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AEMC
Level 16
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Dear Sir

**Draft Determination and Draft Rule -National Electricity Amendment (Advocacy Panel)
Rule 2006**

The Queensland Consumers Association considers that at least two members should be experienced in the advocacy needs of small and medium end users of electricity. If not specified in 8.10.2(a) of the Draft Rule this should be included in any guidelines prepared under 8.10.3(a).

The Association also recommends that 8.10.2 (d) (which requires the AEMC to remove from the Panel the chairperson if that person ceases to be independent of various organisations) be extended to include any other member of the Panel. Consequential changes to (f)(4) and (g) would then be required.

The Association's contact person on this matter is Ian Jarratt ph 07 37195475.

Yours sincerely

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