyone elses? The current system is simply not fair &amp; needs this review!</p>  |

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| 17/03/2015 | 2481 | <p>To Whom It may Concern,</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>Rewarding power companies for encouraging customers to save energy. provides incentives for power companies to support the installation of more solar with storage, helping to lower energy bills.</p> <p>It is so important that power companies help people go solar.The importance of using renewable energy cannot be overstated.</p> |
| 17/03/2015 | 6016 | <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected me and my family.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for me.</p>  |
| 17/03/2015 | 4122 | <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I've taken steps to reduce my energy usage with solar and efficiency measures.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected me and my family.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for us.</p>    |