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### **Demand management incentive scheme – submissions to consultation paper made by Solar Citizens**

Solar Citizens provided the opportunity for individuals to provide a submission to the AEMC's consultation paper on the demand management incentive scheme rule change through its website. To facilitate this, Solar Citizens required each individual's submission to be submitted in accordance with the AEMC's Privacy Policy.

The AEMC received a total of 1,573 submissions from the public through Solar Citizen's website. Of these submissions:

- 1,014 individuals requested their submission be published with their name and post code;
- 446 individuals requested their submission be published without their name; and
- 113 individuals requested their submission be kept confidential.

The AEMC has published the submissions from Solar Citizens in two documents. Part A contains those submissions from individuals that requested their submission be published in addition to their name and post code and Part B contains those submissions with name withheld.

Date	Personal or on behalf of an organisation	Organisation name	Title	Name-First	Name-Last	Postcode	Submission
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	DAVID	Henry	2615	I believe that it is in the best interests of all of us that we reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and invest more in renewable sources. I urge the AEMC to adopt the Demand Incentive Scheme Rule Change, thus supporting the move to alternative power sources and reducing investment in unnecessary infrastructure. It may also encourage power companies to increase investment in renewable energy resources - the way of the future. Sincerely David Henry
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr & Mrs	Fred & Teena	Wratten	2263	We are pensioners who have worked hard all our lives. We have some invested savings but the continual reduction of the Aus\$ and ongoing reduction of interest rates is placing a huge burden on our disposable income.  We have invested in a solar system as a way to reduce our power costs and now understand that there are efforts to cost penalise owners of these systems. This is totally & morally wrong when people like us have been encouraged to invest in these systems.  What needs to be done is to properly compensate those who have made these investments through a higher feed in rate than .06c/kw/hr for the excess power that we feed in to the grid.  Any other options such that being considered above to encourage and motivate others to invest in solar systems should be done.  Why? Because it is the only way to make power usage more affordable and efficient.  Regards Fred
19/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Antoinette	Andaloro	3074	ã€ŒUrge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers
19/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Marie-Ange	Cristaldi	4870	People who invest in solar energy invest not only in the future of the world but on their own too! They shouldn't get more taxed for making an effort. They should be encouraged. What is the point in giving grants to push people into a new energy if it is to create more tax? .....or was it just a strategy? Prove me wrong, please.
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Philip	Carr	2484	A few years ago, I made the decision to install rooftop solar. As a result, my family has become more aware of energy use. And I am pleased to say that we export more electricity to the grid than we take from the grid.  I don't think it would be fair if changes to the way electricity is priced result in a net cost to our household for electricity.  The industry needs to provide a pricing framework that encourages consumers to go solar, not one that punishes them for doing so.
19/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Judith	Walker	2230	I ask the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. We are retirees. Every bill means we look at our income. We try to keep our electricity consumption low. We deserve to have savings on our bill for this effort.
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Kelvy	4615	Since the abolition of the carbon tax, our feed in tariff for our solar power has been reduced from 9,070 cents per kwh to 6,530 cents per kwh. Our energy bill has increased. Fixed charges, residential service fee has gone through the roof. This fee is almost the same cost as our electricity consumption. We are pensioners, and our money can only stretch so far. A saving of between \$120 and \$500 would be an enormous benefit to our household.
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Jeffrey	Wilson	6110	I invested nearly \$8000 in 2012 in a solar pv system, after taking advantage of Commonwealth and State incentives.  My investment has reduced my power bills, but still has some years to run before break even, though I am pleased that it has contributed to a reduction in carbon emissions.  Meanwhile, I have survived an attempt by the State Government to break it's contract with me for a 10-year net feed in tariff and now the state is planning on increasing electricity fixed charges as a means of getting at solar pv owners like me.  Meanwhile also, electricity prices have been rising faster than cpi despite election promises by the present state government.  And the reason for this state of affairs is mainly due to over-over-investment in poles and wires and ridiculous investment in defunct coal fired power generators at Muja.  Please adopt the proposed rule change and restore sanity and good management to the electricity sector.
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	COLIN	SMITH	3182	Please endorse the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule.  It makes sense!
19/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Black	Eve	6065	Reducing energy usage MUST reduce the cost to the consumer, it is simple common sense.
19/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Meredith	Stanton	2453	Please accept this as my personal submission to the AEMC on the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.  As a solar PV generator I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.  My recent investment in rooftop solarPV is an attempt to lower my domestic power bills, manage my power usage and to contribute to the future of a clean energy economy in Australia in the global effort to reduce carbon emissions and reduce the impacts of climate change.  Living in NSW my electricity bills have continued to rise, while my consumption has dropped considerably over the same period. The disparity between my efforts to reduce consumption and the continued rise in costs is unfair for consumers.  The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will recognise my contribution to reducing carbon emissions and help to lower my quarterly service charges to reflect more fairly my solarPV investment and my efforts to reduce power consumption.  I believe it is important for power companies to have an incentive to decentralize and manage demand across the power networks. We need to encourage consumers to support renewable energy sources and to contribute to a transition to a low carbon energy future. Demand management incentives are the obvious next step to bring the community on board with decentralized domestic power generation and storage options. If these consumer efforts are rewarded with lower power bills the uptake to renewable energy sources will be more widely accepted and Australia will take its place in the global effort to transition to low carbon power sources.  Reducing my energy costs makes a huge difference to my household budget as a low income, rural resident concerned about climate change and the well being of my local community who share these issues. As we head into the winter season heating becomes a huge cost burden on low income households and any reduction in the cost of power bills makes a huge difference to quality of life for struggling families.
19/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Susanne	Skates	2425	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I believe this scheme is important as power companies should be able to help people go solar. My household has taken steps to reduce your energy usage with solar and efficiency measures. As I am now retired and on a fixed income rising power bills and fixed charges have affected our budget and we needed to make efficiency changes. Any saving on our household bills makes a difference saving of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference.

19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Simon	Minahan	3070	<p>The social need for and benefits from increasing renewable energy use are self evident.</p> <p>Having the process of introducing domestic solar generation managed by the companies who have vested interest in the status quo - the power companies - is an obvious conflict of interest and plainly undesirable.</p> <p>Experience is bearing out this concern as power companies' are consistently manipulating the market by taking the benefit of arbitrary domestic generation caps, applying hidden fees to connection and feed in services and stalling commissioning new solar services.</p> <p>The regulations and the control of this market should ensure that renewable power generation is fostered. If there is to be any imbalance in the regulation it should positively discriminate in favour of renewable energy.</p> <p>Please support the new AEMC rules.</p> <p>Simon Minahan</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		mr	rick	vaughan	2484	<p>Please except the Demand Management incentive scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.It is important for power companies to support people wish to go solar.I myself have solar panels fitted to my home,producing 3.4 kws a day.If we had not our power bills would be so high we would struggle to pay them,being pensioners.Saving \$200-\$500 dollars would be a great help.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mark	Gerrett	4565	<p>People of the AEMC</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Common sense has been missing from all sectors of our national infrastructure for far too long.</p> <p>The idea that power generations number one priority is to maximise profits is a misguided one. The changing face of energy supply across the entire planet insists that you abandon the profiteering ways of energy companies and the fossil fuel industry that supplies it. It is time to turn your full attention to solutions that create a better future.</p> <p>Forcing electricity users to pay for infrastructure that they do not require is foolish and unsustainable.</p> <p>The future is here, and an unregulated energy market is not part of it.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Rod	Thomson	4121	<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 taken steps to reduce our energy usage with solar panels. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for me and my family.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Bruce	Whimpey	3214	<p>The increase in power prices due mainly to unnecessary network gold plating is a scandal. The amount of feed in tariff paid for new solar installations is objectionably low. The incentives are all wrong. People who install solar and/or improve their houses for energy efficiency reasons need to be rewarded with lower energy bills. Unfortunately there is little monetary incentive in the current system to be energy efficient.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		mr	Phil	Heysed	3799	<p>I urge the AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive scheme rule change to make our outrageously expensive energy market fairer. Ive installed solar onto my home which helps immensely to reduce those expensive energy bills.i believe every house should have solar installed being a single pensioner Im finding power costs continually rising a huge threat to existance on the pension. Anything that slows the outrageous energy costs consumers are trying to cope with.Someone needs to help the consumer cope with the ruthless power companies.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Graeme	Campbell	2646	<p>For too long, power prices and service charges have been increasing. It would seem logical to me that the proposed rule change would stem this price rise spiral and produce a far fairer pricing structure for all concerned.</p> <p>In endeavouring to reduce our household charges for electricity (and to help reduce greenhouse gases) we have installed energy efficient lighting and solar panels. I would like to install storage batteries but the current costs are above my reach.</p> <p>The rule change should encourage power companies to take an active interest in reducing the costs of power distribution and save families money.</p> <p>Graeme Campbell</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	David	Dickson	4873	<p>I'm writing to urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change as this not only makes it fairer for consumers but also reflects the real market. In listen to Steven Chu, the former US Secretary of Energy, addressing the National Press Club last December he noted that the only reason coal fired power stations are economical is that they are all quite old and have been Grandfathered, hence subsidised. He went on to say that it is more expensive to build a new coal fired power station, megawatt for megawatt, that it is for either solar or wind. Plus the operating cost are higher. Power companies need to make a transition from fossil fuels to renewables, this is best done by market forces. We need to stop encouraging out dated methods of energy production which pollute heavily and develop new techniques for a vital industry. My contribution has been to install and 3kW solar system on my house, as indeed, many other Australians have. We need to be looking forward, not back to the past.</p> <p>Kind regards David Dickson</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		ms	delus	mollross	7009	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change in fairness to All the people on this planet who are making everyday changes to their power use habits for the good of all. We all have an opportunity to change these things that are impacting on our planet and our living standards &amp; there is a real need to send the message to Big Business on a global scale that the majority of people want change in the mindset of the business leaders &amp; that they need to be more emotionally intelligent for their own survival longterm</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		ms	estelle	ross	7250	<p>In the 21st century we need to move away from the finite, polluting, fossil fuel sources of energy and embrace non-polluting, infinite, renewable energy such as wind, solar, solar-thermal, geo-thermal, tide and wave power. We are so lucky in having ample sunshine and surrounded as we are by sea we should be making the most of these amazing resources. Worldwide many countries have put Australia to shame as they wholeheartedly embraced this sector, providing economic growth and countless new jobs. The opposite has occurred here in Australia. The federal government is keen to blame renewable energy for raising power prices. I disagree with this entirely. However at the moment the AEMC rules reward energy companies for erecting totally unnecessary infrastructure which has resulted in nationwide rise in power costs to consumers. Therefore it is imperative that the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change be implemented so that these companies are instead rewarded for encouraging their consumers to install solar power. This way everyone wins.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		mr	geoffrey	wheat	6065	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Very important it is for power companies to help people go solar. Currently older couple no children in house have saved significantly on power bills as Perth has high living expenses. how we rate <a href="http://cleantechnica.com/2013/06/26/solar-power-by-country-solar-rankings-by-country/">http://cleantechnica.com/2013/06/26/solar-power-by-country-solar-rankings-by-country/</a></p>
19/03/2015	Personal		mr	wal	knowles	2071	<p>I have had solar panels for four years. There are over 1.2 million houses with solar panels. We are helping reduce CO2 emissions, which are leading to drastic climate change. We are saving state governments having to build new power stations. Please recognise our contribution and pay us for our electricity in a fair way. Also make it easier for new solar panels to be installed.</p>

19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Stewart	Whittlestone	2037	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Climate change caused by fossil fuel uses is now well established. It is therefore essential that power companies have an incentive to reduce fossil fuel use by encouraging efficiency and installation of green energy.</p> <p>I have taken many steps to reduce my consumption of power from the grid: All my lighting is LED or fluorescent; appliances that can be used off-peak are controlled by timers; I have installed 3 kw solar power and generate more power than I consume.</p> <p>The result is that my net electricity charge is negative in summer, which covers the net cost in winter. I am fortunate in being able to afford the initial investment, which is yielding me about 20% annual return.</p> <p>Please help those households that cannot afford the initial installation to be in a position to enjoy the long term benefits of solar power.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Sue	McKinnon	2233	<p>I studied economics at school and university, and later taught it at university. The problems with monopolies and oligopolies are relevant to the energy market in Australia today, especially the issues that arise when natural monopolies are held in private hands rather than those of the government. It often is in the interests of a government body to control or even reduce the demand for the product (eg. water, energy) so as to reduce the need to produce and deliver more to consumers. This is of particular importance to the whole society if the resource is scarce (eg. water) or the production of it has negative externalities such as pollution (eg. coal and gas fired power stations) or the whole process is extremely expensive and prevents the government spending money on other things such as health or education (eg. building a dam or power station).</p> <p>However, when the whole set-up is in private hands, it is in their interests to encourage consumption to continually increase, year on year, in order to increase revenue, profits and CEO bonuses. If the private entity was totally responsible for paying for all the infrastructure and recouping the cost from the consumer in a totally competitive market place, then maybe expansionist policies would be somewhat modified. But when the private company has a solid contract with the government that all its expenditure on infrastructure (eg. poles and wires) can be amply recouped through billing to a captive market, then we end up with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. increased energy charges</li> <li>2. no alternative for the consumer in an oligopoly</li> <li>3. members of that oligopoly using not only their considerable market power but also their political power to reinforce and create additional barriers to entry for new competitors in their field but also whole new industry and market structures (eg. customers sourcing a portion of their energy needs from roof-top solar, and the providers responding by (a) raising the fixed price access fee (b) lobbying state governments to levy a tax on owners of roof top solar).</li> </ol> <p>Were we living in a world of unlimited resources, then perhaps this would merely be a matter of unfair market-failure-induced government-supported gouging of the population, with particular negative impact upon the poor, the social injustice of that of course spreading out to affect broader society in the long run. However, if companies continue to be rewarded for encouraging their customers to maintain and increase their energy consumption without those companies making commensurate investments in clean renewable energy sources, it will only add to the problem of climate</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		MS	LUCIA	MAYO	2611	<p>It makes sense for power companies to only invest in essential infrastructure such as providing for new development and for maintenance and repairs. Anything else is a waste of resources with the cost foisted on the customers.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Robin	Sevenoaks	2628	<p>Since installing solar panels I have been able to make significant saving on my power bills and made a contribution to our environment. I urge you therefore to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme to make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I believe that if the energy companies get on board with this the benefits will accrue for them too. California is a positive example of this.</p> <p>A saving on my energy bills has been a great advantage to me as a pensioner. I strongly urge the AEMC to adopt this very sensible initiative.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Virginia Anne	Lyon	2620	<p>It is vital that Australia acts quickly and decisively if we want to avoid increasingly destructive outcomes of climate change, the greatest problem that has ever faced humanity. Given Australia's current heavy use of fossil fuels, particularly coal for electricity generation, the easiest way to do that is for AEMC to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) support incentives to reduce use of electricity generated from fossil fuels - the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule is a good way of doing this; and</li> <li>(b) encourage power companies to help people switch to renewable energy, for example by installing their own photovoltaic systems or investing in community solar and wind farms.</li> </ol> <p>I have reduced my energy usage in the following ways: I do most of my cooking in a solar oven or rocket stove; I use a very efficient manual washing machine; I wash up by hand; I have solar hot water and a well-insulated house; I have recently installed a highly efficient wood-burning heater in place of a gas heater. My electricity usage as a one person household is now around 20% of that of other one person households in my area.</p> <p>As I am retired and at present have no income, saving any amount per year on my electricity is of great benefit to me.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Nixon	3260	<p>Because of the high electricity costs in Victoria, I had solar panels installed to reduce my bill. Now that my electricity bill has reduced, the charges for my normal electricity supply have gone up. This fact leaves little incentive for people to change to solar energy. I was planning on using the savings that I can make on increasing the size of my solar system. The way the fees and charges are going up, I will have to wait a long time to increase the size of my system.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Prof.	Marcus	Foth	4005	<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 my energy usage by installing solar panels, hot solar water, and changing my consumption practices.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges for ridiculous infrastructure expansions that are only used for 5% of the year have affected me as well as my tenants.</p> <p>This amendment will result in saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills and that will make a huge difference to people.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Elizabeth	Harbridge	3825	<p>my electricity bills were over \$1,000 per quarter. I have no access to gas, totally reliant on electricity, have our own septic tank which requires an electric pump on a 24 hour cycle, and water tanks, also using electric pump. installed solar panels so now I have enough money to pay medical bills on time. it is such a relief to not have these big bills. I know of people who cannot afford electricity sometimes. shame to those electricity generators who keep putting up the price even though they have an oversupply of electricity. All at the expense of the consumer. It is wrong and unethical. This attack on solar power is driven by these greedy businesses.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		mr	david	atrrill	6155	<p>The whole reason we installed our solar panels in 2011 on our roof was to reduce our energy bill.</p> <p>synergy was pleased to advise me that my application had been approved to receive the residential net Feed-in Tariff subsidy rate of 40c/kWh for a 10 year period.</p> <p>The cost of installation at that time was \$10,900 to me.</p> <p>The fear of rising power bills will greatly effect our financial situation.</p> <p>Please can you help to make sure this new rule change to the management incentive scheme is adopted.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Robin	Pomfret	2539	<p>A simple rule change can save billions for power networks and their customers</p> <p>What will the new rules mean?</p> <p>“Demand management” is where a power company invests in helping consumers to save energy or reduce demand, rather than building more capacity in the form of power stations, power lines and substations.</p> <p>The rule change was recommended by the AEMC in 2012 to help rein in the massive spending on network infrastructure. It is not surprising that the Queensland and New South Wales governments have struggled to convince voters to let them privatise poles and wires. But the fundamental issue is not who owns the electricity industry, but how we ensure that it operates in the public interest.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		mrs	Rosemary	Barracrough	5127	<p>I would like to ask the the change to the rules is accepted and as consumers we are given a fairer deal.</p> <p>There are many things working against us at present, not the least the fact that we as individuals feed power back into the grid all day until say 4 pm and we pay 4 to 6 times as much to use power provided by the electricity companies two hours later. The system is grossly unfair financially and the power companies are still putting prices up as they invest in infrastructure that is not necessary. If they would pay fairly, more people would invest in solar and the demand would be reduced even more leaving power companies less and less to provide.</p>

19/03/2015	Personal		Stop the Insani	Douglas	Raxworthy	3121	<p>Please proceed with the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and help make our sun drenched country a champion of solar energy instead of a coal-fired cautionary tale for generations to come.</p> <p>I don't care if my energy bills go up or down as long as we're heading in a direction that will release us all from the chains of non-renewable energy dependency.</p>
19/03/2015	Organisational	Catholic Earthc	Mr	Gareth	Johnston	2060	<p>Distributed solar and wind power provides system security and resilience benefits to networks and the broader economy so small generators should be compensated not penalised for providing clean forecastable power at peak times.</p> <p>Whilst the economic benefits are substantial to networks and also generators, the current rules penalise the consumer and in some states create additional double taxpayer burdens. Ageing infrastructure, gold plating and poor decision making in government, network or generating companies shouldn't be an excuse to place unreasonable costs onto consumers. In a globalised energy market, Australian consumers are unfairly exposed to large market participants who game the energy supply markets through domestic and international trading options, artificial demand and supply constraints and lobby against rules changes and reforms that would make energy cleaner, cheaper and more efficient. The last decade has seen gold plating that constrains Australia's economy through protectionism of failed models and archaic technologies.</p> <p>It's time the AEMC acted in consumer and the economy's long term interests rather than continuously bending towards dominant energy profiteers who disregard long term needs at the cost of short term profit taking. Otherwise AEMC simply exacerbate's the problem and puts an increasingly unfair and growing burden too far forward.</p> <p>The poor as well as regional and remote consumers pay a disproportionately high price for policy failures, network service limitations and geographical isolation.</p> <p>There are current and near term technologies from improved metering, scada and battery systems that will transform our nations underperforming energy efficiency and clean up the generation sector but without DEMISRC the transition will not occur.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Daryll	Bellingh	4101	<p>I totally support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Our household invested in a 2kw solar system both as a contribution to climate change and as a buffer to rapidly increasing network charges in our domestic bill at a time I was approaching retirement and the pension. By careful energy use, we normally produce more energy than we use but a lot of the rebate is taken up by increased service charges.</p> <p>This removes a lot of the incentive for any further investment. Although I don't think I could afford the investment, I would rather go 'off grid' with battery storage than have to face these increasing service charges.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Derek	Nelson	2024	<p>Please pass the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I am against polluting our world and I hope you are too!</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Rotana	Cheng	3183	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>The proposed rule that states that when your energy use is reduced so does your bill, seems extremely fair and practical.</p> <p>It not only financially benefits people but encourages the smarter &amp; more efficient use of energy.</p> <p>A reduction in energy use &amp; savings of household power is of benefit to so many households and is a win-win for families and the environment.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Jeffery	3770	<p>We have taken steps to reduce our energy usage with solar and efficiency measures by installing panels and programming our irrigation pump to run when the sun is shining. We intend adding a solar powered water transfer pump also. We had a year of negotiations including the energy ombudsman to get our network power measured accurately finishing with LUMO cancelling \$800 in false charges. There is apparently a great resistance from energy companies to share the space [erode their monopoly]. I gather that the latest thrust by energy companies is to gold plate poles and wires by inflating infrastructure costs so that their profit margins are not eroded by people adding solar generation to their houses. Naturally energy companies are against anything that reduces sales of their product.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jutta	Galbory	5034	<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>
19/03/2015	Organisational	AgriSolar	Mr	Sean	Marshall	4562	<p>Enough sun hits the earth in one minute to power the entire planet for a year...let's use it. Sean Marshall AgriSolar</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Patrick	Miller	2484	<p>I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. As a domestic solar producer I believe the current system is fatally flawed. In effect energy companies, without the rule change, will be able to charge for services that are not used.</p> <p>It also provides the basis for better capitalising on domestic solar producers' output by coming to a fairer agreement.</p> <p>The current system needs to change.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Verity	Morgan-Schmi	4563	<p>Dear Sir or Madam:</p> <p>Re: Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this submission regarding the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>As homeowners and parents we are deeply concerned about the management of Australia's electricity utilities and are pleased to note the positive impact of the proposed changes.</p> <p>Having recently installed 3.2kw of solar capacity and being very low users of electricity generally, we believe that we are taking positive steps towards reducing our ecological footprint and ensuring a sustainable energy future for our children. Unfortunately, like many solar owners we have been disappointed by the obscenely low rebates offered, excessive service to property charges and outlandish per kw cost of the minimal amount of power we do pull from the grid. After conducting some research into the system, we understand that this disappointing trifecta is driven by policies designed to promote the building of centralized infrastructure from non-renewable energy sources.</p> <p>Continuing to prioritize dirty centralized power distribution in the face of consumer trends towards decentralized clean power acts as a disincentive for householders and business, undermines efforts towards sustainability and regional resilience, costs consumers significant sums of money and leaves Australia lagging behind the rest of the world in energy demand management; with Australia's savings from demand management currently sitting at less than half that of the average US state.</p> <p>At a time when climate change is reaching unprecedented levels and the science is unequivocally pointing the finger at dirty energy sources, it seems utterly bizarre for Australian power networks to be actively making energy efficiency and renewable energy less attractive.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Anthony	Bennett	5118	<p>To whom it may concern.</p> <p>Provision of electricity in the island nation continent is a unique challenge. Sparse population on a massive grid, with exceptionally high peak demand in summer dictates a very expensive set of infrastructure. With the rise of inexpensive power handling electronics &amp; cheap photovoltaics, old world centralised power generation is no longer viable in this day and age. If incumbent energy industry figures deny the fact their monopoly business model is broken, the penalty four us all will be higher electricity costs all round while failing to arrest the accelerating downfall of the existing grid operators.</p> <p>Current solar owners must not be penalised for having invested in environmentally friendly power. More distributed generation is required. It's time we embraced a fossil free future.</p> <p>I'm going to install more this morning.</p> <p>Cheers Anthony</p>

19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Howard	Witt	2233	<p>Dear Madam/Sir,</p> <p>It is vital that Australia play its part in addressing climate change by switching to renewable energy to reduce green house emissions.</p> <p>Demand management initiative schemes are an important part of this process and need to be adopted.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Howard Witt</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Richard	Hornblow	2034	<p>It is imperative now that we create employment in and support the burgeoning industry of renewable energy. Billions in investment is poised to be deployed. Rooftop solar is crucial to demand management, as it puts consumers in the driver's seat.</p> <p>Everybody will welcome the savings, and my household especially.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Jon	Kear-Colwell	2486	<p>Solar power makes so much sense in a climate like Australia's. Hanging on to fossil fuels makes no long term economic sense, when you can have your fuel at very low running costs from solar thermal power stations.</p> <p>Please let our politicians come to their senses, as climate change is a reality and fossil fuels only make things worse. The money used at present to subsidise fossil fuels could easily finance solar or wind power.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Tassia	Kolesnikow	2232	<p>In order to curb Climate Change, it is critical that we lower emissions of greenhouse gas. For this reason, I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme which would encourage installation of roof-top solar, cut back on emissions and the cost of power bills. Our family has been proactive by installing a solar hot water system and installing energy efficient appliances (induction cooktop, fluorescent lights) and reducing our energy consumption by minimizing use. It is time for the government to help consumers who endeavor to do the right thing to help the environment. Please vote in favour of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		ms	wendy	neagle	3782	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It will support our efforts to reduce our usage which will benefit the environmental costs and our household budget costs.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	George	Carrard	2223	<p>I urge the Australian Energy Marketing Commission to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Owing to global warming/climate change, Much of life on Earth is facing extinction - and that includes the human species. All stops must be pulled out to avoid this and to mitigate the climate change for the sake of our children and grandchildren. So it is very important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I have solar collectors on the north and west sided of my roof, even though there is a tree shadow problem. I have ventilation heating from the roof cavity to reduce the use of room heaters. I do not have any heat-pump type air conditioners.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		DR	COLIN	CAMPEY	4509	<p>COMMON SENSE, AND PLANNING FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE SHOULD DETERMINE THE RULES GOVERNING POWER GENERATION.</p> <p>THE RULES SHOULD THEREFORE ENCOURAGE POWER COMPANIES TO TRANSITION PROGRESSIVELY TO MORE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES.</p> <p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change IS THE WAY TO GO.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	hedley	heale	4130	<p>I look forward to my investment in solar been given appropriate valu by AEMC</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	derek	robertson	2485	<p>I am one of millions of Australians who bought and installed solar PV in good faith knowing that we were advantaging ourselves, through lower energy costs in the long run, and also electricity distributors through lower distribution and infrastructure costs (also long run).</p> <p>However, incentives offered to distributors to gold-plate the network has effectively undermined all of the money and effort expended on domestic solar PV.</p> <p>It is time the AEMC demonstrated some clarity of purpose and set a clear and consistent policy framework which allowed both distributors and consumers to get a better return on their investment.</p>
19/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Tony	Canning	3078	<p>Dear AEMC,</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 very important for Australia's Energy future for power companies to help people to go solar.</p> <p>I believe that our Electricity energy future lies with a more decentralized power generation model using a variety of renewable energy technologies. Any rule governing the generation and distribution of electricity which helps to promote this model should be immediately adopted.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Tony Canning</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jennifer	Gawne	3068	<p>I read on your site that your consumer priority aims to empower families, businesses and industry to participate confidently in all parts of the energy supply chain where they desire to do so.</p> <p>The acceptance of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change supports this priority by making the energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I was involuntarily retired in 2008 and since then have been living on my savings and superannuation. The exorbitant fixed costs mean that my energy bills have risen inordinately ... even if I limit my energy use.</p> <p>This is not fair!</p> <p>Also, Australia is perfectly placed to use renewable energy which will be more economical while providing numerous other benefits. The energy industry really should be helping us to move to renewables, unless their professed concern for their customers is mere lip service.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Con	Anastas	6007	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Transition to renewable energy sources globally is paramount. The health implications for not doing so will be enormous.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Gavin	Mulcahy	6054	<p>Hi To anyone that reads this.</p> <p>We saw a need to install a Solar PV System on our house. Energy bills have increased in WA since Colin Barnett came into power. When we first looked the systems were priced way too high to pay for themselves even though the Tariff was high. We waited &amp; bought a quality system &amp; even though the feed in tariff had dropped to 8 c the savings on our power bill would see it paid off in 10 years. After we had it installed we applied to Western Power to have the system connected &amp; receive the Tariff, this was when we found out about the application fee which we weren't made aware of. We waited for some weeks to receive a reply that because the account was in my wife's name they couldn't process it, even though I had my name in their system allowing me access to query bills etc. After another 6 weeks of Western Power receiving free power from me it was sorted out.</p> <p>We have also installed great insulation batts in the roof under Labors so called bungled insulation scheme. Our down lights were compact fluoro until, even though I used quality lights, I replaced them with LED's because the fluoros were blowing way too quickly.</p> <p>If anything has been bungled recently in my belief it was the feed in tariff pricing. The high initial price boosted system &amp; installation costs. Since the price has been brought back to a pitiful 8 c &amp; even less now, system prices have dramatically reduced. I can't understand why the tariff just wasn't made the same as the cost of power?</p> <p>As a country that has so much sunlight I am ashamed that we as a Nation rely on Europe &amp; America for quality power systems! Every where you see Solar through France &amp; Germany yet in our Nation all our Governments want to do is make it harder to install, less appealing to everyone &amp; scarily enough even talk about charging people who have systems more for their power!</p> <p>If the AEMC has any sway in influencing power companies to support &amp; encourage any alternative energy generation then they should certainly do this.</p> <p>Regards Gavin Mulcahy.</p>

18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Doumouras	5073	<p>I strongly encourage the AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change.</p> <p>Electricity bills have risen considerably in Australia in the past few years mainly due to large investments in upgrading the electricity network. It has been commented that this has led to gold plating of the network and perhaps unnecessary, particularly as demand has been falling for some time.</p> <p>Our electricity network would operate more efficiently if incentives are provided to encourage consumers to use less power and change consumption habits. Reduced network expenditure results in reduced power bills for consumers.</p> <p>In addition solar and emerging technologies (including battery storage) are also reducing demand on the network, whilst also reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing operating savings for households and business. This should be encouraged.</p> <p>I personally have invested in solar PV, solar hot water and upgrades to energy efficient appliances in my home. This has resulted in reduced energy consumption and savings on my electricity bills. There would be increased uptake if consumers are rewarded for doing so.</p> <p>It is also a concern that there are reports that fixed tariffs are preventing adoption of solar for households and businesses in some states. Regulators should ensure a fair and open market and ensure consumer rights are protected.</p> <p>Providing incentives for good behaviour and encouraging uptake of renewable technologies will see costs for consumers reduce along with other co-benefits. This is one of many reforms that is needed and welcome.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Una	Allender	3351	<p>Submission to AMEC</p> <p>I feel strongly that the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change should be accepted and implemented because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is important that clean energy, such as solar, be implemented widely. If power companies encourage, rather than discourage, this change, then more people will be able to convert to solar power.</p> <p>As part of an overall program to reduce energy use for my rural property, I have installed solar hot water and plan to add a solar power system. Being encouraged and supported by our electricity retailer would make this change much easier to implement.</p> <p>The huge rise in cost of electricity is not sustainable. We are doing all we can to reduce our energy use and look forward to the day our solar panels are installed. Even then, unless we remove ourselves from the grid, we will still have to pay a hefty sum to the power company as a supply charge. This charge makes up about 33% or my bill now. Any saving on power bills will be very welcome.</p> <p>Una Allender Lake Bolac, Vic</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Karan Michelle	Evans	5112	<p>as a low income, part time worker (medical reasons) and as a long-term green solutions advocate i routinely refuse to use electricity if i don't have to - from planting my garden to shade in summer and let winter sun through to restricting my hot water usage and cooking requirements, i urge you to support all Australian households to install solar panels and give back to the continental electricity grid.</p>
18/03/2015	Organisational	PV Electrics	Mr	Mark	Lyons	3078	<p>It needs to be easier for consumers to install solar panels. In all cases this reduces the demand on the supply networks and therefore reduces the demand for coal powered generation. This is what current and new policies should be striving for; reducing coal dependencies and increasing the saturation of renewables onto the electrical distribution network. The generation, distribution and retail companies need to reward their customers who install solar with a just price. Less restrictive connection policies rather than the current penalties that currently exist for customers would level the playing field somewhat.</p> <p>Finally there is a large amount of high power sub stations around australia that are either under utilised or completely dormant after large industries have moved away but left large supply infrastructure behind. These are the areas where large scale renewables could be added relatively seamlessly onto the network where existing substations could be utilised.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Luigi	Ghiotto	2147	<p>I think is about time that we get some real benefit of installing solar, and not that the benefit go to the grid and we fork out the money for installing it, that is legalised robbery and it is time to change the rules.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Nugent	3187	<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 installed solar panels, and rising fixed charges will unfairly affect me and my family.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Greg	Ewing	3202	<p>Rising electricity prices have made life very tough for my family. I have tried my best to minimise this cost by installing energy saving lighting and hope to have saved enough by the end of this year to get solar panels installed.</p> <p>I would love to see my power company be closely involved with assisting me to install solar panels. I have already calculated that the savings I will make will be considerable.</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Rule Change.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Thelma	Wakelam	3980	<p>Rising power bills make it difficult to budget. It seems there is little way to reduce your bills as the fixed charges keep rising and the consumer has no control over these.</p> <p>I work around the elderly and low income , vulnerable households, and it is evident many of them cannot afford their energy bills. They forgo other things in their life to pay their bill, and have no chance of a holiday which many Australians take for granted.</p> <p>Often too, they do not turn on their heating but remain cold so as not to incur costs. I know personally of one elderly lady who last winter was cold and tied a hot water bottle round her waist. It burst and she was unable to remove it. She subsequently died from complications from her burns in hospital.</p> <p>Oftentimes people feel they are being ripped off by their bills as their usage could not possibly be the amount they are being charged. Help Australians help themselves by going solar and not relying on dirty energy sources.</p> <p>A household can do their best to reduce their usage but they need to have solar so they are generating some.</p> <p>It is critical for power co's to assist people to go solar so they can have some control over their bills and usage of energy.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Peggy	Fisher	2071	<p>It is extremely important that AEMC adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it's very important to encourage everybody to use less electricity. It will be much cheaper in the long run as we won't have to keep paying for upgrades to the system.</p> <p>It's not fair on poorer people trying to manage their electricity bills to have to subsidise heavy peak time users. More local solar has so many benefits it must be encouraged not discouraged</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Douglas	Campbell-Wils	6169	<p>Some of us believe in solar for both green and financial reasons why does the government insist on it's narrow minded greed driven ideas</p>

18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Susan	Sorensen	2099	<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 power companies to help people go solar. This will assist in transitioning to clean and renewable energy which will provide a healthy and sustainable future for generations to come. It will create jobs that are fulfilling and jobs that pave the way for further profits while at the same time protecting the environment or... the habitat where we all live.</p> <p>We have attempted to reduce our energy usage with the installation of solar panels, a worm farm, a native bee hive, composting, growing our own food, using only what is needed energy wise to reduce fossil fuels and I will be researching into the companies I am currently associated with for our energy needs, superannuation, shares and gas supplies for efficiency and ethical measures.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges are a wrought and we should be rewarded for making the changes we have made to reduce our carbon footprint instead of being penalised by escalating bills. Big polluters need to pay a carbon tax as an incentive to reduce the carbon they produce and to encourage them to invest in green energy. For ourselves, what we don't use in the form of energy we create should be bought back from us and 'infrastructure' should now focus on renewable energy generation and the phasing out of harmful coal use to power electricity, phasing out the burning of trees and the mining and fracking of the earth for coal seam gas. We need to move on into the future and join the rest of the Western world in creating a clean, green and sustainable future.</p> <p>Not just for the lead up to the next election but as a way of the future.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on our household power bills would make a difference for us because the cost of living has long passed our wage rises.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Duffy	4456	<p>Our household has taken positive steps to reduce our energy usage by installing solar and using many and varied energy efficiency measures around our premises.</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 and encourage further reductions in energy use and carbon emissions. And shouldn't that be everyone's end game?.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	D	Woodford	4574	<p>I have a 3kw solar electric system and a solar hot water system on my home and return excess electricity to the grid. I see everywhere domestic solar power systems being installed on new housing.</p> <p>Our local council is intending to install a 15megwatt solar farm to offset their own power needs.</p> <p>It seems logical that electricity power companies should follow current trends and adjust their business plans to suit</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Philip	Jay	3130	<p>I'd like to submit my support for a Demand Management Incentive Scheme.</p> <p>Since smart metering has been rolled out in Victoria, I have switched to a residential time-of-use metering scheme &amp; moved some of my week-day load (such as tumble dryer use) to week-ends.</p> <p>It's disappointing however to see daily service charges rising so quickly.</p> <p>I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme because I hope that it would bring some balance into the market, and hopefully provide incentives for more schemes like the time-of-use metering that I have taken up.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Eddie	Roberts	2484	<p>My family and I have long enjoyed the benefits of solar power.</p> <p>I would like the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change accepted.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		mr	robin	gardner	3096	<p>Encouragement to reduce power usage will not only be saving for the person concerned but for everyone as the total assets can be reduced. If coordination of prosumers and demand response systems are reduced the overall size of the system can be optimised and further reduced in scale.</p> <p>Please approve the Demand Management Incentive Scheme</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Phillip	Mantell	4304	<p>We would like to gain a future using Solar Energy to power our home. Changing the rules that govern that would see us as a country embrace this future not throttle it.</p> <p>Warm Regards Phill</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Stephan	Hausler	4032	<p>It is important for the AEMC to tell power companies to help people go solar</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Rahmtallah	Rahmtallah	2161	<p>Urging 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>
18/03/2015	Organisational	Earth Learning	Ms	Adrienne	Weber	2484	<p>Please support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it can reduce rising power bills and fixed charges and make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>In Australia it is vital for power companies to help people go solar to reduce dangerous greenhouse emissions and reduce particulate emissions from burning fossil fuels.</p> <p>Our organisation has reduced energy usage with PV solar, solar hot water and energy efficiency through passive solar building design.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mark	DOTY	6151	<p>When new technology is developed, no one knows just how it will be used and if accepted. Governments try things to test the "water". But they seem to ignore the evidence and listen to who is speaking the loudest.</p> <p>Solar on the power grid has shown to be a positive and successful change to energy usage. However costs &amp; fees continue to rise, why? Because old rules and incentives remain the same .... and they need to change as new tested technology changes. I understand companies also using incentives to their benefit "but when these benefits do not make sense (wasteful, hurt people's pockets, go against the environment, slow down important progress or send it in the wrong direction) one would say "are humans really smart?"</p> <p>The "Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change" makes sense. It will continue to promote Solar Technology into the future. Without it, this momentum achieved so far will slow, stall, or even turn into the negative direction. Why would the government and agencies work hard to try and achieve emission reduction targets through technology schemes to let them fail due to old Policies that need updating.</p> <p>It is this type of "wishy washy" decisions that put the public against the Government. Most stuff is pretty easy to see what the logical choice is. Yet nothing really gets done "and done right. Why?</p> <p>Change the Policy. It only makes sense.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Kirsten	Ealand	2484	<p>An Australian Citizen - for the betterment of the Country</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make the energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is vital for Australia to reduce its carbon emissions and having a system where consumers are encouraged to go solar is a big step in achieving this. We are conscious consumers. We have installed rooftop solar, actively reduce our use and use energy saving lights and appliances. Paying the true cost of electricity generation is important. The true cost takes into account the environmental pollution of the energy production. As such coal should be much more expensive than solar. In turn this would drive up use of solar at the expense of coal which is exactly what needs to happen in Australia to meet our reduction targets.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Rasasingam	Jayanthan	4077	<p>I have bought a property at Durack 4077 and doing research on the potential benefits of installing PV system. The feed-in-tariff is 4c/kWh which will not be sufficient to give any benefit. Also considering that the fixed 'Supply Charge' is being increased every year and it will also not be compensated in any form by the feeding energy back to the grid. Further my control supply (Tariff 33) will also will not benefit from Solar PV, but I have to invest further in solar hot water system. As it stand now the investment will get recovered in 8 - 10 years. I don't know what kind of tariff change to expect in long term and I am not encourage to make any investment in renewable energy. I am sure several more customers will also face the same dilemma.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Me	David	Bellchambers	3072	<p>hi All</p> <p>I support the Demand management incentive scheme rule change. I've put my money where my beliefs lie and invested in a \$9,000 5kw solar system. Increasing fixed charges for solar panel owners is discriminatory and punishes people for trying to live more sustainably and conserving the resources that we have. It will result in perverse outcomes in damaging the environment and sling the cost of living that much higher all because energy companies lack the vision to see their current business models are crumbling and they need to invest in renewables for the benefit of the environment and their balance sheets.</p>



18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Rob	Conn	4061	I believe that the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I think its important for power companies to help people go solar. My family has recently installed a 5K solar energy system on our house and installed low energy lighting. We made these changes in response to the ever-increasing power bills we have received. Any kind of saving on these bills would be very welcome.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Douglas	Stetner	4178	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  We need to be doing all we can to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels. This will help.
18/03/2015	Personal		Miss	Sarah	Stitt	2605	As a home energy consumer, single mum with three children in Canberra, where it is hot in summer and freezing in winter, I have done all that I am able to afford to offset my energy consumption. I have installed 1.5KW of solar, and have solar hot water. I have also installed ceiling insulation and am draft proofing my home. However, to discover that energy prices rise and my costs are likely to increase regardless of my investment to offset, is very discouraging and I believe unfair. I would encourage the industry to do all that they can toward phasing out the old fossil fuel power generation, and transitioning to clean and renewable energy, such as solar and wind. I would also encourage the empowerment of the consumer for a more egalitarian approach to energy access. Whatever small saving I can make to our household budget makes a huge difference. Thank you for reading this.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Frances	Bugden	4107	To whom it may concern I am writing to encourage the AEMC to accept the DMIS Rule Change to support people to use and purchase solar power systems. We live in a country where we are fortunate to have access to a lot of solar power/sun so I think we should be taking advantage of this. I have a young family and would like my children to be able to enjoy the beautiful natural world we live in. I am concerned about the environment and I am keen to support any eco friendly alternatives for power supply. Thank you for your time, Fran
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Yasir	Assam	2484	I'm writing to ask that you accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.  I have a domestic solar system that generates more than enough energy for our home. If fixed charges continue to rise it will make no sense for me to stay on the grid. I will install batteries and go off-grid.  I'm sure I'm not alone: if the power companies penalise those who reduce their power usage by installing solar, many will go off-grid.  From a national point of view, this is a waste. We should be working together to use our existing grid infrastructure, while simultaneously creating incentives for households to reduce their power usage by becoming more efficient and installing solar.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Alan	Ide	3163	Dear Sir/Madam,  I am writing to encourage you to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.  In my view there should be no connection fee at all - the entire charge should be based on usage. This would send a much clearer price signal to business and domestic consumers and lead to greater energy conservation and use of renewables.  Regards, Alan Ide
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Duncan	Leggoe	3099	To Whom It May Concern, I urge the AEMC to endorse the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it rewards those people who are willing to do the right thing by reducing their power demand. It is an obligation of all people and companies and governments to take steps to encourage as much use of renewable energy as is possible- this rule change is part of that responsibility. It's also part of a future that actually works for the global population, rather than slowly choking it...for money. Yours, Duncan Leggoe.
18/03/2015	Organisational	Yabba	Mr	Mike	Haydon	2147	Storage will Work if people learn to reduce consumption and understand how their consumption works. If not we will Have a load of dead batteries that created more harm than the coal fired power stations!
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Glen	Merrett	2261	To the AEMC, I am urging you 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 a 3.15kw system on my roof at the moment and it generates more than twice the power I need. With the 60 cent feed in tariff that means that I haven't paid for electricity since it was installed in 2009. Yes I had to pay back the green loan and the money on my home loan but that was paid off last year and now I am living on free electricity. I have reduced my energy use by using efficient appliances and LED light globes.  As soon as the Feed in Tariff stops I will get a battery back up system and attempt to keep my costs low.  I see families around me that are struggling because they don't have my access to free power and I know that reduced electricity costs via solar would help them so much.  Please allow others to gain the advantage that I have, lets support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.  Thank you,  Glen
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Mary	Van Rol	2096	I urge the AEMC to accept the DMIS Rule Change. Before we went Solar we were shocked at the way energy prices were escalating. Why should consumers pay for unnecessary infrastructure. So many of us have opted for Solar and it should be encouraged by the energy companies and govt. And a fair price should be negotiated and adhered to. Thank you.
18/03/2015	Personal		MR	MICHAEL	GRIFFITHS	7307	I believe that the AEMC should not only keep an eye on the electricity suppliers, but also accept responsibility on behalf of the consumers. I therefore urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make OUR energy for consumers
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Reville	2042	Dear AEMC,  I write in support of your proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Given the rise of decentralised generation, including at the residential level, this rule change just makes sense.  Keep up the good work!  Yours faithfully, Michael Reville
18/03/2015	Personal		Ma	Therese	Corban	2480	Considering not stinging residential consumers for their efforts. Reduce all fees n charges on their initiatives to reduce loads on the grid. Allowing more important industry users gain power supplies hospitals and aged care services at reduced costs also. Big industry should have power access n residential on solar this is wiser usage especially when Australia is becoming a more volatile electro magnetic region storms n cyclone etc

18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Maureen	Bakker	4551	As pensioners we have tried to minimise our power bills and consumption . We also believed that we are being environmentally responsible by installing Solar panels.  We produce more power than we use,but still have power bills to pay,  TheSTANDARD CHARGES are obscene,someone is making a profit at our expense .  We tried to make a difference,hope you will too.  Maureen Bakker.
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Denise	Callichy	2484	AEMC Dear Sir/Madam Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Power companies, for the sake of preventing global warming, need to support solar power in all ways I do everything possible to reduce my use of electricity and would appreciate your support. Because of this I find it extremely unfair that I should pay the same fixed line charge as people who use much more electricity than I. Therefore I am unfairly charged a higher percentage of my bill. Were I to save \$120 -500 pa I'd put it towards further renewables incentives around my homes - rooftop water etc Sincerely D Callichy
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	pam	kerslake	3073	Please vote for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change - it will reward 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.
18/03/2015	Personal		ms	Jennifer	Huber	3690	I believe it is important to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I understand that this would reward people who use less power and so provide a very wise and common sense approach  thank you for considering my view point. kind regards Jenni Huber
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	David	Clarke	5523	Not only should demand-side power management be adopted, it would be crazy to not adopt it.  It is a reality that more solar PV will be installed. Peak demand is the main cause of costs in the power grid and demand- side management can reduce peak demand. It could save all consumers of electricity money.  If power retailers keep on pushing up prices people will leave the grid. I don't think that would be a good thing for the nation or the planet. Demand-side management could help to stop a great exodus from the power grid.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ray	Ellison	5048	As a long term user of rooftop PV, I strongly urge the AEMC to have respect for the significant investment home owners have made in PV systems and the negative effects penalty charges have. Everyone expects a fair return on investment in property improvement. Rooftop PV is no different. Large energy retailers must be legislatively forced to guarantee equal treatment for those who have made the investment. Anything else is permitting anticompetitive practices.
18/03/2015	Personal		mr	Brian	Hay	4211	I personally along with my family hope that you will accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make the energy market fairer for consumers. I do not understand why any one would not want power companies to help people go solar this is clean and green. I went to great expense to convert to solar to save energy but also to assist in ecology issues facing Australia to reduce energy usage with solar for efficiency measures which I intend to continue doing. I am now older nearly 70 and am trying to reduce my overheads for surviving my retirement years as it is obvious there will be little money left to help us in a few years from now. Power charges are one of the most difficult to control and anticipate so I want to eliminate them as much as possible and minimise my dependence on society and welfare. every bit of cost saving helps so I trust you will support the bill to save those trying to help the assessed amount of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills. I know it will certainly help myself and my wife and those we look after. thank you Brian Hay.
18/03/2015	Personal		mrs	penny	osterhaus	2533	We know the fossil fuel corporations will try anything to thwart renewables,but sanity must prevail.
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Romayne	Westwood	4810	Please accept 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 at great expense. As a business owner the rising power bills and fixed charges have affected my business immensely. Saving \$150-\$500 a year would make a huge difference not only to my business but to my family
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Melanie	Slade	4730	Rising electricity costs are devastating to families. After installing solar, not much has changed. I am providing 2 thirds of the power I produce to Ergon Energy for which they give me exactly nothing for!! There is something very very wrong with this whole situation.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Paul	Josif	810	I commend the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make a contribution for the establishment of a fairer energy production system that includes no indirect penalties for home energy producers. It is outrageous that people who invest their own money into producing clean energy/reducing pollution and support production of a more affordable product are in fact financially punished for daring to be more environmentally conscious and independent. This while our taxes pay polluters to reduce GHG pollution. I have installed active solar vents and solar panels and a solar hot water system. Even passively helping people go solar, by changing the rule, helps our economy - solar energy systems production, installation and maintenance are big industries, we just benefit by having cheaper energy and our money still stays in the economy. The change needs supporting, it is just like steam changed to oil, we are now faced with a transition challenge from coal/oil to a mix hopefully more dominated by solar. Power companies have a corporate citizen responsibility to support that transition, and a responsibility to their shareholders to be part of positive change. I understand other countries like Norway and Germany are committed to similar change and in fact are along way down that track. Governments and regulators have a bigger responsibility to us as citizens, rather than the narrow and apparently greedy aspirations of an industry that patently still thinks it is living in the early 20th Century.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	McDonald	3043	We are retired and we are trying to save costs on ongoing bills and by adding to our power generation we are trying to do that. What I am angry about is the total lack of consistency with Government policy in regard to Solar electricity generation.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	shayne	Williams	4680	it makes sense to adopt the DMIS. Any further support for the domestic Solar industry will help reduce pollution across the nation. I have a grid interactive system as well as a soled hoy water system and run in credit. Please let others share this
18/03/2015	Personal		mr	david	van leeuwen	3140	I have put 5kw of solar power on my roof, changed incandescent globes to fluros and changed all my down lights throughout my house to led at huge expense to try to offset the crazy price rises and it just isn't helping, my family is on a single income and we are crippled by our ever increasing energy bills. If you adopt the fairer energy pricing scheme set out in the demand management incentive scheme my family will be a much better off, maybe we will even be able to afford a holiday. Thanks David van leeuwen
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Adrienne	Rowell	5158	I strongly urge the AEMC to adopt the DEMAND MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME RULE CHANGE so that the market is made fairer for all consumers and for those of us who have invested in Solar and made changes to lower our energy consumption.  We need to be investing in MORE Solar and making it easier for people to meet their ever increasing energy bills instead of pouring money into unnecessary infrastructure--Poles and Wires, when electricity usage is declining!  It is becoming harder and harder to make ends meet with costs rising on all sides.  If this rule change is accepted it would go a long way toward helping people cope.  Please accept it !!!!
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Lewina	Cooper	3049	MORE SOLAR ENERGY! We are destroying the planet and ourselves in the process!!! SOLAR all round :)
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Tracey	Thornton	5162	I chose solar energy and paid for my panels due to the environment and also a lower my energy costs. I feel that saving the planet is best or my children and my children's children. We live in a country with abundant sun we should take advantage of the solar options. I feel that what the government and power companies are doing is morally wrong. It will cripple the solar companies it will also have a detrimental effect on the environment with people reluctant to go solar also if the rewards are not there.

18/03/2015	Personal		mr	michael	tetley	4870	<p>outlined for solar power but have yet to receive the benefits.</p> <p>In fact I know I get paid 6 cents / kw I put back into the grid but am charged 23 cents / kw by Ergon. As I use the same amount of power I produce how is it fair that I still have to pay Ergon every quarter. As I understand it Ergon pays for infrastructure etc etc, well so did I and while they OBVIOUSLY PAY MORE, SO ARE THEIR RETURNS. Its wrong considering they buy the power wholesale for about 4 cents / kw. I'd be interested to know how much the fat cat CEOs pay themselves. Something needs to be done and apparently you are the people to do it.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Tim	O'Reilly	3186	<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>The price of electricity has been going up steadily as the power companies spend money on infrastructure and hand the cost plus a hefty handling charge on to the consumer.</p> <p>Due to the rising costs I got solar. However the 40 cents a kilowatt I was promised by the company selling it ended up being 8 cents. This is ridiculous when you consider that the power company then sells the power to my neighbours for 29 cents or more a kilowatt.</p> <p>I would appreciate anything you could do to bring our power bills back down to a reasonable level. Stopping the infrastructure cash grab and war on solar would be fantastic as well.</p> <p>Thank you, Tim.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Henrietta	McAlister	4560	<p>Its about time the power generation industry found a social conscience.</p> <p>Climate change due to fossil fuel burning is a big threat to our very existence and on the way there our social fabric will be greatly stressed. While big centralised power plants still use coal, even, unbelievably, brown coal to generate electricity every incentive to reduce usage must be employed.</p> <p>Please ensure changes are made so that no stone is unturned in the quest to reduce pollution, environmental damage and greenhouse gas emissions asap.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Roger	Theaker	4301	I would like the rule changed to stop the ever increasing fixed charges.
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Maria	Arranz	2776	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because the energy market needs to be made fairer for consumers.</p> <p>With the challenges of climate change already upon us and the need to bring down greenhouse emissions, it is crucial that power companies help people go solar rather than discouraging them.</p> <p>I have changed to 100% green energy from my power retailer but cannot yet afford to go solar on my own. I do all I can to reduce my contribution to emissions and I really believe we all should if we are to take a responsible role in view of the future that awaits oncoming generations. I am also frugal with my energy usage because it is expensive and I am on a very low income. Saving a hundred dollars or more on yearly power bills make a difference to me.</p> <p>Friends who have their own solar power are struggling with rising fixed charges. How can this be happening in our country, while elsewhere in the world governments are supporting and promoting domestic solar use?</p> <p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to help ordinary Australians and abate the worst effects of climate change.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	G	King	2604	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>I urge AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make the Australian energy market fairer for electricity users.</p> <p>It is vital that Australia acts quickly and decisively if we want to avoid increasingly destructive outcomes of climate change, the greatest problem that has ever faced humanity. Given Australia's current heavy use of fossil fuels, particularly coal for electricity generation, the easiest way to do that is for AEMC to:</p> <p>(a) support incentives to reduce use of electricity generated from fossil fuels - the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule is a good way of doing this; and</p> <p>(b) encourage power companies to help people switch to renewable energy, for example by installing their own photovoltaic systems or investing in community solar and wind farms.</p> <p>I practice what I preach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. I have substantially reduced my energy use, to the extent that the electricity account I received today shows that my household of 3 (large detached 1950s house) uses about 1/3 of other 3-person households and 1/2 of 1-person households in my area.</li> <li>. I have installed photovoltaic power systems that enable me to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- control my electricity costs,</li> <li>- pay off my system relatively quickly and supplement my income for a while (because I am on a high Feed-In Tariff),</li> <li>- reduce my greenhouse gas emissions from electricity use to negative, and</li> <li>- contribute to Australia reducing its greenhouse gas emissions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>As I am on a pension tied to CPI, rising power bills and fixed charges cause me to worry about how much longer my ability to control my electricity costs, pay off my PV system quickly and supplement my income will last.</p>
18/03/2015	Organisational	Solar Citizens	Mr	Graeme	Walters	3149	<p>AEMC,</p> <p>We installed 4Kwh rooftop solar almost 3 years ago to make a contribution to renewable energy. It is plain logical to have tiered power rates for electricity consumption as we have for water consumption. Also the connection fee should be frozen. Coal is last century power source, renewables for a clean environment are the 21st century power source.</p> <p>Graeme Walters</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	R	Bouman	3265	<p>To the AEMC, it has been a few years since our family has taken steps to reduce our energy usage with solar and it has been a big success.</p> <p>I'm worried that with the latest submission all our savings on solar will be null and void, and worse, our solar connection fees remain for no viable return.</p> <p>What's the point of consumers adopting solar and other energy efficiency measures on their homes if the new submission is rejected? We as ordinary consumers might as well never have had solar installed in the first place. Our family urges you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for ordinary consumers.</p> <p>Australia has amazing potential to be a global leader in solar energy adoption, however we are being undermined by the lobby organisations of the energy companies.</p> <p>Please accept and adopt the new 'demand management incentive scheme rule change'.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		mr	tim	adams	3240	<p>The speed of technological change will demand drastic changes to the way we deal with power generation, distribution and storage. We are already on the verge of cost effective off-grid arrangements for households who build high performance houses. Incorporation of electric vehicles into the equation is getting closer every day and greater power demand to fuel the cars will be easily achieved with low cost PV panels.</p> <p>Until the supply system comes to terms with these new opportunities the inevitable conclusion will be disconnection by those who can, leaving diminishing numbers of customers to pay the costs. If service charges and supply costs coupled to unfair feed-in tariffs do not properly reflect the benefits of distributed generation we will end up with the customers with the least ability to take care of their needs to carry the can. Extreme right wing theory has now converged with the environmental movement to derive the understanding that obstacles to small scale distributed generation prevent true free market competition. The only beneficiaries are existing centralized generators and the associated distribution networks. We must move to visions for future generations rather than continuing to foster emotional connections to the past.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Christine	Gladwell	3816	<p>In this the 21st Century we need to become proactive to help everyone in Australia to change to Solar Energy. This new rule encouraging Power Companies to reward their customers who take the initiative to reduce their power footprint should be passed as just the beginning of a mind change. For Australia to become a clean energy producing nation we have more hours of sunshine than Europe, so can produce even better results than Germany, who are leading the world in this technology. I urge this submission be passed.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	gilluan	pechey	4552	recognize frugality as a service to the community. Less power used - &gt; lower bill.

18/03/2015	Personal		M	Dan	Musil	3442	<p>I am writing to urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. This important change will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>In order to move to cleaner forms of energy - for the sake of human health, climate change and cost - it is vital that power companies help people go solar.</p> <p>Reducing my energy usage is an everyday activity for me and my family, which includes where possible the use of solar power.</p> <p>Rising Power costs are hurting households all over the country, and I have not been exempt from this. Meeting bills has been increasingly difficult for me in the past few months.</p> <p>A saving of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a massive difference.</p> <p>Please pass this new rule!</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	pam	bailey	2031	<p>It is so important to encourage people to go solar instead of using dirt brown coal I encourage you to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule to make the energy market fairer for consumers. As a pensioner my energy bills are having a huge impact on my budget</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Glenys	Davies	6052	<p>I urge AMEC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule changes. It will make the energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is important that you tell people to go solar. I have had solar panels installed and as a pensioner am reaping the benefits of reduced bills.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Glenys Davies</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Scott	Killick	6532	<p>This is one way that that all Australians will know that Australian Government is serious about moving towards a sustainable future.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Hodder	2132	<p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>I write to urge you to accept the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We have a 3 KW installed system and by use of Led lights and power conservative appliances we now balance average 7 KW generated against 9KW used.</li> <li>2. We will on the expiry of the current feed in tariff rate of 60cents proceed to install another 9KW of capacity and a battery system to generate all our power on site and we will also be purchasing an electric vehicle at the same time to further reduce our energy imprint to 100% solar.</li> <li>3. If the regulations are not favourably changed as per the Demand Management Incentive Scheme then we intend to go off the grid and operate without the back up or feed in tariff purchase of our excess power.</li> <li>4. All of this would not be necessary if the grid were to be powered by renewable energy and realistic costs were attributed to each element</li> <li>5. In an era of decreasing demand and personal generation your network is becoming a dinosaur and I suggest you contemplate my strategy as it will become a torrent of direction as the technology becomes more affordable and citizens become disturbed by the cost of a system that is no longer catering for our needs.</li> <li>6. Your only duty is to find ways to reduce costs on a year by year basis, reward loyal customers with efficient management of the old resources and implement renewable new resources. It seems the current system is designed as taxation by stealth with the objective to accept increased carbon emission.</li> <li>7. As a scientist I can advise you global carbon emissions are so serious an issue that they should be prioritised above any network games that attempt to increase the amount of money we pay for an old network. The old network is a legacy for any owner, but it is not something to invest in. Its headed for a fall and the poor will end up paying for its residue as those of us who can think and invest will change the game no matter what you do.</li> </ol>
18/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Jennifer	Nevard	6151	<p>I have taken steps to reduce our energy usage with solar and efficiency measures. As self funded retirees rising power bills and fixed charges pose problems for our future financial independence. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for our financial situation. Please adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Lois	Levy	4224	<p>Increased use of renewable energy including solar is inevitable and it should be encouraged by all power companies and they should be rewarded for doing so. I urge AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to improve equity in the current system which is discriminating against households with solar power. I am lucky and have solar power, but many households do not and they should have to cope with constantly rising power prices. Australia must transition to renewable energy to make a significant contribution to reducing global warming that threatens all of humanity.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Richard	Warwick	2088	<p>I wish that AEMC will see their way clear to accepting the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change because it will make the energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Assisting solar energy and efficiency should be the purpose of the system.</p> <p>I live (with my 103 year old Mum) in a two person household but we use less electricity than the normal one person household.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		ms	rose	ovenden	3783	<p>I am writing to urge you to accept the new Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make our energy market more rational, less perverse, and fairer for consumers.</p> <p>We have attempted to reduce our power bills with solar hot water and efficiency measures, and it is frustrating and unfair that our costs are still rising. We are not a high income family and this makes a big difference to us.</p> <p>Power companies should be selling efficient power services, not punishing efficient users, in effect. It is important for all future generations that we reduce our carbon footprint.</p>
18/03/2015	Organisational	Yarra Climate A	President	Kerry	Echberg	3054	<p>YCAN urges the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change in order to encourage the further growth of household solar power. Australians are enthusiastic about solar energy, and accepting this rule change will reward consumers for their environmentally friendly choice by reducing their power bills,</p> <p>As a climate action group we aim to educate and encourage residents of the City of Yarra about the threat of climate change, and the ways in which they can reduce their carbon footprint. We receive positive responses but costs and uncertainty about feed-in-tariffs and increased energy bills can prevent people from installing photo-voltaics. The AEMC must end this uncertainty and help Australian businesses and consumers to embrace a renewable energy, emission reducing future.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr. OAM	William	Dougherty	2460	<p>The sun comes up every day or it generates heat on a dull day. It makes common sense to use it as much as possible. That's the way God planned it. The sun makes the flowers, trees and crops grow.</p> <p>Solar is the way of the future. Get with it.</p> <p>Bill Dougherty</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mike	Bradley	2095	<p>AEMC should accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make the energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Power companies need to be encouraged to reward consumers who go solar and/or embrace efficiency initiatives. My family has done this to reduce our power bills, and because it is what we all should do to combat climate change.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Diane	McLauchlan	2529	<p>Dear AEMC, I ask you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change.</p> <p>We need to encourage people to change to solar electricity collection.</p> <p>As aged pensioners we invested in the minimum solar collection unit in the hope of keeping electricity costs down. We are still to recoup this investment &amp; need to save from \$120 - \$500 is very important to us. Other costs are rising fast, which we have no control over. I would appreciate your giving this request much consideration.</p> <p>Yours faithfully, B &amp; D McLauchlan</p>

18/03/2015	Organisational	Solaris Sustaina	Mr	Trevor	Berrill	4160	<p>Dear AMEC</p> <p>I strongly urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>I am a sustainable energy systems engineer with over 30 years experience. Having undertaken many hundreds of energy audits and solar power consultations and installations, I have seen just how effective energy efficiency measures, when combined with rooftop solar PV, are in reducing energy costs to consumers. However, the full benefits of a distributed energy system have yet to be realised in Australia, including reducing network costs and charges, and pollution costs from fossil fuel use. These pollution costs are seldom fully included in consumer charges as they are still treated largely as externalities.</p> <p>The proposal to incentivise utilities to promote energy efficiency (not just demand management) and solar technologies (both heating and electrical systems), has been used in many countries for many years. It started with work by the Rocky Mountain Institute in the 1980s and has been very successful in California.</p> <p>It's time to turn our aging, centralised, cumbersome, costly, dirty power generation system around into a smart distributed energy generation system as shown by CSIRO work (Intellegent Grid Project) as a more cost effective, low pollution model.</p> <p>This new model with assist with growth in jobs, create a socially more just electricity system and charges, and generate energy from clean sources.</p> <p>As well as these economic, social and environmental outcomes, there is a moral imperative for our generation of decision makers to make a choice that will improve the lives of future generations. I sincerely hope you choose well and support the Demand Management Incentive.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Jane	Costigan	2148	<p>Dear AMEC,</p> <p>As a consumer of electricity in NSW I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. currently the pricing for electricity in NSW is very unfair</p> <p>Rising power prices are becoming unsustainable for many and low income families and pensioners suffering the greatest. This unfair system must change.</p> <p>Supporting a growing solar industry would also promote jobs and keep our environment healthy and sustainable for all.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely Jane Costigan</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Margaret	Hartley	3699	<p>I write to urge the AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as proposed because it will make the energy market fairer for consumers, especially as the cost burden is heaviest on those who are least able to afford the current high prices.</p> <p>It is time for the power companies to embrace renewable energy technologies, especially solar. It is time to penalise energy companies who ignore the threat of climate change, which is undoubtedly having an impact on all of us. I personally have put solar panels on the roof of my newly purchased home, so that, as I get too old to light the wood fire, I can turn on an electric heater without feeling that it is too expensive for me to use. Currently, too much of my power bill is taken up by transmission costs, out of all proportion to the product being delivered as unnecessary infrastructure is being rewarded by the present arrangement.</p> <p>I ask that you consider my submission.</p> <p>Margaret Hartley</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	John	Saunders	2473	<p>I have been a Solar contributor to the grid for August 2010.</p> <p>I would hope that my contribution toward lowering my consumption of power will continue to be rewarded properly for the foreseeable future.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Terrence	Humble	6169	<p>As age pensioner I am come earned for the future of my grandchildren on a war mining planet.</p> <p>I have solar panels on my roof which I know benefit me coastwise and help reduce the demand for fossil fuelled power. I therefore urge the AEMC to accept The Demand Management Incentive Scheme .</p> <p>I would be most upset if my power cost rise when the technology and means to reduce costs are readily available .It is moral imperative on those in power to do the right thing and ignore the demands of vested interests such as power utilities and fossil fuel companies.</p> <p>The future is here whether they like it or not and if they will not adapt they should be left out of the equation like the rest of histories fossils.</p> <p>The new technologies offer great job opportunities for this country and also drive even more scientific advancement to help ensure a sustainable future .</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Peter	Lanius	3461	<p>I hereby urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make the energy market fairer for consumers such as myself who have invested in rooftop solar and wide-ranging energy efficiency measures (heat pump for hot water, air conditioner for heating, triple-glazing, roof insulation etc.). The increase in electricity network charges in recent years have been indiscriminate and do not reward users such as myself who have taken extensive steps to reduce demand. Yet reducing demand is the best way of reducing network expenses. Consumers should be rewarded for reducing demand , which means power companies needs to benefit as well or they won't support demand reduction initiatives.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	John	Missen	3931	<p>We have 8 solar panels and were contemplating adding more. When we asked about Feed In tariff we were told we would only get 8 cents per k/wh. Currently we get 25cents perk/wh. We don't understand why we would not continue to get 25 cents per k/wh from the existing panels. It makes little sense that we add power to the grid and get charged for the privilege.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	KEN	HERRICK	3418	<p>Our street, (Mackay St Nhill Vic) has power cables like a 'dogs breakfast' with high tension lines and small transformers that preclude us from connecting a proposed solar system to the grid. There seems little incentive for them (Powercor) to improve the infrastructure so we can connect and save on power.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Doug	McCullough	4034	<p>I retired in 2009 and with the then rising power prices I could see a day that I would not be able to afford electricity so in January 2011 I spent \$20,000 net of my retirement nest egg to install a 5kw solar system promoted by the then Government with the intent of being able to afford electricity into the future.</p> <p>It is confusing to see the attacks on people who have invested some of their meager savings under sanctions from the then government to try to reduce their power usage and costs to be now under threat from fixed fees and any other means to try and INCREASE our costs.</p> <p>If the current rules state that for the power companies to gain concessions they need to spend on infrastructure even if it is unnecessary, then this rule needs changing.</p> <p>I make this submission in the hope that if the AMEC accepts the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change that the power companies will pass on these savings.</p> <p>The rate of increases in the cost of electricity cannot and must not continue.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Nicholas	Cummings	7250	<p>The electricity market is changing irreversibly. The future in Australia is clearly decentralisation with widespread large and small photovoltaic systems. The role of the distribution companies has to move towards facilitating and encouraging this, rather than maintaining centralised supply.</p> <p>As a small household we have done our bit by installing a PV system and reducing our consumption by buying more efficient appliances and raising our own household awareness of energy use. Consequently almost 100% of our last power bill was fixed supply charges, meaning we are being penalised for our efficiencies.</p> <p>I understand the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme will encourage companies to help individuals save energy and, in the process, will save money for people like us.</p> <p>I wish to encourage the AEMC to accept the proposed scheme for the benefit of all Australians and for the role it will have in reducing energy useage and consequent greenhouse gas emissions.</p>

18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Joe	Hallenstein	4101	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule request.</p> <p>It is a shame that the continued development of infrastructure for the national electricity network has been put above demand management, leading to higher profits for network companies at the expense of higher electricity costs to consumers.</p> <p>In first year of my electrical engineering degree we were taught that it is cheaper to save a Watt than make a Watt; Demand management should be a no-brainer.</p> <p>Such a rule change would hopefully also assist consumers who contribute to the electricity network with their own generation, such as solar PV owners, rather than see them being penalised for their contribution as has been the case to date under the current Rules.</p> <p>Regards, Joe</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mac	Wilson	2448	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change.</p> <p>Our national energy plans should be biased toward sustainability, reducing emissions, public cost, and common sense ahead of private company or corporate profit.</p> <p>This can't be done when decisions continue to be based on biased input and loud voices of the corporate sector.</p> <p>Thanks, Mac Wilson</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Judith	Allsop	2640	<p>not to take advantage of our sunny climate is ludicrous, expensive and an environmental shame.</p> <p>Putting 5k on my roof has saved me from another \$800.00 electricity bill.</p> <p>everyone in Australia should be given the opportunity to have solar installed.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Suzanne	Genziuk	3109	<p>The demand management incentive scheme is a wonderful idea and it's fair and balanced between providers and users. Please encourage more people to go solar.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Jonathan	Maddox	2777	<p>I urge the AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and to continue to charge power system users by energy usage rather than according to the fixed costs of supply.</p> <p>Modelling shows significant potential electricity cost reductions as a consequence of the proposed rule change.</p> <p>Demand management through energy pricing is one of the cheapest and most effective ways to reduce both costs and greenhouse gas emissions from the electricity sector. It encourages efficient and timely use of electrical energy and promotes cost-effective use of transmission and generation assets by allowing demand reductions to compete effectively against capacity expansions and marginal additional generation. It also encourages generation and time-shifting behind the meter, encouraging low-cost, low-emissions distributed generation such as rooftop solar PV.</p> <p>Utility businesses will potentially lose some revenue as consumers make behaviour adjustments and investments in efficiency and behind-the-meter generation, but the utilities' costs will also be reduced as they will not need to expand either generation or distribution capacity for ever-larger consumer demand. A loss in revenue may even accelerate the retirement of more of Australia's older and higher-emitting fossil-fuelled power stations.</p> <p>A change which brings about lower overall costs and lower emissions can only be a good thing.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Lisette	Vis	WA 6015	<p>My neighbours and I would love solar energy on our roof. The roof is shaded by 2 beautiful trees which of course we do not want to chop, so no solar for us. But we would love the roofs of our over-neighbours to have solar.No takers there more is the pity!</p>
18/03/2015	Organisational	Yarra Commun	Director	ian	mack	3068	<p>Yarra Community Solar is in the Solar system sector looking to facilitate the deployment of Solar panels on the roofs of non-residential rooftops. Clearly National security and our national competitiveness are well served by is common sense encouragement of energy savings and increased solar panel installation. It is critical that power companies get on board and actively encourage the roll out of Solar panels. Solar systems have the capacity to reduce demand from distant power stations burning dirty coal and foster self reliance. Hard costs for the grid can be deferred with the roll out of solar systems. We commend the adoption of this proposal and support its implementation.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jimena	Valencia	3073	<p>Please accept this rule change.</p> <p>If this rule change is accepted, our energy sector could finally be ready to embrace a sun-powered future. If it's 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 changed to solar to reduce my carbon footprint and reduce my energy bills.</p> <p>I urge you to accept this rule change.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Neil	Champion	3039	<p>Supporting solar installations to reduce costs to families</p> <p>A solar panel, especially with storage incorporated, will save costs to families and very significantly reduce the burden of pollution on the environment from hydrocarbon-based electricity generation. Incentives should be in place for power-generation companies to benefit from making the change to solar (and/or other renewables).</p> <p>That is, when a consumer reduces the load on the noxious production of electricity by changing to solar the consumer and responsible business should both benefit financially.</p> <p>Please develop processes that enable this to happen - fast.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Steve	Quilkey	4272	<p>Dear AEMC. 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 for cost reduction and the environment.</p> <p>We have taken steps to reduce your energy usage with solar PV, solar hot water and solar house heating/drying to make our home more efficient.</p> <p>Significant increases in power bills and fixed charges has affected everyone. If saving of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills can be achieved through these rule changes this would make a real difference to us and the environment.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Piers	Bannatyne	2800	<p>As a retired electrical engineer I abhor the wasteful building of infrastructure in excess of actual requirements and as a retiree I strongly object to having to pay for this waste. Why should corporations feed off the public without providing any more value than they would have with a more financially efficiently run generation and distribution network? In this day and age, with the present scientific knowledge of the causes of climate change, surely it is incumbent on everybody, governments, corporations and individuals, to reduce the use of fossil fuel energy as much as possible. Therefore I strongly support any rule changes which provide incentives to reduce fossil fuel electricity use and the increased installation of distributed solar and other renewable energy sources to work in conjunction with the grid. I would install solar panels at the 'drop of a hat' if it was made worthwhile. I had 6.4kW of solar panels on the roof of my previous house on the farm where I lived prior to moving into town.</p> <p>Please go ahead with any rule change which will decrease the use of fossil fuel electricity and hopefully reduce power costs to consumers as well as encourage the installation of solar power.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal	Kari - Marriage	ms	Kari	.	4555	<p>re: Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</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, like me and my family and community.</p> <p>It is important for power companies to help people go solar. This is the way of the future.</p> <p>I have taken several steps to reduce my energy usage with solar panels on the roof, and many other efficiency measures.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected me, my family and community. Despite a huge investment in solar, my power bills continue to rise.</p> <p>With an eye to live more simply and consume less, I have reduced many activities including work so as to tread more lightly on the planet. As a result, income must be stretched further to cover costs. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for me.</p> <p>Thank you for considering to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change</p>

18/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	John	Ide	3806	We have installed Solar Panels on our home and think that is the only way to go. Unfortunately we do not have sufficient capital to go fully Solar and disconnect from the grid. We do not see any justification to increase the size of the grid, simply to increase the profits of the power companies. So we fully endorse the projected changes to the Demand Management Incentive Scheme.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Noel	Maud	3996	As a relatively early starter with solar (we connected in 2006 with a 1.3 kW system) I always assumed I would be able to increase my array when panels became cheaper and companies more generous with payments; that householders could work their systems to make small cash surpluses whilst helping phase out fossil fuel systems. I need not spell out how I feel about the current policies (insane would be one of the more polite descriptions) and so I look with hope to the possibility of rule changes that will encourage energy companies and customers to embrace 21st century imperatives that just might help avert the worst impacts of our rapidly changing climate. We urgently need policies that re-energise the move to renewables. It is my hope you will change the rules to make this possible now. Sincerely N Maud
18/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Jan	Robbins	2902	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It make the Australian energy market fairer for consumers and help them to go solar, benefitting the whole community by reducing carbon production.  It will also help save power companies from having to invest in costly and short-lived traditional fuel-based power generation to meet peak demand.  We have already cut our energy use with insulation, use of fluorescent lights, solar hot water, and photovoltaics, so we are net power producers.  In this way we have substantially reduced our living costs. I commend the DMISRC as a way of encouraging everyone to make similar changes. This will help us build a fairer society through cleaner technology.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	James	Kesteven	2540	It seems odd that Germany, a European country, some 10 years after phasing out nuclear power stations, is now in a position where at least 30% of its energy supplies come from solar and wind. Why does Australia with all its sun and wind have only 5% at most?  I request the AEMC to resist old values and to make recommendations that 'turn the tide' in terms of solar and renewables asap.
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Pamela	Phillips	2903	We installed solar panels on our house as soon as we bought it. We care passionately about the environment and climate change as parents and grandparents, and have installed all the energy saving devices available to cut our energy use. We are deeply concerned that the current regulations lead to power companies penalising customers who have installed solar. Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to give incentives to power companies to encourage power saving. Apart from the benefit of moving into a new clean energy future, the rising costs of power are particularly onerous now that we are pensioners.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Glynn	Dalton	3196	The future of energy is decentralised. This will reduce costs to consumers and industry by the increased efficiency of smaller power networks. For this to progress we need incentives for all the power companies to get involved - some already are. The Demand Management incentive Scheme will give the power industry a reason to get on board earlier than would otherwise be the case. Increased efficiency is always a good thing.
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Margaret	Foy	2780	Climate Change is a FACT. Because many thousands of ordinary citizens like me know that Climate Change is a fact, we want/ try to do something positive to help reverse this situation. Thousands have installed Solar Systems on their homes to reduce the the impact of Fossil Fuels.  I am ONE of those people who installed Solar Power on my home almost 5 years ago. The Labor Govt at the time encouraged us to do this by offering an incentive.  We are actually SAVING the Government money by having Solar Power.  The AEMC should accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change because it will make energy market fairer for consumers.  I need to say that rising power bills and fixed charges have affected my very limited full aged pension income. The DMISRC would decrease Power Bills and make life a little easier for us..... whilst helping the Globe from the effects of Climate change.  I implore positive consideration
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Cate	Richmond	4852	We are gaining no benefit from our solar panels now that they are fully connected to the grid - our bills have increased instead of decreased. Beforehand we could see how much solar power we were generating, which was more than we used each day. Now we are paying for the privilege of providing power to the grid. Please fix this and give us back a fair price for our solar generated energy.
18/03/2015	Personal		mr	rick	kilpatrick	2846	Dear AEMC I would like to support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It is important to support solar power and encourage people to use renewable energy sources. Our electricity bills have skyrocketed the past few years. We are doing everything possible to save power and would go solar completely if we could but we have been told we don't have enough sunshine on our roof. Please pass this rule change - it is a good thing regards, Rick Kilpatrick
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Les	Pradd	3146	From both an environmental and a general efficiency perspective it makes sense to encourage and reward activities that lower demand for electricity. We are at the start of what will be a difficult phase for utilities as their business levels reduce however as a regulator you need to take the broader and longer term national interest as your highest priority and approve the proposed new rules.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Youll	2121	Dear people  Over the last few years we have minimised our electricity consumption to minimise our energy costs, reduce our contribution to CO2 emissions and incidentally help the distributors by reducing the load on their systems. We have done this by...  * insulating our home * installing a reverse cycle inverter A/C system, and minimising its use * using energy efficient appliances and lights * turning stuff off at the GPO when not in use * installing a solar boosted hot water system and solar PV.  Our reward for this effort and expenditure has been ever increasing power charges, and daily connection fees that are now a significant proportion of the total quarterly invoice. This fixed charge is the same for all households regardless of the level of power consumption. By any measure this is inequitable and unfair.  This inequity could be put right to some extent by the adoption of the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. As I understand it, this rule will reduce the perverse incentive for the distributors to cater for increasing demand that is unlikely to occur, and will provide an obvious price signal to their customers that will encourage them to become more efficient and reduce consumption. Varying the daily connection charge to be a function of the half hour peak household usage for the day would also reduce the inequity of the current charging regime. The data required to do this should be readily available from the current generation of smart meters.  The proposed rule would also give an undeniable indication to the existing generators, distributors and retailers that the world has changed, and that they will have to adapt or disappear.
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jenny	Drewitt	2350	Rising power bills mean that I no longer use heating during the winter time.  Help to add more solar panels would be appreciated.  I support acceptance of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Adam	van Leeuwen	3160	For solar power in Australia to move forward it need to be financially beneficial to people. The changes proposed will make investment in Solar technologies less viable. We could be world leaders in this technology.

18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Di	M	4214	<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 installed solar panels some years ago and feel I am now being punished for it.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected my household even with solar. I am so terrified every time I turn on a switch and anyone leaving chargers, etc. turned on for extended periods really creates arguments in the home.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills could make all the difference for me. It could be enough to save my home rather than having to sell it.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Warren	Papworth	7053	<p>To AEMC,</p> <p>I am writing to you as a concerned citizen who seeks the development of a sustainable society in Australia. As part of my vision for a sustainable community I recently installed 20 solar panels on my house, as well as installing a solar hot water cylinder. Although I have reduced my annual electricity bill I am concerned to see the fixed fee component of my power bill increasing significantly year by year, much beyond the annual CPI.</p> <p>Consequently, I am strongly supportive of the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Unless changes are made to current regulatory arrangements I can foresee a time in the not too distant future when I will go off-grid in order to avoid the inequitable fixed fee component of my energy bills.</p> <p>The current regulatory environment penalises individuals who make the decision to invest in power generating capacity that is non-polluting and sustainable. It is time to reverse this approach, not just for the benefit of the individuals who have 'gone solar', but also for the benefit of the environment, both locally and globally. The failure to do so will impact not only on the current generation, but on future generations as well. I strongly urge you to proceed with the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Warren Papworth</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Robert	Anker	4223	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>I have solar power on my roof. BUT the power company keeps increasing, massively, my fixed supply charges which doesn't seem fair.</p> <p>At night I turn off all devices at the wall for efficiency.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Fairlie	Butterfield	3085	<p>Please ensure this act gets through. Energy bills are horrendous to everyday Australians, and especially with winter on the horizon.</p> <p>Our prices are ludicrous!</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Karen	Crockett	6021	<p>Hi I am one of many who are using solar to help the environment and to help my household save money.</p> <p>With the increasing rise in living in West Australia, every bit counts.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme. It just makes sense to me!</p>
18/03/2015	Personal	CBD Law	Ms	Hillary	Morris	2250	<p>I urge your organisation 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. We cannot rely on fossil fuels for our energy and the impacts of CSG on our environment far outweigh the benefits of using methane gas. I want to encourage the growth of solar/renewable energy within Australia and by introducing Demand Management Incentive Scheme you will be encouraging more people and companies (like mine) to tap into renewables.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Anne	McDougall	2204	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I'm writing to urge you to accept the demand management incentive scheme change. With the rising cost of living and the increase in the numbers of people defaulting on their power bills, this scheme would help to make our energy market fairer.</p> <p>As a person who has fixed solar panels to their house I have found them to be an enormous benefit as they have insulated me from rising energy costs. This is particularly important for families and people on fixed incomes, such as aged pensioners, and the scheme were it passed, would assist.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p>Anne</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	M	Bunn	6076	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I write to plead for the acceptance of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Our communities - and our planet - need our energy sources to be derived from renewable sources such as solar. My family has installed solar panels, purchased an all-electric car, and converted a bicycle to e-battery assist, all in efforts to reduce our reliance on fossil fuel technology. We have also divested from banks and shares that do support fossil fuel technology.</p> <p>Please, our world needs power companies to help more people go solar.</p> <p>thank you</p> <p>M. Bunn</p> <p>Kalamunda</p> <p>Western Australia</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jennifer	Bell	3163	<p>It is nothing less than absurd for those with solar power to be punished for being smart enough to get solar power, and for the rest of us (renters who don't have our own property/home to install solar power in) to also be punished by increasing power bills.</p> <p>We can do better than this, surely???</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Allan	WARD	5066	<p>As a SOLAR person since Jun 2000 (when it was rather expensive) I feel that I am being shortchanged in assisting the power dilemma now facing us.</p> <p>If I were to increase my generating ability by adding more panels I would loose my current feed in tariff, and have it replaced by what I consider an insult to my intelligence, and consideration for the well being of the Australian climate. My humble 1.5 kW system cost me 5-6 times more than a current system generating 6kW.</p> <p>At current days prices every new home should be required to instal - it would be a mere fraction of the overall cost of a new house.</p> <p>Every installation of solar panels for generation of electricity decreases the need and/or retention of more DIRTY coal fired power stations. They need to be heavily taxed for failure to up grade and not expect ANY assistance from the Australian Taxpayer.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ron	Salz	2780	<p>I am writing in support of the 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change'.</p> <p>Our electricity bills have been steadily rising despite the fact that we installed solar panels.</p> <p>We produce half the power we consume yet we are being discriminated against by the power companies. They access our generated power without any outlay. There are no infrastructure costs involved, no monetary risk yet they will not pay us a fair price for our power.</p> <p>Global warming is happening. The use of solar power plays an important part in reducing the emissions that are responsible. We need all the incentives possible so that the greater population become involved and eventually reap the benefits.</p> <p>On a personal note we are pensioners and feel any upward shift in costs. A fairer deal would help us immediately as well as help every electricity consumer.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Birgit	Kroeck	2106	<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>The switch to solar is important as it is for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>We have taken steps to reduce our energy usage with installing LED lights and are planning on installing solar panels soon.</p> <p>So we are doing the right thing and are saving electricity but rising power bills and fixed charges are affecting us. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for us.</p>



18/03/2015	Organisational	Householders'	Mr	Frank	Ondrus	4350	<p>HOPE Inc. urges the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>HOPE Inc. believes that power companies should help people go solar.</p> <p>HOPE Inc. ran a Darling Downs Solar Neighbourhood project between 2010 and 2012 where we held some 40 information sessions and encouraged 150+ residences to go solar.</p> <p>We continue to promote the benefits of renewable energy to our extensive membership and supporter network.</p> <p>HOPE has received numerous email comments from members and friends stating that rising power bills and fixed charges have affected them financially.</p> <p>Personally, we are saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills thanks to our 1.5kW PV system and household energy efficient measures.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Craig	Durrheim	6171	Please approve AMEC
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Andrew	Ackermans	6056	I fully support the implementation of the new AEMC rule that will provide incentives for power companies to encourage solar installations.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Coulter	3995	<p>As an energy auditor and Sustainability consultant for the last six years, I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers, and reduce the perverse incentives that have applied to electricity retailers/distributors for years. Having done hundreds of household and small business audits, one observation is that every time households or businesses install solar panels they almost always reduce their consumption as well. This is partly through awareness of power consumption and partly to reduce power bills.</p> <p>I am also observing the steady increase of fixed charges for solar customers, and that clients become cynical about the benefits of installing PV panels.</p> <p>There should be incentives to reduce power consumption, not disincentives.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	George	Kolsky	2530	I installed a solar power system in March 2012 on the assumption that the excess power would be purchased back by the utility at 24cents per unit, it is now 8 cents per unit, and it seems to me that this change is not encouraging householders to invest in solar collectors on their homes. Considerable reductions in power generation units is possible with greater penetration of the home owner solar power generation and thus significantly reducing air pollution by reducing the number of coal fired power generators in service.
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Judith	Gatland	2300	I strongly urge the Commission to ACCEPT the proposed rule change to the Demand Management Incentive Scheme. Not only will this rule change benefit me as an 83yearold pensioner re my electricity charges BUT it will encourage greater investment in Solar Energy by households and industry promoting employment in Renewable Energy initiatives AND reduce reliability on coalfired power stations thus improving the environment and maybe assist in addressing in a small the impacts of Climate change!
18/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Constance	Lever-Tracy	5050	<p>I installed solar panels early and have been told I cannot upgrade them or install batteries because I have a contract that limits how much I can feed into the grid.</p> <p>Expanding use of solar is essential for survival of our planet.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Leo	Tognella	4350	<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>This rule change will reward and encourage people who install rooftop solar and storage, moving Australia towards a renewable energy future. A necessary future.</p> <p>In our household we do not have rooftop solar, since we rent. But we do try to use energy efficiently, reducing our consumption as much as we can, and would certainly benefit from the anticipated savings on energy bills as a result of the implementation of this rule change.</p> <p>Given the world we live in, and the direction in which the energy sector must move for a sustainable future, it just makes sense.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Roger	Veness	2444	<p>I have 8 photovoltaic solar panels and 2 hot water panels on my roof.</p> <p>I receive no credit for the surplus power that I generate and pass on to the grid.</p> <p>If power prices go up any further I shall opt out of power company supply and generate all my own. recently on Catalist a new Aussie invention of a PV panel about 200mm square was shown. this is pur[ported] to be 40% efficient compared to 20% efficiency of the current panels. It was also mentioned that one of these new panels is equivalent to 10 standard. Think of the benefit of large areas of these on city and factory rooftops. Before long, coal powered stations can become obsolete and coal used for its non combustive products.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Eyre	6014	<p>I strongly urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make a substantial and much needed contribution to ensuring Australia's energy market becomes fairer for consumers.</p> <p>This change is not just beneficial to energy consumers but required by progressive power companies to assist them to transition to a business model which helps people go solar.</p> <p>Our family have all taken steps to reduce energy usage with solar and other energy consumption and efficiency measures. We will continue to do this and the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change would assist us to continue in this direction.</p> <p>We have as a family struggled at times to meet our rising power bills and fixed charges have particularly affected us as we reduce consumption costs through efficiencies.</p> <p>Estimated saving of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a huge difference to our families overall budget.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Mark	Lauer	2041	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Encouraging the reduction of power use is a crucial wedge in minimising anthropogenic climate change, and Australia should do its part. Regards, Mark
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Marilyn	Schroeder	3134	<p>All possible steps and incentives should be employed to harness and use renewable power and keep pollution carbon generating fossil fuels in the ground.</p> <p>As a private citizen, I've voted with my purse and my feet and have installed solar panels this year to help mitigate the adverse effects of fossil fuel use.</p> <p>Renewable energy usage is saving me money already. Previously, despite every frugal measure we implemented, energy charges were spinning out of our control.</p> <p>It's up to our world's leaders and decision makers to play their part and support renewable energy usage at every level of society in every way possible.</p> <p>There is no planet 'B'.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	anthony	epskamp	3851	To Whom it may concern, I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change. The change will allow people to save between \$120 to \$500 a year. These savings can be put back into the economy or allow people to pay other bills on time improving the quality of their lives and helping the bottom line of other business. I have solar installed on my house both for power and hot water. I have installed LED down lights all to reduce power consumption leading to lower bills. However prices continue to rise not because carbon tax not because of solar but because of years of neglect by privately owned power/distribution companies. Accepting this rule change will give a little bit of relief to people in these challenging fiscal times.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Emanuel	Sibley	6071	<p>I am a pensioner &amp; had my solar system put in a couple of years ago. With increasing power bills we would find it hard to pay.</p> <p>I cannot understand why the government wants to change the rules after helping us to go Solar. The power companies should be happy that we are feeding the grid.</p> <p>Emanuel Sibley</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ian	Warway	3515	<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 that the AEMC encourage power companies to help people go solar. It is something we can all do to help reduce power consumption and reduce our environmental impact.</p> <p>I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage with solar and other efficiency measures, such as energy efficient globes, draft proofing, passive solar design and solar hot water.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected our family by perpetually increasing our bills, reducing the rebate we get for our excess solar power and making us more determined to be less reliant on the grid.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on our household power bills would make a substantial difference for our family.</p>

18/03/2015	Personal	wauchope solar manager	Stuart	watson	2444	I urge the aemc to implement the demand management energy scheme rule to make the energy market fairer for consumers and promote energy efficiency and renewables for the future of our fragile planet!	
18/03/2015	Personal		mr	john	nagy	6053	AEMC please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. AEMC it is important for power companies to help people go solar. Raising power bills and fixed charges affect me and my family with an ever increasing energy bill. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on my household power bills would give me some breathing space. IT ALSO BENEFITS THE ENVIRONMENT!!!
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	George	Maxfield	6155	Please do not charge solar panel owners increased fixed charges as this will discourage the take up of renewable energy. Not too long ago, we had rolling power cuts during summer as the grid could not supply the demand. Since the uptake of solar power by a lot of Western Australians, this has not happened again. I have invested a lot of money to install solar and increasing fixed charges will mean it will take much longer to recover my costs.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	James	Hutchison	3031	I don't feel like paying extra money for power if I don't need to, I don't see any reason not to pass this law.
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Esther	Gleixner	3929	Dear AEMC, Please adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It is a vital step to encourage people and power companies to make the necessary shift to solar. I am currently benefitting from solar and it works! But would like to install more. However the current rebates have been pushed down from 66cents to 8 making it hardly worthwhile. I would also lose my current higher rate if I upgrade. The result? Increasing charges, lower rebate options and increased costs to families and pensioners such as myself. I want to save money and of equal or even more importance - do the right thing by climate change. Your adoption of the Rule Change would free this situation up for everyone and be a win win for consumers as well as power companies and the planet.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Thomas	Driftwood	2480	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will be alot fairer and more sensible for people. It is against common sense to reward power companies for over-investing in infrastructure in a market with declining demand.  Given how popular rooftop solar is and how the majority of Australians support renewable energy, it makes sense to give incentives to power companies to make it easier for people to install rooftop solar with or without batteries and/or invest in energy saving measures like extra insulation for their houses etc.  My family and I are very energy efficient and yet our power bills have kept rising due to the increases in the supply charge. This makes life harder for us financially and must change.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mick	Bridger	4508	1. The current system of Gold Plating the network, is placing a particularly unfair, and unnecessary burden on customers. I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as this will make it fairer for the consumer.  2. The more Solar power that is produced can only be a benefit for the current crisis of global warming, and a cheaper source of power.  3. I have a 1.5Kw solar system that produces an average of 7 Kw per day, our total average use is 10.5 Kw, so even a small system has a marked affect on my greenhouse gas emissions. This should be available for all consumers whether it is by personally, or power co. owned solar systems.  4. The unfair and unnecessary price rises in My power bill, have all but wiped out the financial benefit that my system previously afforded me. This seems to be a reverse Robin Hood effect, where a guaranteed return is provided to power companies for any and all investment in infrastructure - needed or not.  5. I, and many others on fixed incomes, are having their limited income whittled away by this unfair transfer of capital, any saving is of great importance to customers in this position, for some it may mean a choice of eating or paying the bill.
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Terry	McMeekin	3199	If we can pay less for energy and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels this has to be a good thing ... For the environment, the economy and innovation. I have solar panels but the price that I get for producing more power than I need is pitiful .... If the technology was cheaper and easier I would be better storing it to use in the evening for myself. Demand incentive sounds like a very good option!
18/03/2015	Personal		MS	Ingerlise	Armand	7109	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 with solar, it has reduced my power bills, and I would like to have more solar panels on my roof. I think that every roof in Australia should have solar panels on, like in Germany. Berlin would be 100% solar powered by 2020.
18/03/2015	Personal		Prof	Joan	Emberg	7216	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.
18/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Buck	Emberg	7216	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.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Noel	Smart	4807	I am writing to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I have added solar hot water and solar electric panels to my home to reduce power. I have undated lighting to reduce power consumption and purchased new appliances such as a higher star rated refrigerator, washing machine, clothes dryer and dishwasher. Initially this was done to help the environment but as a result it has considerably helped my household finances. I believe everything possible should be done to help and encourage people to reduce their power consumption both for the environment and to assist the financial burden on families.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Doug	Bruce	7000	To Whom It May Concern  At the present time I can't use all the energy that I am harvesting from the sun during the day and can't afford to install a system to store the surplus to use at night or on heavily overcast days. At the same time my power company charges me roughly four times per kilowatt for the power I use compared to what they pay me for the power I feed into the grid. I strongly feel that this should be illegal under anti-trust provisions, but what can I do? That power company has a monopoly in my state and I am just a little guy without the resources to fight them. It seems perfectly absurd to me that there is no real incentive for individuals, small businesses or even local councils to install solar systems in the first place, let alone marrying said system with a storage facility. When I installed my solar system a couple of years ago I realised that I'd be a long time harvesting the benefit, but as a retired person my initial desire was to reduce my recurrent costs. I also concluded that the imbalance between what I pay for my power and what I am paid for the power I generate and upload to the grid would have to be redressed sometime as this is inherently and patently unfair. However, as time has passed there have been no indication of this happening and I am fed up with being treated like a pawn. It's time that there was more transparency and fairness across all levels of government in Australia and that people were rewarded for doing what they can to reduce the strain on the Australian energy grid and the reliance on fossil fuels. Rewarding consumers for investing in solar just makes sense in every way. Therefore I strongly urge the AEMC to implement the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Yours sincerely Doug Bruce West Hobart Tasmania

18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Janice	Summers	4053	<p>Dear AEMC members,</p> <p>I strongly urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Further development of the Solar Energy Industry in Australia provides the opportunity to generate growth in our economy and create many new jobs. Most importantly it greatly reduces the risk of exponential green house gases into the environment.</p> <p>Australia, the home of solar energy has fallen by the wayside with USA, Europe &amp; China leading the push and reaping the economic benefits.</p> <p>To support this growth &amp; economic potential, Australian power companies need to face the future and support consumers to go solar.</p> <p>This will reduce the enormous energy demand on the current power systems experienced during weather extremes of hot and cold periods more frequently experienced across the country.</p> <p>The continuing rise in the cost of power plus a pricing incentive from the Qld government allowed us to go solar.</p> <p>The solar system installed 3 years ago has proved to be economically viable and totally reliable.</p> <p>When purchasing appliances, energy ratings are seriously considered.</p> <p>Savings on the power bill reduces some financial pressures and provides funds to cover Rates and Water bills.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Claude	Stanislaus	2768	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make the energy market fairer.</p> <p>Solar power is the way of the future and is a win-win method of powering both our homes and businesses. This rule change will provide the necessary incentive to insure everyone is working towards a common goal.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Frank	Woodcock	3190	<p>I hereby 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 that power companies encourage people to go solar because conventional power sources are increasingly polluting the earth's oceans and biosphere to such an extent that global warming and ocean acidification may become uncontrollable and the sustainability of much of life on earth is at risk. Nothing is more important than taking whatever steps we can to reduce this risk and hence fossil fuels should be phased out.</p> <p>On current trends the efficacy of electricity networks, maintenance and upgrades is declining whereas local solar panel installations efficacy is rapidly increasing.</p> <p>I have solar panels installed and have reduced electricity bills substantially. I believe a high priority aim of AEMC should be to make cheaper renewable and off grid energy available to all Australian manufacturing and domestic users.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Professor	Bob	Davis	4870	<p>So the power re-sellers can borrow really cheap money at wholesale rates from the federal or state governments to invest in poles and wires. They then charge their consumers retail rates and principal and make unearned profits at the expense of consumers. Interestingly, the demand for electricity has been steadily falling, even prior to the great privatisation initiatives. Much of the spending on infrastructure has been unwarranted, but undertaken by the re-sellers as a profit making exercise. Although Australian industries have been heading offshore for decades now and many domestic consumers have reduced their usage through new tech lighting and appliances and rooftop PV, the profit driven re-sellers have been slow to understand that business cannot continue to be done in the same old way. Profits cannot increase where demand decreases. To Jack up prices to compensate for falling demand only serves to further decrease demand. A death spiral.</p> <p>From a fossil fuel/global warming/climate change perspective, it is difficult to see any benefits resulting from supporting a moribund coal based energy regime actively favouring centralised generating facilities reliant on massive pole and wire networks over smaller, dispersed alternative power sources such as wind and solar.</p> <p>Historically, all power generation and reticulation in this country was owned by the population and operated for and by the population. Privatisation has done the population no favours and doesn't look likely to in the future. Power re-sellers need to diversify, they need to be actively seeking the application of new tech and new approaches to their role - where energy is concerned, a single bottom line approach is not sufficient.</p> <p>When I use less electricity, I expect my bill to go down not up. The rules by which these re-sellers operate need to guarantee that.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Howe	7259	<p>My current fixed costs are more than half my Bill. There is little incentive to reduce my consumption and it's hard to persuade the rest of the household to cooperate. I reducing consumption had a real and obvious financial benefit, many households would reduce their consumption</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Steven	Kennewell	3781	<p>I urge the AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Power companies should be given incentives to help consumers reduce their energy use and thereby help to make household expenses more affordable.</p> <p>Personally I have installed ten solar panels at considerable expense yet do not seem to be reaping much benefit from my investment.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges are adding to financial pressures preventing me from providing a secure home and future for my family. We struggle from week to week to make ends meet. Unable to get on top of debts my home has fallen into disrepair and is no longer habitable, we have resorted to living in a shed on my property with a 6 moth old daughter and 2 1/2 year old son. This winter will be bleak and cold for my family.</p> <p>Any savings on our power expenses have the potential to make considerable change in being able live in a warm and secure home. I urge you to accept this rule and bring fairness back to the consumers of Australia.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Steve Kennewell</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Richard	Douglas	4223	<p>Please support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Rob	Simpson	2455	<p>I'm appalled at the government's arrogance and audacity in providing a legislative platform to date for the energy companies to make greater profits by reducing incentives for solar power (on both a personal and national level). The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change seems like a step in the right direction. I'd suggest the relevant legislators ratify the change before more people like myself get so incensed that they organise and push ahead with developing solutions that take communities off the grid completely!</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Amanda	Miller	5037	<p>First and foremost I am passionate about sustainable, clean power. This was the main motivation for my household to invest in solar panels.</p> <p>I urge the commission to be proactive with regard to fostering and encouraging consumers and corporates alike to embrace clean energy sources.</p> <p>In particular solar power should be within the reach of the majority of consumers. Fees and pricing currently act as a disincentive to many electricity users.</p> <p>Acceptance of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will go a long way to realising tangible benefits for many households and ultimately an incentive for all to embrace and invest in renewable, sustainable, clean power. It's not too late to save the planet!</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ross	Carnegie	6562	<p>Dear Sirs, Being that I live in a rural area I support the proposed changes to the Demand management Incentive Scheme because the more regional contributions to the grid will reduce the size of the transmission lines required and therefore the overall cost of the supply network.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Sarah	Purnell	3437	<p>Dear AMEC</p> <p>As an owner a domestic solar system I am writing to ask that you accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change to make the energy market in Australia fairer.</p> <p>Our current system means that energy companies have no incentive to encourage householders to reduce their energy consumption. We need a system which encourages more solar and less reliance on 'dirty' energy sources.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Sarah Purnell</p>

18/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Ian	Rose	2063	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>We know that Electrical power usage supplied by the power companies is decreasing. One reason for this is the increase in the solar power supply.</p> <p>We already have the storage problem for large commercial solar power solved &amp; the way technology is going storage for the domestic sector is almost at the commercial stage too.</p> <p>As a result to be paying electrical supply companies to build more transmission facilities is a waste of money &amp; resources &amp; to make users pay for a system that will be/is a white elephant is flying in the face of common sense.</p> <p>If the new rules are brought in it will return some sanity to the industry.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	David	Davey	5540	<p>enough of the rising cost of living, we are hurting out here.....perhaps if you actually lived in the real world instead of the taxpayer wrapping you in highly paid cotton wool you may understand a little.</p> <p>replace the solar subsidy, buy back our generators and distribution networks and get the profit takers out of our essential services.</p> <p>do what we the taxpayers pay you for.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Brent	Marshall	5609	<p>I have a small solar array, 3kW. I have tried to reduce my electricity use by investing in low cost appliances and light globes.</p> <p>These measures not only benefit me but place less demand on infrastructure and reduce CO2 emissions for society but all the cost burden fell on me.</p> <p>It seems fair to reward this type of behaviour but all I do is reduce electricity company's profits by reducing my usage, they simply increase the standing charge to compensate.</p> <p>If investment was made in assisting more people to go solar and ultimately encourage battery storage instead of increasing capacity this would assist everyone.</p> <p>I would love to get more solar and battery storage and a big reduction in bills would assist me to do this.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Romi	Dhanji	2111	<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 electricity market is entering a period of rapid technological change. The old model of distribution was large centralised generators (coal, diesel, gas) pushing power out to a 'dumb' consumer. This model is now collapsing and the networks are caught in a death spiral - as electricity gets expensive, consumers reduce usage through efficiency and onsite generation, customer base shrinks then leading to higher costs over a lower number of customers, next wave of customers looks at reducing their usage, etc. This comes on top of falling demand due to reduced manufacturing.</p> <p>Previous rules have seen distributors rewarded for investment in € poles and wires€ regardless of whether the infrastructure was actually required. In order to ensure best utilisation of the network and reduce disconnections we need to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.embrace load management schemes</li> <li>2.reward local generation and storage that can reduce stress on local distribution networks</li> <li>3.electricity bills should clearly indicate the generation, distribution, and retail cost components</li> <li>4.pay a fair price for household exported solar energy</li> <li>5.charge customers for distribution in proportion to their actual usage</li> <li>6.encourage electric vehicles</li> <li>7.encourage micro-grids where appropriate</li> </ol> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Load management schemes have the potential to drastically reduced peak demand. Although Australia's electricity usage has fallen over the last few years, peak demand has increased, mostly as a result of air conditioners. It is the peak demand which sets the sizing of the network.</li> <li>2.Local storage means customers can reduce their peak demand. If the storage is controllable by the network this is</li> </ol>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Allan	Small	4879	<p>We have taken steps to reduce our power usage by installing energy-saving devices (lights etc) and solar power panels, but rising usage costs are a real concern (we live in a tropical area). We believe the Rule change will make electricity usage/charges much fairer by rewarding those who make a genuine and serious effort to cut usage. We strongly urge AEMC to adopt the Rule change.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Simon	Cripps Clark	2480	<p>I ask that the AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It will also help people like me who have installed solar panels to reduce our impact on the environment and reduce greenhouse warming. This is the biggest threat to our planet and needs urgent action to address it. By encouraging demand management it will help all those who want to take action on preventing a catastrophic global warming and mass extinction.</p> <p>Please go ahead with the rule change to allow for Demand Management.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		ms	bev	goldfarb	7252	<p>I think it is silly not to use the energy available freely from the sun. why not have power companies facilitate people going solar?</p> <p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		mr	keith	wilson	4214	<p>I am writing to you in the hope that you will help Australia embrace the inevitable transfer to renewable energy by accepting the Rule change to the Demand Management Incentive Scheme. This is a small but vital step so that we can pass on a brighter future to the next generation. Clean renewable energy which doesn't have to be sourced by sending our youth to a foreign country to die for a fossil fuel.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	leslie	brown	4019	<p>AEMC please accept the rule change demand management incentive scheme. As retirees who saved hard to get rooftop solar to give us more certainty about power costs in the future. We cannot afford to go off the grid but find our investment being undermined by power companies trying to negate solar.It is important that every household has rooftop solar for the environment and the future.</p> <p>Australian renewables could power more than one country if a managed exit from coal and gas is put in place. A few hundred dollars per year is important to us in retirement.</p>
18/03/2015	Organisational	VETO Energex	Mr	Paul	Casbolt	4133	<p>VETO Energex Towers Organisation is a community group which is working with Logan City Council to oppose the Energex's proposed second 110kV powerline from Loganlea to Jimboomba along the Logan River. Since Energex announce this proposal in December 2008, the estimate cost has increased by 250% to \$64 million, while forecast load (50PoE) has reduced by 35%. There are lower cost &amp; lower impact alternatives, better able to support future growth, but Energex want to build this duplicate powerline because of the regulated returns and profits it will deliver.</p> <p>The current rules need to change to improve community consultation, reduce over-building of networks, reduce avoidable impacts on communities and the increasing cost of electricity for consumers. There need to be incentives for Distributors and Consumers to reduce demand on the grid, especially peak demand which is used to justify over building of poles &amp; wires infrastructure, when these peaks typically only occur for up to 40 hours per year.</p> <p>Accepting the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change is needed to provide an incentive for Distributors to work with Consumers to reduce demand and reduce the cost of electricity for Australian businesses and consumers.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Margaret	Pickup	2478	<p>It is essential that AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make the energy market fairer for consumers. Renewables are the energy sources of the future and forward thinking power companies have a great opportunity to help people generate energy from renewables, especially solar. I live in a house with a two kilowatt solar array and am more than satisfied with its output. I've also reduced my energy usage through efficiency measures. My most recent electricity account shows a credit of more than \$2000 and average daily usage of 2.39kWh compared to 4.49kWh at the same time last year. The average summer household usage in my area for a one person dwelling is 9.5kWh. Despite the credit on my electricity account I have been disadvantaged by the increase in the costs for power and the fixed charges, especially for the supply charge. On my most recent account I was charged \$65.77 for usage and the supply charge was \$135.06. This compares with \$61.32 for usage and a \$118.45 supply charge for an account dated October 17 2014 based on an average daily usage of 2.41kWh. People who are prepared to invest to reduce the impact of their homes on Australia's carbon footprint should be acknowledged, not punished. If unfair imposts continue to be placed on the supply of electricity I will investigate alternatives with the view of taking my house off the grid.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal	Anne Taylor	Ms	Anne	Taylor	5118	<p>We are all One. When one is harmed, all are harmed. When one is helped, all are helped.</p>

18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Shirley	Brookes	2538	I have installed solar panels on my roof in order to reduce my energy costs and also to help protect the environment. In light of this, I urge the Commission to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change so that costs are lessened for everyone. Otherwise, it adds to incentives for customers with solar installation to look seriously at going off-grid, myself included.  Shirley Brookes
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ross	Jeffcoat	4053	I urge you to accept the proposed changes to the Demand Management Incentive Scheme. This change can only be a good thing for the Australian people. As a nation we need to be energy responsible and focus on renewable energy resources
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Frank	Hays	2620	Currently I receive 8c per kilowatt hour produced from my solar panels. If I consume 100Kw/hrs, I am charged at the normal rate for those [100x28c=\$28.00]. If in the same period I produce 200Kw/hrs, I receive 200 x 8c [\$16.00] from the supplier.  While this 8c is a state government payment, this should be the responsibility of the supplier to meet.  If the supplier then refunded their cost per unit, purchased from the generator, less 10%, to cover their administrative costs, then supplier would be adequately compensated and the consumer would receive a fair return on his/her investment.  Currently, unless a consumer goes off grid, there is no financial incentive whatsoever to invest in solar panels. In actual fact investing in solar is a VERY poor financial choice.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Jack	Ruffin	3939	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Solar power will help in the addressing climate change. The rule change will influence how seriously government and power companies see this issue. We have reduced our electricity usage, partly by placing solar cells on our roof. This issue requires more than the efforts of individuals, as a nation we should be all working towards reducing inefficient, polluting forms of electricity production.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Beverley	Thompson	2782	Please accept the Demand Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.
18/03/2015	Personal		Professor	Gary	Luck	2640	As a solar power user, I strongly urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I believe this rule will lead to a fairer system of energy payment and reward users that are attempting to lower their power usage. Solar power in particular is a key energy source for the future and the popularity of solar has grown dramatically in recent years. It is also one of the principal means of reducing our carbon emissions to help tackle climate change. We currently have a solar system installed which generates more power than we use each year. However, we are still plagued with power bills because the supply charge on our meter is well over \$100 per quarter. A fairer system would reward residents who reduce their power usage and impact on the environment through solar. Please support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.
18/03/2015	Personal		mr	alan	leenaerts	3088	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.  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.  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.
18/03/2015	Personal		MR	Ray	Elley	2473	I a SOLAR electricity user request AEMC do everything in its power to encourage Power Companies to accept the inevitable that SOLAR energy is here for ever and instead of pushing ahead with more poles and wires,embrace SOLAR energy and encourage its installation. Power charges have gone through roof,and as a War Veteran frankly without SOLAR energy coming off my roof I would be doing it tough to pay my bills. I therefore urge the AEMC to accept the DEMAND MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME RULE CHANGE.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	William	Vorobioff	2298	The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change seems to make a great deal of sense, both in terms of making our energy market fairer for consumers, but also in the critical task of reducing GHG emissions and educating the population re the importance of reducing their energy use.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Jono	Garton	2871	Please let's get this rule change implemented the current situation is a farce.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Troy	Robertson	7005	To the AEMC,  My family installed 4kW of solar panels on our roof last year. We did this for two reasons. The first was to make savings to our quarterly power bill and the second was to cut our use of and reliance on fossil fuels.  We knew at the time that the Tasmanian government was only going to give us 5 years at 1 for 1 tariff rates before the power we generated became worth only commercial value. So we knew our panels would be unlikely to return their cost, but cutting our fossil fuel use was important to us, remembering that we export much of our hydro power to the mainland and buy back cheaper coal generated power.  However, the fixed costs embedded in our power bills make any real sort of reduction in our power bills, and payback of our investment laughable.  I ask you to do something now to help cut these fixed costs for current solar power users and to encourage future installations. Effectively they are power savers!  Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.  Troy
18/03/2015	Personal		-	Rebecca	Dominguez	3060	Dear AEMC,  I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  I have solar panels installed on my house, it was one of the things I most wanted when my house was built as I wanted to reduce Australia's reliance on dirty power generation. Many other people in my suburb feel the same as I can see from the amount of solar panels dotting the roofs near my home.  Power companies should be encouraging consumers to go green, whether that be through solar or wind generation (tidal and geothermal are also nice). It is in their interests to help provide the infrastructure and reduce greenhouse emissions - even though there is no carbon tax now, that doesn't mean there won't be one in future.  Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected me and my family. We don't feel that we are reaping the benefits from installing solar power and attempting to reduce our power consumption.  Saving \$120 - \$500 a year on electricity bills will mean that we can spend that money on paying off our home quicker.  Thank you for your time.  Regards,  Rebecca Dominguez
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Rob	Hunter	2300	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I have a solar system on my roof and the efficiencies and cost savings are obvious. Even though we only have 8 panels on our roof they produce more electricity than we use. There is so much common sense in going solar that to put obstacles in its way is an act of stupidity and/or sabotage and is against the interests of all Australians and Australia. The sooner Australia goes solar the quicker all Australians will reap the benefits. Please support this rule change.
18/03/2015	Personal		mrs	Ruth	Bray	3461	As pensioners, my husband and I need all the savings we can get. Once there is only one of us due to death or admission to a nursing home, the cost of living for the remaining partner is higher.

18/03/2015	Personal		Miss	Katie	Walford	2043	<p>Dear AEMC</p> <p>I am writing from a position of concern regarding the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>From my understanding this change will be beneficial to consumers so in my mind it is important that it goes ahead.</p> <p>Given that the new rule works by rewarding power companies for encouraging customers to save energy would it not motivate power companies to support the installation of more solar with storage, helping to lower energy bills?</p> <p>According to AEMC research, household bills would be reduced by \$120 to \$500 a year. Every little bit helps.</p> <p>A report has just come out from the International Energy Agency (IEA) showing that for the first time, CO2 emissions have reduced. They are saying this is due, in part, to an increase in renewable energy.</p> <p>If a change is not made to the rule, I fear people and power companies will be less inclined to work towards solar at home.</p> <p>We need more renewables, not less.</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>Yours sincerely Katie Walford</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Rebecca	Blowfield	3138	Energy conservation is the best means of tackling climate change.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	ANA	CUSSINET	2470 NSW	<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 overwhelming majority of Australians want to go solar and the AEMC surely is aware of the popularity of SOLAR ENERGY so it is important that power companies help people go solar.</p> <p>The increase in power bills throughout the years has also been overwhelming and has affected most households.</p> <p>This rule if accepted would decrease our household bills more than the axing of the carbon tax ever did!Its time to act in favour of the Australian people.</p>
18/03/2015	Organisational	LED IMAGINE P	Director	Denis	Mckay	4173	<p>How about we get a little sense into our Energy Management. What a crazy situation we currently are forced to endure.To reward companies for investing in unnecessary infrastructure is very short term thinking. We have clearly shown the power saving capabilities of LED lighting,many of our clients are being rewarded now for there investment and so are the Power companies by not having to install additional sub stations. But we have held off the solar/ Battery scene simply because of the crazy policies of the AEMC.</p> <p>Its time for CHANGE please.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Vivien	Leek	2261	<p>Please accept the rule change to demand management incentive rule to make the energy market fairer for consumers and reduce power bills.</p> <p>Every assistance should be given to all consumers to have solar power being generated.</p> <p>I have solar panels and changed all lights to LED and only use appliances like dishwasher washing machine in off peak times</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		M's	Marion	Crooke	3067	<p>Please introduce the Demand Management Incentive Scheme. We along with thousands of other Australians have invested in solar because we care about the future and want to limit our carbon emissions. This is also helping us financially. It is therefore important to support others by establishing a fair system that encourages low consumption and benefits all.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		mrs	beverley	duncan	2800	<p>Any person with any common sense must realize that solar energy is the only sensible way to help preserve our world. Why wouldn't they? As far as i can see the only reason people would not agree with solar energy is because they have a vested interest in other power methods.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	David	Minard	2777	<p>From what I've read the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will help all those, but commercial and private to move toward clean energy, and slow support for the big power companies to engage in dirty power, and their attempts to stifle the clean energy movement which has really begun to take off in Australia. This rule change will be a game changer for the environment too. Every new kilowatt of clean energy that is pushed onto the grid, or stored and used later by an entity, is a kilowatt less dirty power that needs to be generated.</p> <p>Please pass the rule change.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		ms	murielle	sylvester	5098	<p>To the AEMC,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is needed to create fairer markets for all. Especially families and individuals already on the poverty line.</li> <li>2. Environmentally as well as economically, Power companies are made up of people who can also benefit.</li> <li>3. Have installed my own panels and am now bombarded by the Server attempting to renew my contract in order to increase charges. This intrusion is unwelcome and unfair.</li> <li>4. As I am on an Age Pension, rising power bills were a dreaded event. This would impact on quality of purchasing necessities such as food. Alternatively it's a case of being cold in winter and hot in summer. After all one cannot spend every day in airconditioned public places.</li> <li>5. Again, savings impact on the quality of life, as I have already pointed out..</li> </ol>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Ifeanna	Tooth	2016	<p>I encourage 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 to me for power companies to help people convert to solar. I have a solar hot water system to reduce my energy consumption but cannot afford to put in solar panels.</p> <p>I don't use much power but am still charged large amounts to get my power from AusGrid.</p> <p>As a low income earner every dollar saved would help my family.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Miss	Judy	Stewart	4740	<p>I writing to ask the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change that will encourage Energy Companies to help people go solar and reduce their energy demands.</p> <p>My electricity provider Ergon uses a bar graph to compare my energy use with similar size households. I'm always under the average red line but when I check my bill I don't see any reward for my energy conservatism. What's the point of the graph? Ergon should save paper and not bother.</p> <p>The households that have gone solar are now regretting their decision.Solar is the future but we are being dragged back to the past. We need a rule change to prevent that.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Chris	Lee	2088	<p>I strongly support the adoption of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, because it is fair and sensible.</p> <p>For comparison, I have long seen the pricing of water, with large fixed charge and small variable charge, as ludicrous when we wish people to conserve water (we 'buy' little water now as we harvest most of what we need). Allowing electricity suppliers the same pricing approach is equally foolish.</p> <p>We need to recognised that the system has large fixed costs which have to be covered, but we should do this in a way which still encourages people to reduce consumption and install solar generation - both of which we know we need.</p> <p>This rule change will oblige us to find alternative more creative ways of dealing with the fixed costs of our system, without discouraging consumer behaviours we all know are desirable.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Maureen	Cooper	3747	<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 for power companies to help people go solar because this will save our country the cost of more expensive infrastructure.</p> <p>I have installed 3.5 Kw of solar on my roof and will shortly install a solar hot water system. I want eventually to go off the grid if the big electricity companies and Government doesn't play fair with rebates.</p> <p>My power bills kept going up and up. I live on my own and use very little electricity because I have a gas stove and gas hot water (which will all be changed when I get more solar installed). I don't have a TV or a dishwasher yet my bills kept going up even when I installed the solar panels.</p> <p>I have now changed my power company to Powershop and I have a credit balance. What a difference to the old bills from Energy Aust.</p> <p>I would have stayed with my old power provider if they had played fair and my bills had lessened but they chose to be greedy and increased my bills. I will save to install more solar and go off the grid eventually as I think that to be self sustaining with green power will help our environment and lessen climate change.</p>

18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jocelyn	Bloye	3165	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.  I think it is important that the AEMC does something to create incentive for power companies to help people go solar.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Don	Dornan	2546	Dear Commissioners The encouragement of more renewable energy is essential for the future of our planet. The persecution of clean energy providers by the old technology companies, trying to hold on to the past, by increasing fixed fees will, in the long run, be counter productive. More people will leave the system once battery technology is more affordable.  Please reward those who are doing the right thing. Those who use less power should be rewarded by reduced bills, not higher costs.  Sincerely Don Dornan
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Sally	Curry	7178	The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will make the cost of energy fairer for customers. Power companies can help us to save energy. I have taken steps to reduce my household consumption but fixed charges remain unchanged. People need help to reverse rising energy consumption.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Michele	Lacroix	2482	To: The AEMC I am writing to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, because it makes absolute sense to do so. People everywhere are wanting to use energy from the sun, it is also common sense. We have recently installed solar hot water, & we already have solar panels. Although this was a relatively high cost (we are pensioners), & even tho' we do not get much of a rebate, we are happy to do this, & we do save on our bills. Sincerely Mrs M Lacroix Mullumbimby NSW 2482
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ross	Brown	2292	Please Do it, change to these new DMIS sensible Rules.
18/03/2015	Personal		ms	murielle	syvester	5098	To AEMC, Firstly, the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change needs to be in place for a fairer market. People need to go solar to reduce environmental impact because of increased usage.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Denise	Fricke	4510	To AEMC, We are solar users and are trying to do our bit for the environment but also to have less expensive power bills. We firmly believe that solar is way of the future. When solar first became available with the government rebate we decided that we would try to reduce costs and also have an alternative power that is more beneficial to our way of life. This is the second home we have put solar power into and I feel, that as a consumer we should be able to ask for a fairer energy market. With rising energy prices and the cost of living going up every year, it is only a matter of time before pensioners and lower income earners will not be able to keep there power connected, because of unpaid bills. It is up to the government and power companies to make a fairer ruling on people who are trying to reduce costs. Please consider the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. We are pensioners and every penny counts so a saving of \$120 to \$500 a year will be a major benefit to our cost of living. If more people use solar, it will be less expensive for power companies to manage and upkeep their installations. Thank you for your consideration. Regards Denise Fricke
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Dick	Crompton	2065	I fully approve of power companies assisting consumers to save power by changing appliances, using power meters and installing solar panels.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Jacombs	3127	I urge the AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. This country is in a fabulous position to develop an industry in solar but the The current climate is a disincentive. This change will help redress this. I have personally attempted to reduce my electricity use by: 1.Installing PV 2.Installing LED lights 3. Installing insulation 4. Using the dishwasher and clothes washer after midnight.  Despite me and others doing similar things power prices continue to rise because of the private electricity companies obsession in maximising their profits by installing unnecessary infrastructure. I am a pensioner and these price rises make life all the more difficult.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Rimmer	3052	It is in the national interest for the national electricity market be fairer and more transparent. All market participants should have incentives to use existing infrastructure more efficiently and to promote the transition to renewable energy.  I have solar pv rooftop generation installed and it has made a big difference to my power bills. I have also installed more energy efficient appliances. But the current supply charge regime is too costly and does not support solar installation.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	MARK	HEAD	4514	Hello. This business of extra infrastructure supposedly required by consumers when demand is in fact falling, not rising and paid for by consumers without choice is an abuse of power by any appropriate power company and has to be addressed in certain manner. I request that this injustice be rectified and the new ruling under consideration right now be adopted in the name of fair play for consumers. Yours sincerely Mark Head
18/03/2015	Personal		mr	mark	reeves	2489	accept the demand managment incentive scheme rule change help people go solar i have solar hot water and solar panels to reduce my energy consumption high power cost are affecting my families living standards the savings on power could be much better used in our day to day living expenses
18/03/2015	Personal		mr	peter	Clark	4562	our energy bills have spiralled damn near out of sight in recent times, despite having solar panels feeding into the grid and having instituted great reduction strategies. as the recipient of a partial pension this causes hardship that could well be avoided by a reduction in unnecessary infrastructure works. MAKE IT HAPPEN!
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Nick	Booth	7150	To whom it may concern I support the demand management and incentive scheme to be adopted by power company's
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Eric	Minger	4740	I urge the AEMC To accept the Demand Management Incentive Rule Change as it will encourage consumers to reduce their power usage. It will also encourage the greater usage of Solar energy. In effect the rule change would reward consumers for reducing their carbon footprint.
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Annette	Thomas	3777	Dear Sir/Madam  I have heard about the "Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change" which it is hoped, will reward power companies for encouraging consumers to save energy. I believe this is a vital step and should be accepted as soon as possible.  It is unbelievable to me that in a time when home usage of energy is falling, we have rules in place that encourage energy companies to invest in more and more unnecessary network infrastructure, while allowing them to penalize ordinary Australian who care about the environment. Energy companies should be encouraging households to go solar and reduce energy by rewarding them, not penalizing them. The benefit to the environment and the quality of life of all Australians speaks for itself.  Having to pay so much extra for power has meant my family has had to forgo many essentials and a reduction in power cost would be a great help to us in these difficult economic time, it would also mean there would be a little extra to spend on some of the things we have had to go without as energy prices have escalated to their current exuberant levels.  Annette Thomas
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Andrew	Giles	5083	I feel it is incredibly unfair that having paid for the installation and ongoing maintenance of a PV system I am possibly going to be penalized in the future for doing my bit to save the certainty of Global Warming WT- ? Why would we have rules to STOP investment in new technologies that are going to save the future for our children and grandchildren? Please have the courage to do what is right for AUSTRALIA and AUSTRALIANS, NOT Greedy Power Companies
18/03/2015	Personal		Miss	Sandra	Smith	2372	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It makes so much sense for consumers to be encouraged to and rewarded for reducing energy usage. One way to do this is to reward Power companies for encouraging their customers to reduce usage. Consumers have been encouraged to reduce usage by surging energy prices but our bills have not reduced because unit prices keep rising. People who have gone to the not inconsiderable expense of installing solar panels should not be paying for power if they produce as much as they use. It makes so much sense for Power companies to encourage solar installation rather than building expensive new infrastructure to meet peak demand.

18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Gary	Francis	2650	<p>. to the AEMC</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>It should be the utmost importance that the DMIC rule change pass to keep electricity costs contained. the majority of people such as myself who have installed solar systems, will not stand for rising costs. We will avail ourselves of new technology to go off grid altogether as soon as the newer flow cell technology is available to small scale users.</p> <p>The gold plating of poles and wires when demand is falling is just an example of the waste in this industry.</p> <p>Please take this and others concerns on board when considering your decisions</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Gary Francis</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Linda	Bradburn	3337	<p>ã€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>ã€C It is very important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>ã€C I have spent at least \$30000 making my house more energy efficient</p> <p>ã€C The fixed charges on energy bills even when i don't use any gas or electricity are very high</p> <p>ã€C saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would mean i had some money to spend on doing renovations</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Ruth	Williams	2785	<p>As a householder who is concerned about both the rising cost of energy and the impact of greenhouse gas emissions on the world's climate, I strongly support the adoption of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change so network businesses are given incentives to help customers cut their electricity demand. I have installed rooftop solar panels at considerable cost and believe it is unfair for consumers to be effectively punished for reducing grid-based household energy usage drawn</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Stuart	Young	7000	<p>Australia needs a rational energy policy, leaving coal and gas in the ground for future generations who might use it better. Solar, properly instituted will be taken up by the population, as we know from experience, now that storage technology is getting better.</p> <p>The current price signals in the market are all wrong. Power and transmission companies have to realise they have no privileged right to the (excessive gouging) profits they have made. They are in a declining, but still important, industry... One which should probably be nationalised to bring governance back to the people.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Richard	Bouwmeester	3163	<p>As an early convert to solar power I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. By so doing I will no longer be unfairly subsidising all electricity users for infrastructure spends rather than only those who are actually using it. The more power you use from the grid, the more you pay for infrastructure. If you only use 10% from the grid then your contribution to infrastructure costs should be 10%.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Mario	Herodotus	3777	<p>I would like to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because the current conditions in the energy market are very unfair to consumers, especially those who are using solar power arrays. Solar is the future and Australians should be incentivized to outlay the cash required to start. Rising power bills have made life very difficult and it is time for a change.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Anne	Geddis	3747	<p>As a solar user I want the rules to support lower power usage with every rule &amp; means possible. It is fairer &amp; better for all that reward for less power use is part of our system.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ivor	Morgan	4868	<p>The rule is common sense, as solar owners we need to have control of our energy bills</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Norman	Sage	2320	<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 essential for renewable energy sources to be developed and power companies should help consumers to 'go solar'.</p> <p>Although my wife and I are pensioners, we have recently replaced all our domestic gas appliances and have installed a 3kW rooftop solar setup. We have ditched the gas HWS, replacing it with an efficient heat pump unit which runs during the middle of the day, exploiting the sun's energy. Our cooktop is now an electric induction unit, probably the most efficient cooking available.</p> <p>Power consumption is continuing to fall and it is disturbing to find that infrastructure charges have continued to rise during the same time. As pensioners, a saving of perhaps in excess of \$100 per year will be very welcome.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Lisa	Nicholls	4510	<p>It is crucial to support and encourage solar and renewable energy sources.</p> <p>Under no circumstances should solar energy users be punished financially by unnecessary bill, especially when no service is provided as no one owns the Sun nor does anyone maintain it, The Sun is the Sun, it's energy is for the entire Planet free, therefore not supplied any other suggestion is beyond ridiculous and sheer unexpectable and unjustifiable greed.</p> <p>It is more than time for Australian owned renewable energy sources for Australian jobs and revenue for our Country, ridiculous unjustifiable fees for no service provided is unexpectable.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely, Lisa Nicholls</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Janice	Haworth	2088	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because I believe it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Power companies must be made to help people transition to renewable energy. The Rule Change will promote this.</p> <p>I live in a 1960s apartment building with a large north facing roof. That roof should be generating energy! From the sun, our free, non-polluting source!</p> <p>At present there are no incentives, only obstacles, to this happening. Most frustrating! Please change this situation.</p> <p>Sincerely Janice Haworth</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		mr	David	Furletti	3664	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It will create a fairer energy market for us -the consumer.</li> <li>2. In my own case I have installed a 5kw solar system on my roof to offset my power costs but the rising usage costs and fixed charges are eroding the value of the solar energy produced by my investment. I am a pensioner and any saving I can make helps me to maintain a lifestyle that I had before my forced retirement due to health reasons.</li> </ol>



18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Watkins	2474	<p>When the whole of the electricity industry was in public hands, being run by County Councils (local government), Demand Management was one of their priorities. Specialised staff were available to assist consumers, business and domestic, to manage their energy usage in the most economical way. Today, with a privatised retail electricity industry, the opposite is true.</p> <p>Demand management and energy efficiency makes sense in a world where consumers are willing to be involved, and are engaged, in resetting their own electricity demand management through the use of rooftop solar and other renewable energy options. This is where the collision occurs between the privatisation of public utilities and the needs of a sustainable community – are they compatible? In the current situation, the answer would be a resounding, No. Therefore, the need for the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is the only solution to this type of conflict between the public good and the profit motive of electricity providers.</p> <p>From a personal point of view, installing a rooftop solar system is one of the best decisions that I have made from both an economic and environmental viewpoint. I only wish that I had installed a bigger system! The advantage of researching and installing a solar system is that you learn about efficiency and your own consumption patterns and what you can do to help yourself to achieve a more sustainable lifestyle. It is my own personal demand management system. The only component of my current power bill that I cannot do anything about is the fixed charges that reflect the cost of building and maintaining the network, and probably a profit component as well. This impost on households has grown exponentially in the recent and has alleged the “gold plating” of these network assets. I think that improving the network in a market of falling demand makes little sense without the incentives of the AER to build new infrastructure. Any relief from these fixed charges for consumers would be welcomed, especially by this solar-committed household. What will happen to the electricity network if the current situation is not addressed? Personally, I am looking at disconnecting from the network by installing a stand-alone solar system. This will help our household become more energy efficient, more environmentally sustainable by not using power generated by dirty coal, and more economically sustainable by not being slave to the power companies. From the ERA’s point of view, this could be a very bad thing for the electricity network, especially if more consumers take this self-sufficiency path as these solar products become more affordable. You only have to look at the enthusiastic take-up of solar to see that this could be a major problem for power retailers and distributors in the future. It’s time for the ERA and power companies to embrace their solar</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		ms	marjorie	ward	4555	<p>I am asking the AEMC TO ACCEPT the demand management incentive scheme rule change. It will make our energy market fairer for consumers!</p> <p>It is important for power companies to help citizens go SOLAR.</p> <p>I ONLY have a simple solar system. It has helped me save on my power bills greatly. Being an older Australian it great to save money on bills. I will go onto a pension in the near future and saving money on power bills will assist me no end.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		MR	Vaughan	Smith	4053	Please go ahead with rule change!
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	McDonald	3102	<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 damaged my finances, and consequently I have recently put 12 solar panels on my roof and changed my supplier - and am enjoying lower bills.</p> <p>I have not been the least impressed by the huge rises in the costs of power in recent times. The power companies should not have been allowed to abuse the regulations and 'gold-plate' their distribution lines to the extent they did - the Government and Regulators have been stupid - while it was happening, why could they not change the relevant regulations and / or rein the excess expenditure in.</p> <p>Was Canberra totally asleep ? It is supposed to have intelligent people living there !?</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr & Mrs	Fraser & Anne	Gibson	3193	We want to manage our electricity demand and reduce the fixed cost of grid connection accordingly. With our Solar PV the connection cost is the larger part of bills. The huge investment in the grid must serve the consumers not subsidize the excess profits of grid owners and operators.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ian	Simons	4344	<p>It seems hard to believe that a simple rule change on your part could reduce my electricity bills. And, they have gone up alarmingly of late. I strongly recommend the rule change. Why would u do otherwise? Is there some vested interest here that I'm not fully appreciating?</p> <p>Best wishes, Ian Simons</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Henry	Leschen	3377	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>I strongly urge you to accept and promote the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our Energy Market fairer for all Customers.</p> <p>Yours faithfully, Henry Leschen</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Julian	Markus	3228	Please make it financially viable for power companies to decentralize.
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Bronwyn	Linz	4510	I would like to urge you to accept the new Demand Management Incentive scheme because I believe it is important to find alternatives to coal power and nuclear power is just as bad in my eyes. Solar is the most logical solution and it should be made affordable to everyone
18/03/2015	Personal		dr	barb	cameron	2540	<p>accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is very important it is for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>rising power bills and fixed charges have badly affected my family.</p> <p>saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a huge difference for me.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	leanne	tite	3047	Trying to pay high electricity bills, even though I have solar is very frustrating. I have the sun and yet I still pay over \$450 in summer, why ... I'm helping and still I have to pay the same why?
18/03/2015	Organisational	Dandenong Ra	President	Peter	Cook	3782	<p>We support the implementation of a Demand Management Incentive Scheme.</p> <p>We believe it important that consumers be rewarded for energy efficiency measures they implement and that they be encouraged to install solar.</p> <p>There are many good examples of Demand Management Incentive Schemes evident around the world. For example Queensland.</p> <p>If implemented nation wide it would give power companies an incentive to innovate in a way that benefits them, consumers and the environment.</p> <p>Every year the number of households being disconnected is rising. This suggests more and more people are struggling to pay rising power prices.</p> <p>This highlights the need for a DMI scheme. We understand a saving between \$120 and \$500 is possible. This would help many families.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Shane	Forester	4861	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Having individuals and industry instead be more personally responsible for energy savings measures and alternatives like solar is more sustainable, cost effective and lowers carbon &amp; environmental footprints by local measures rather than national or regional scales of increasing infrastructure.</p> <p>I have invested in numerous energy saving measures in my investment properties and additionally added solar.</p> <p>The ever increasing energy prices are not sustainable.</p> <p>The savings per household each year that would be achieved thru measures like the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change would encourage local/individual action to reduce energy consumption.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ted	Polglaze	6023	<p>I would like to request that the AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change so that our energy market becomes fairer for consumers, rather than it's current bias towards power companies.</p> <p>Over the last decade, I have taken numerous steps to firstly reduce my power consumption, secondly to be more efficient with the power that I use, and thirdly to use as much renewable energy as possible. I have (willingly) invested several thousand dollars into this, but do not think it is appropriate that I pay the same amount for accessing the grid as someone who uses it far more than I do. The fact is, by reducing my consumption from the grid, I am reducing demand - especially at peak times. I am happy to pay my fair share - but not to subsidise those who make no effort to reduce their power consumption.</p>

18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Kendall	Lovett	3072	<p>Two years ago my partner and I had solar panels installed on the roof of our home not just to try and save money on our electricity bills but because we felt that solar was more efficient in use and less damaging to the environment.</p> <p>Nevertheless, we had a torrid time with the power company we were with and ended up changing to a more appreciative company.</p> <p>Now, though, under current rules solar owners like us continue to get hit by ever-growing fixed charges.</p> <p>However, we understand that this new Demand Management Incentive rule change will, when we reduce our energy use with solar, our bills will go down because of the incentive rewards to power companies contained in the rule change when they encourage more solar with storage.</p> <p>I therefore urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive rule change because it will make the energy market fairer. As well it is certainly going to make a difference to our power bills if the new rule is passed because we are age pensioners.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kendall Lovett.</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		miss	jakki	dodds	6167	<p>I have installed solar panels on my home to reduce energy usage, and of course saving \$120-\$500 a year on household power bills would greatly benefit our household in many ways! one i can think of off the top of my head is that is enough to pay for one weekend or week away for a short holiday for family/relationship growth...</p>
18/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Anthony	Clark	6112	<p>I urge you to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I feel that it is vitally important that power companies do not penalise people who install or have installed solar systems.</p> <p>I have taken steps to reduce our energy usage with solar panels, battery backup and we have adopted many efficiency measures, including solar hot water, energy efficient lighting, insulation and passive solar features we have incorporated into our home (built in 1985).</p> <p>After doing all of this, to minimise our reliance on carbon emission causing coal fired electricity, we are now threatened with massive increases in supply charges.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	June	Johnson	6121	<p>We have solar hot water and electricity so all we need now us a storage battery. We would not b inconvenienced by outages then n happy voters. Please encourage more users to b self reliant . Thank u.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	Stan	Mmopi	6147	I support the solar citizen
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Julie	Emery	4562	<p>To the board and members of The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC), I write this knowing that there must be change. Change in the way we use our electricity (I am much more conscious of my power usage and have significantly reduced my ele consumption.) Change in the way we power our power stations and homes. I am concerned for the future of my kids kids and this amazing planet that we are blessed to live on, therefore I have solar powered my home in another conscious effort to mitigate my impact here. Change because solar and renewable energy sources are the way we should be heading and investing in and funding. Change because I cannot afford not to nor can our planet. Instead of rewarding for redundant infrastructure I look forward to the Commissions suggestions to power companies to reduce consumption although my instinct tells me that this goes against the very grain of power economics. I am trusting that the framework here and the incentives are genuinely beneficial to Australia, Australians and our fellow human beings. Power companies should no longer be able to source dirty fuel energy. I hope that this is part of the incentive package that is prepared and presented. I look forward to a beneficial result. Yours sincerely Julie Emery</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Rhonda	De Stefano	3995	<p>Please accept the demand management incentive scheme rule change. It will make our energy market fairer for all. It is important that power companies help people to go solar to lower the cost of power generation and to help mitigate climate change. We have installed solar PV, hoping to achieve both these aims. Unfortunately, the feed in tariff just keeps dropping and the fixed service charges keep rising. We are both retired and are finding that rising power costs are eating into our fixed income. Saving \$120 - \$500 per annum would make a huge difference for us and I am sure it would for many who are worse off than we are. Respectfully submitted, R. De Stefano</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Marian	McCreath	4066	<p>Please introduce the Demand amagement Incentive Scheme rule change and reward power companies to encourage consumers to save energy. This is a sensible anf sustainable alternative to the millions, if not billions that are being wasted on unnecessarily building poles and wires. The consumers have spoken. Allow the power companies to meet consumer demand and free them to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Darryl	Hughes	4680	<p>I have spent thousands of dollars because I believe in the need for Australia to adopt this power source for economic as well as environmental reasons. I really urge the AEMC to accept the rule change in order to make the market fairer for the energy consumer. We certainly could not afford to have our power bill at the levels of those who are not on solar. Actually, if power companies had some common sense they would have invested in solar solutions themselves many years ago. Had they done so, we could have become an exemplary country for solar and lead the world. Instead we have become also-rans in the industry and now the great oil country, the USA, leads the world in solar investment. Yet another opportunity lost.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Lucie	Hallenstein	3152	<p>Dear Sirs and Madams, I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and urge you to accept this new rule.</p> <p>I support this change as it will make our energy market fairer to consumers. It will prompt people to think about the energy they are using and will allow the general population to see the changes they are implementing in saving energy reflected in their electricity bills.</p> <p>In the time of crisis we find ourselves in currently with global warming it is so important for power companies to support the public to use solar power. By supporting solar power we will reduce our collective usage of fossil fuel which is such a major pollutant and contributor to global warming.</p> <p>I try and use power mindfully in my home, I support the use of renewable energy and think that any opportunity to support renewables, in this case solar power is so important for our planets future.</p> <p>Please consider what substantial benefits, both monetary to the consumer, as well as environmental to the entire world supporting the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change would bring.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Lucie Hallenstein.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	griff	morris	6016	I urge the AEMC to put through the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to allow for a fair and equitable outcome for those that do their best to use less power
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Keith	John	6253	<p>I feel it is important to bring about changes nation wide to encourage the uptake of solar for environmental and resource conservation and economical reasons .</p> <p>I also feel it is equally important to provide better incentives and rewards for those reducing there power consumption, particularly those renting or otherwise unable to benefit from solar directly .</p> <p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change would seem to help in these areas .</p> <p>More centralised renewable power generation please</p> <p>Yours Keith Chalker</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		mr	r	pederson	5501	<p>Dear sir ,Madame, I would like you to take into account the blowing out of costs imposed by retailers over the last few years which now gives peak charges for not only summer but winter as well and after asking for reviews in pricing etc and explaining I have solar not a word back on possible discounts for pay on time.</p> <p>I have taken a loan of 20K for my system as the repayments were cheaper for the loan than for the power bills prior to getting solar.</p> <p>with the power that I generate and the costs I need to put aside to have the system checked and maintained.</p> <p>The value adding that the power companies put to free power that they do not need to generate is terrible I get 6 cents a KW while they onsell for up to 40 cents KW, if the system can work by at least giving back a fair price you would do well.</p> <p>The environmental content of reducing carbon can only help for the uncertain future and if as a government and the power compaines think the future is bright then think what may be a future of new battery storage at a much cheaper price where they will end up.</p> <p>as a final note solar has enabled me to at least have an airconditioner on during the hot summer months and not as it was prior when we sweltered because I couldn't afford the \$\$ blowouts.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Darryl	Nelson	4022	please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Robert	Nolan	3821	<p>To the AEMC.</p> <p>I am a concerned supporter of renewable energy, especially solar.</p> <p>You do not have to be a rocket scientist to work out that we in Aust are so fortunate to have so much sunshine, &amp; that if we do not take advantage of this asset &amp; also lead the World in moving away from fossil fuels, we will become economically disadvantaged going forward. The world is watching us, Europe &amp; the USA is ahead of us in it's take up of converting to renewables, &amp; we must also lead the way. Consumers are being hard hit with pathetic rebates on solar generated back to the grid, &amp; it must be changed. Consumers &amp; people who are &amp; have invested in Solar &amp; Wind, should be rewarded, not penalised. Please make the DMIS Rule Change happen.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Ballantyne	6109	<p>The big companies and govt are progressively squeezing the man on the street from being able to pay his way. prices keep jumping up and wages do not follow. In fact it is stupid this ever upward spiral. we are killing ourselves economically and environmentally.</p> <p>Renewables are the only sane way to go. Give us the initiaive to lower our costs.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	jonathan	clouston	2050	I Uge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Thi	Le	2195	<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 to encourage reduction in energy consumption through using solar or efficiency measures rather than further gold-plating our poles and wires.</p> <p>At our household we are low energy consumers and the static charges passed on to us are unfair. We've also recently installed Solar Panels to further reduce our energy consumption purely out our desire to be more energy-smart but feel the system in it's current form does not provide adequate financial incentive for this.</p> <p>Introducing the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will enable families such as ourselves to be rewarded but more importantly, acknowledged for our contribution. It will assist us in convincing friends and families that it makes sense to be energy efficient.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	personal	Dr	Tim	Read	3057	<p>Dear AEMC I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as I believe we need a system that rewards energy conservation and personal investment in rooftop solar power. We put PV panels on our roof a couple of years ago and we would prefer a pricing system that rewarded reductions in energy demand.</p> <p>Thanks for considering this,</p> <p>Tim Read</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Shirley	Trigg	6053	<p>I am requesting that the AEMC accept the Demand Managemnt Incentive Scheme rule change to provide incentive and surety to the solar industry. As an owner of photovoltaic cells for many years we have been very pleased with the fact that we have been providing our own power and saving money as well.</p> <p>We are presently building a new home and will be installing a larger system with the hope of eliminating power bills, despite the pathetic buy back incentives paid to consumers.</p> <p>We need to ensure Solar power is a growing industry to help with environmental problems of climate change and just because it makes sense, especially in a country blessed with plenty of sunlight.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jane	Kelly	4559	<p>Re: the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>I support the proposed new bill, that if you reduce your energy use, your power bill goes down accordingly, People need to be encouraged to save energy.</p> <p>Solar owners are hit with ever-growing fixed charges - this is unfair and needs to be stopped.</p> <p>The AEMC needs 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 reduced energy usage with solar panels but rising power bills and fixed charges have affected me. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a huge difference to the household.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Tim	Ferguson	3113	The use of solar energy is not just about reducing power bills.By reducing the demand for power at the source we can save the losses in power transmission and reduce atmospheric pollution thus help control greenhouse effects.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Robyn	Dugas	2576	<p>I would like to submit my objection to higher energy prices.</p> <p>I have changed my energy supplier to a solar energy company.</p> <p>Hoping this will help support the environment and reduce the cost of electricity.</p> <p>I would like to request that the AEMA consider supporting solar energy and the environment.</p> <p>Robyn Dugas</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Russell	Barriball	6946	Yes I will support this submission and Uge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.
17/03/2015	Personal		Miss	Elaine	de Saxe	4508	In the interests of the environment, I urge the commission to regulate in favour of the owners of solar panels. And especially so to make it more affordable for private people to instal their own batteries to be independent of the grid.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Graham	Dunlop	3523	Stop unnecessary costs' in the electricity sector and start looking after the people who care about the future of all Australians' in the pursuit of clean renewable energy and the stopping/reducing of the use of fossil fuels for electricity production.PLEASE DO IT NOW, not when it is oops, too late!
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Barbara	Fitzgerald	2011	I pay extra to my electricity provider in order to have 100% renewable energy for my unit because I am so concerned about the environment. It shouldn't be like this - energy providers and the government should be taking serious steps towards provision of renewable energy, as the norm.

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	RJohn	Carter	4350	<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 interesting, that, after we have taken all possible steps to reduce electricity usage, our power bills are now greater than they were a year ago.</p> <p>Less electricity equals greater cost, there seems to be a problem with that.</p> <p>An increase in solar systems is important for the Australian peoples, as it will reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, and minimise our contribution to global warming by greenhouse gases, at all stages of the process from mining to burning.</p> <p>An increase in solar electricity production, and the development of better storage, will reduce the need to increase the number of fossil fuel-powered generating stations, across the country.</p> <p>Therefore, it is to the power companies' advantage to help people go solar.</p> <p>An increase in solar production will also reduce the costs of electricity for our aging population.</p> <p>Currently, in Queensland, there is little incentive to place solar on our home, as the feedback rates are very low.</p> <p>As I move towards retirement in the next few years, my wife and I currently have to factor in rising electricity bills, as we calculate the long-term value of my superannuation. These increased costs are causing us to recognise that I will have to extend my working age well past 65, in a stressful occupation.</p> <p>Saving up to \$500 a year on household electricity bills would make a significant impact on our ability to consider an earlier retirement.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	peter	Weatherly	6401	<p>The new rule change is futuristic. For a whole host of reasons we should be saving power and storing it at the place of the end user. Add storage to a smart grid and the large fluctuations in power demand could be mitigated lessening the need for constant baseline and peaks in demand</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Keith	Graham	3124 / 3956	<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. In doing so they can reduce the running cost of there plant and contribute to a cleaner fuel leading in a cleaner environment and reducing the amount of power produced buy dirty coal fired power stations and promoting solar.</p> <p>Some time ago in America I heard that a power station actually gave every house in the near buy city/town solar on there roof and in return they produced less power meaning less pollution in to the local community and environment making every one happier.</p> <p>I have taken major steps in reducing my energy consumption and have installed a 2.6KW solar on my roof that has now smashed my power bill to zero and credits at the end of the year of \$1,300. I was one of the lucky ones with a feed in tariff of 68c a kw but I did pay a lot for the solar.</p> <p>With the money I have saved I now have solar hot water and from a \$200.50 bill now down to a \$20 gas bill.</p> <p>With the saving I have a better life and potentially has helped me in sending my son to Taff course in Photography at RMIT in Melbourne.</p> <p>I am now in the proses in ordering solar power and storage and hot water for a holiday house I have just bought. It over looks the new 52 wind turbine at Bald Hills in Victoria .</p> <p>I am in no way rich but lucky with an inheritance.</p> <p>I see now that the feed in tariff is way down to 8c-10c per Kw.</p> <p>If the power company's want to promote solar I fill a feed in tariff should be a fare greater price to encourage more people to install solar. The price of Solar panels are so much cheaper now. But I still fill the power companies should pay a fare better price for the power produced buy the 5.000000 solar Australians in there own power production.</p> <p>I hope one day power companies close there power station and open a solar company or a very large power storage facility to store the power the solar feeds back in to the grid.</p> <p>I have seen a lot of new companies with small scale battery storage systems for people with solar to store there power and use this at night this is surly the beginning of the end of coal power in Australia. The power companies really need to jump in to promote solar and grow there new solar business or turn there open cut mines in to a solar farm and wind</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Ellen	Gude	6280	<p>We have installed solar panels and would like to be able to store power as politicians and the energy supplier seem intend on penalising us for trying to help the environment and reduce power bills. As seniors we have little other means left to protect ourselves against future power bill increases.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Buckland	3875	<p>We are simply requesting the AEMC to realise &amp; agree to the terms of the 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.'</p> <p>We now use &amp; love our Solar System. The expectation is for lower charges &amp; to encourage others to embrace Solar. Please vote in favour of this adoption &amp; be a real winner in the eyes of the population of Australia!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Russell	Pearse	3377	<p>Accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Julian	Conrad	4065	<p>The Australian Energy Market Commission.</p> <p>Submission on the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>Implementation the proposed rule change would rein in spending on infrastructure, hold fixed charges down, provide incentives for energy efficiency and reduce the coming defections from the grid to the benefit of all citizens.</p> <p>Regards, Julian Conrad.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mark	Singleton	2546	<p>It is time for the AEMC to accept the facts of the situation and stop being economic (and environmental) vandals. This rule change is critical for low income families and will give further incentive for them to save energy and thus money. Presently there is little incentive to save energy as the fixed prices are constantly rising and are such a significant part of the electricity bill. Clearly this is the obvious, fair and sensible way we must go for purely economic reasons as well as the reducing the impact of fossil fuels on the environment. Wake up and smell the coffee!!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Brian	Eddy	6171	<p>People such as yourselves should assist in helping the people with the costs of living by doing anything in their power to make it less expensive to bring up their families without heartacke but love</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Morrison	4037	<p>Re Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change Please on behalf of our electricity network and costs choose a fairer way of regulation on going price increases Regards John</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Alan	Marshall	3079	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule.</p> <p>I have a solar system that has supplied three times as much power into the grid as I have extracted from the grid but I receive only c10/kWh for this and pay c37/kWh for electricity from the grid. I do not consider this to be reasonable nor do I consider the daily supply charge of \$1.31 to be justified.</p> <p>It seems likely that a rule change would reward me for saving power whereas the present system is a disincentive.</p> <p>Change the rules and encourage more installations of solar panels.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	David	Tomkins	3070	<p>Dear AEMC</p> <p>I write to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Because of the enormous risks of climate change, I believe it is very important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I personally have installed 3KW of solar power, purchased energy efficient appliances and upgraded to LED lighting.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have caused electricity costs to be the largest budget increase for my family in recent years.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a big difference for my wife and I, as we try to live on a fixed income in retirement.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>David Tomkins</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Catherine	Sarre	5064	<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 critical for power companies to help people go solar.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Claire	Pontin	2430	<p>Please support the demand management incentive scheme. Renewable energy needs to be embraced now. We need to encourage households to reduce energy consumption and to reduce reliance on 'dirty' energy technologies like coal and gas.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Alastair	Silcock	4356	<p>I support moves that provide improve incentives for consumers and energy providers to save energy and use less power.</p> <p>Additionally, I believe a sliding scale of electricity tariffs for householders (such as local governments have for water usage) would promote sensible and careful use of energy at the household level.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Malcolm	Coram	3126	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>I'm in favour of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it'll make it fairer for those who have gone solar and encourage others to go solar thus reducing costs and more importantly helping to reduce CO2 emissions.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Mal Coram</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Judith	Blackall	2034	<p>I write to the AEMC to strongly recommend the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change be accepted. I believe in a diversity of choices and I am a supporter of sustainable energy resources. The Scheme will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I would love to see power companies put aside their goals to reach profit targets and do something for the Nation's benefit: encourage people to use their rooftops and go solar. The nation would benefit by a fair and competitive system of energy choices.</p> <p>Prices of household, local, industrial and nation-wide energy have risen significantly in recent years, there has been little noticeable benefit to our energy bills when the carbon tax was abolished. I wish it differently and Australia could become a cleaner, greener energy producer.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Robert	Maggs	6169	<p>I think that to any responsible thinking person, solar is the only way to go. The world is going to need all the help it can get to stop global warming. Solar panels is the one way the average man in the street can contribute to save the planet.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Joseph	Zagari	2068	<p>Dear AEMC,</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 and encourage people to reduce their electricity usage.</p> <p>Rising power bills have meant that we have invested in solar panels for our home. The same can be done for most homes with roofs facing the sun.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills will make a difference for our family. Unlike the removal of the carbon tax, the plan will also be able to reduce the carbon emissions helping Australia meet its international obligations to prevent the worst of climate change due to greenhouse gases.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Joseph Zagari</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ray	Balhatchet	4019	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to bring fairness to the energy market. In this day and age, every incentive possible should be pursued to encourage consumers to increase the efficiency of their energy use and to promote the use of renewable energy sources, if only from an environmental viewpoint. This is also an opportunity to address the rising costs to families, particularly lower income groups, whose volume usage and therefore cost is the same as those on higher incomes.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Bell	2319	<p>It is important to drive efficiency in our power supply system. Efficiency means using less power, using less fossil fuel and spending less on infrastructure - not maximising profits. Please support the introduction of the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	peter	ikin	3128	<p>Dear Regulator of Electricity, I have long thought it very odd indeed that power companies make extra profit by investing in infrastructure, even if it is not needed! They have had no incentive to seek what is best for Australia, being less pollution, less burning of coal, more use of renewable. I therefore urge you to accept the proposed change of rules, to reward power companies for encouraging and achieving energy savings, and not for building more transmission lines, unless there is a clear verifiable cost benefit analysis requiring that new infrastructure.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Peter Ikin</p> <p>12 Collins street, Box Hill.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		miss	amy	smith	4510	<p>We have reached A tipping point and we need to encourage peoples take up of solar for the environment.</p> <p>Also the cost of living is out of control. It is ridiculous that the electricity companies continue to earn large profits at the expense of all.</p> <p>As soon as people tried to take control of this aspect of the cost of living which has increased significantly (and which noone is doing anything about in government) these companies have jumped up and down crying poor. This should not be allowed to continue and new rules need to be implemented to take into consideration the changing times we live in.</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>I personally have solar which I had to increase the size of just over a year later at more and more cost because of the ever increasing charges and reducing feedin tariffs.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Gary	Thompson	5162	<p>AEMC have to stop rising costs, change the rules so everyone in the long term will be paying cheaper energy bills!</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Leonie	Stubbs	6175	<p>Based on fairness for consumers, I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>I have written to Western Australia's energy provider asking what steps it is taking to address the challenges it faces in coming years. The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will assist the provider in making changes to meet many of those challenges.</p> <p>Our family has dramatically reduced our electricity usage and charges through installing roof-top solar panels as well as working on energy efficiency measures. We are fortunate in having the time and resources to do this but it would have been a lot easier if we had received assistance and been motivated by our energy provider. That is why I believe this rule change is so important.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Robyn	Peters	4573	<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 will encourage power companies to help people take up solar as I have. Not only do my PV cells and solar hot water system minimise my power bills but solar and other renewable energy sources MUST be the way of the future.</p> <p>The waste of resources and financial hardship imposed by the current rule has to stop.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Terrence	Chedzey	2287	<p>Please assist people to install solar power. It is not only good for the environment but a necessary step to try and save money on a rather expensive requirement. I installed solar power in February 2012 and although it is only 1.52 kW it does help out when the power bill comes in. I would love to enlarge the system and will do so when I have enough money. Any savings on household power bills would make a difference to the average family.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Paul	Chiron	3129	<p>I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to encourage consumers to save energy through solar panels usage and consumers should have their power costs reduced for adopting this action.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Malcolm	McCann	3922	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as strongly as I can. This rule change will make the energy system fairer for all consumers. Presently this is not the case. In this time of global warming and the well-identified connection to coal-powered electricity generation all efforts should be directed to encourage as much use of alternate power generation options such as solar and wind. Power generator and supply companies should be helping consumers do this by rewarding those who use solar etc on their homes. This reward should be in the form of reduced power bills and not ever increasing ones. As a family we have installed solar. This was to reduce our carbon footprint and to show in a practical way that we believe that we all have a part to play. In recent times, my supplier increased the cost of purchasing power by approximately 12% while simultaneously reducing the amount they pay me for excess solar generation by 25%. I had no control over this and I consider this as a punishment for going solar. This proposed rule change will move the equation in the opposite direction and I again state my strongest support for this rule change to be adopted. yours sincerely Mal McCann</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	john	archibald	6041	<p>help this rule change become reality, as the ever increasing power bill makes a difference to the families budget. Every time the bills go up then something else has to suffer. we are having to cut out so many things just to afford the bills. We went solar to help the environment and to save money, but everyone is now against the idea from power companies to the governments, carbon taxes didn't help us, so this rule is a breath of fresh air to the industry. solar companies can again come out of hiding and help with keeping the prices down, more competition, more manufacturing of components, more jobs, it's a win win situation all round.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	Personal	mrs	Diana	Trainor	3213	<p>To whom it may concern I submit my Submission</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	Buzz	Rainbow Wolf	Buzz	RainbowWolf	5000	<p>I encouraged my partner to install Solar Panels and 3 KW system that is connected to grid. So far in a year we've paid \$6300 for the system and only saved \$200 for the whole year despite the panels working optimally. We have fed plenty of energy into the grid, but with the extremely poor FIT of 6.2 (was 8c/kW) .also the supply charges and rAtes for buying energy from the grid provider is ridiculously expensive and much higher than people without Solar. That's not fair or equitable...We should be getting full market price for the KW of energy we feed back into the grid. the greedy energy companies resell that FREE energy onto others at full charge. Meanwhile we will take over 40 years to pay off our system, for little or no benefit....meanwhile electricity charges continue to climb higher...we end up paying almost the same...despite being told we would save at least \$1000-\$1500 per year. I ask that you do all you can to make the system fairer and more equal for every consumer.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Chris	Vertigan	3039	<p>Hi, please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change - 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>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected our family recently - saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a big difference to us.</p> <p>Regards, Chris</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Brian	Robinson	6054	<p>as seniors, my wife and me wish to see much more fairness in the way we Solar Citizens are financially treated, just having installed our 2nd set of panels, having downsized to a village it will be very interesting to see the difference between now and six years ago of our last panels, with 2kw we at least hope to keep up with the bills, we shall see !!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Priya	Schiavoni	3058	<p>Im writing to urge AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>AEMC it is so important that power companies help people go solar.</p> <p>AEMC if I've taken step it go solar and reduce my energy use by installing solar and LED lighting.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected my family.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Grant	Hooper	3134	<p>I encourage the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers and in the long-run support a cleaner, greener Australia.</p> <p>The current federal government went to the previous election promising to rip up the so-called Carbon Tax and in so-doing, save households around \$500. I welcomed the intention to save households funds. However, I didn't agree with the approach. I am firmly in favour of supporting households to reduce their energy consumption and their overall energy costs. It seems to me that the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is a sensible mechanism for supporting households to reduce their power bills (whilst also reducing overall carbon emissions).</p> <p>Our own household is doing what we can to reduce our power bills and our carbon footprint by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- progressively improving the energy efficiency of our house and the appliances we use;</li> <li>- installing solar panels on our roof; and</li> <li>- purchasing electricity from a relatively low cost, green energy supplier.</li> </ul> <p>Nonetheless, our power bills continue to rise as the supply/infrastructure charges levied by our energy wholesaler continue to rise. To this point we have been able to cope with these rising costs. I know there are many other households who are finding this much harder to cope with.</p> <p>The current system incentivises power companies to expand electricity infrastructure at the consumers' expense. I encourage the AEMC to introduce the proposed Rule Change and provide incentives for power companies to support households to reduce their energy bills whilst reducing their environmental impact.</p>

17/03/2015	Organisational	888 Solar Tek	Mr	Vincent	Selleck	2480	<p>Demand charges will in effect hurt existing grid connected solar homes where occupants are not home during the day and have higher usage of power in the evening when they come home. There is conjecture that this is a Network Attack on the viability of grid connected solar in order to make more money from these households and discourage new installations due to their ineffectiveness in reducing electricity costs. As this is the lowest cost form of solar generation, this move could potentially reduce the future volume of installations of roof top residential solar.</p> <p>The costs of battery storage are still quite high. Changes to tariffs to reduce the kWh charges for daytime solar and charge for interval KVa as a large proportion of the bill will force existing solar households to upgrade to batteries or lose the benefits they already enjoy. With over 25% of homes in Australia now having solar on their roofs, this is a massive shift in the way equity is distributed within the network. It seems that while many other homes will enjoy lower power bills, solar homes are being targeted for revenue increases or be forced to invest more money in battery storage which does not enjoy any kind of rebate. If the network is indeed wanting solar users to get storage, why not create an incentive for adding batteries by shifting the STC values between solar panels and battery bank sizes to assist this transition. Otherwise the rule change gives the networks a stick to beat solar homes with until they either get storage or go off grid altogether.</p> <p>How can you change these rules so that introducing them will not disadvantage existing solar homes and incentivise the addition of battery storage through a positive method, rather than a bigger network charge? Unless provisions are made for this under the rule changes I fear that a lot of solar users will become more disenfranchised by participation and choose to opt out of the grid altogether.</p> <p>Feed in tariffs are also a point of great concern as there is a perception that solar power is not appreciated by the network and there needs to be greater equity in the exchange rate of power for solar homes participating in power sharing with the network.</p> <p>Please let me know what measures you will be taking to address these issues.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Wendy	Johnston	4703	<p>Solar power is the way of the future, helps the environment and the future for generations to come. It is a tunnelled vision company and government that thinks otherwise. People were encouraged to go solar by a previous government, now another wishes to penalise those who do have solar. Let's have innovation for energy ground searched in this generation for the generations to come.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Scott	Butler	2464	<p>Dear sir/madam,</p> <p>I would like to make a submission in favour of the demand management incentive rule change. I have installed a 3 kw solar system, of which about half generated power is used by me and half returned to the grid. Our feed in tariff is negligible so the savings to me are small though the energy savings on the whole are large. I would like to add more solar (panels and storage) but the cost is prohibitive; I need to know that there will be some cost benefit to me in the future to be able to justify the expense. I hope in future the power system can be one that encourages more investment in solar power and storage and financial savings through increased solar is a good way to provide that incentive.</p> <p>Sincerely, Scott Butler</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	Leith Maddock	Ms	Leith	Maddock	6330	<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 is for power companies to help people go solar. It is the way of the future.</p> <p>We have installed a 3 kw solar system with a RET grant and it is fantastic</p> <p>Our bills have reduced by two thirds, and more importantly we know we are doing something positive to reduce our reliance on coal and helping combat climate change</p> <p>Regards Leith Maddock</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Janet	Howe	2550	<p>I urge you to support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make our energy market fairer for all consumers.</p> <p>It is important for energy companies to help consumers change to solar.</p> <p>Rising power costs and fixed charges are affecting all of us and saving from \$100 to \$500 a year would be of enormous benefit to most households.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Bill	gresham	2614	<p>The proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is worthy of support because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I understand that it will also promote solar which is essential if we are to quickly transition to renewables.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		MR	Jason	Spotswood	4520	<p>Greetings</p> <p>As a solar energy producer, I feel that it is incredibly important to support the production of renewable and sustainable energy, particularly that which is not reliant on expensive distribution networks.</p> <p>Therefore I feel that it is imperative that the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is accepted because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>While saving money through this scheme would be nice, my main interest lies in the sustainable nature of the concept. We simply cannot afford to be careless with our energy grid and large power generators.</p> <p>Electricity is far too expensive in this country and it is about time that initiatives are put in place to drive the cost down. This is one such initiative.</p> <p>Regards</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jan	McNicol	4101	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Less consumption should mean lower bills, shouldn't it???</p> <p>I have a 3 KW photovoltaic array on my roof and i'm doing my bit every way i can to reduce my greenhouse gas emissions and offset the ones i can't.</p> <p>We're living in a time of climate change, with more frequent and intense weather events (see Vanuatu this week) and going solar and renewable is one of our best hopes in limiting it, so let's go for it. Let the coal industry squeal. It's a zombie industry - dead but it won't lie down.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Richard	Dean	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, not power companies. In the current climate the Govt have dropped the ball with regards to promoting clean energy. Let's get people and businesses interested in solar power again. My wife and I have invested in solar power for about 4 years now and made great changes in the way we use household power. In the same way we have reduced our power consumption the family budget has suffered cut backs in income and increases in power costs. Any cuts in the power cost would be welcome.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Jeremy	Cook	2048	<p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Energy companies need to be given better incentives to get them to foster power generation from solar and wind as well as the existing coal and oil. A large number of Australians have taken the plunge with solar but the large initial capital outlay has a very slow payback. Yes the bills are greatly reduced (we are on the lower 20c tariff) but by my estimation it will take us at least 12 years to recoup our initial outlay under the present system.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Mariam	Seeney	7054	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. My husband and I run a small electrical contracting business, specialising in solar installations, and as such we see first hand the impact of changes to power pricing on consumers willingness to invest in solar power. As an example, we observed a massive drop in our sales corresponding to the lowering of the solar feed-in tariff. This has had, as you can imagine, a significant impact on our business and our livelihood.</p> <p>We have also made considerable investment in our own solar array in order to reduce our power consumption, our household expenses and to do what we believe is the right thing in terms of protecting our environment. So we stand to lose doubly from further drops in the feed-in tariff, increases in charges for solar users and further decline in the solar market.</p> <p>Solar power, and other renewable energy technologies, are the way of the future. It is imperative that energy companies get behind these technologies and support consumers to invest in solar. Energy companies should not see renewable technologies as a threat to their profits, but as opportunity to expand their businesses and grow them in to the future. There is an industry with the potential for creating jobs across a broad range of applications - from technology developers, manufacturing, retailers, installers, and regulators. But without the consumers, there is nothing. People need to be able to afford to invest in solar and they need incentives from power companies to do so. So once again, I urge you to accept these proposed changes that will make our energy market fairer for consumers and create incentives for people to invest in solar.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Judith	Graham	3199	<p>AEMCC PLEASE WORK TO ENSURE THAT THE DEMAND MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME RULE CHANGE IS ADOPTED. YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE ENVIROMENT AND AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS IS HUGE. THE IMPACT OF THIS RULE CANNOT BE OVER STATED. IT IS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO MANAGE ELECTRICITY COSTS. NO MATER HOW FRUGAL WE ARE THE FIXED CHARGES ARE OUTSIDE OUR CONTROL. IN MY CASE, THE FIXED CHARGES ARE MUCH MORE THAN THE USAGE CHARGES. THIS IS WRONG AND SHOULD BE CHANGED NOW.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Bronwen	McClelland	5084	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I am writing to strongly urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change.</p> <p>I am passionate about the importance of reducing energy usage. I believe that any incentive that encourages householders to reduce energy use is significant and valuable. I think that a potential saving would induce many people to be more careful about their energy use.</p> <p>Our family has chosen to install solar panels at our own cost, as part of our commitment to living more lightly on the earth, and our choice to contribute as little as possible to resource use and climate change. I believe that the above rule change would make a significant difference to the proportion of our community's energy use that could be drawn from solar.</p> <p>I don't believe that energy companies have the best interests of either consumers, or the environment in mind.</p> <p>Please act to make it more attractive for people to reduce their energy use, and to choose to generate or use solar energy.</p> <p>Sincerely, Bronwen McClelland</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Gerry	Stockhammer	2299	<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 have taken steps to reduce my energy usage with solar and other efficiency measures, this would enable power companies to not need to gold plate the distribution system and enable network charges to go down.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for me.</p> <p>It is disturbing that fixed charges continue to go up and therefore reducing power usage does not reduce bills accordingly.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Margaret	Hilder	2790	<p>I am making this submission to urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. This would have the following outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make the energy market fairer for consumers.</li> <li>2. Encourage more households to go solar, which would mean an increase in the amount of clean power being generated.</li> <li>3. Enable savings estimated at \$120 to \$500 per household per year.</li> </ol> <p>My family and I have already taken measures to reduce our power usage. In addition, I have installed a solar system on the roof, at substantial cost, but I believe this was the right thing to do, in order to do my share of moving to a cleaner power supply. I would certainly appreciate a fairer deal from my power company, rather than being penalised in various ways for buying my power from the sun. I do, in fact, generate more power than I use, so my system, like many others, is acting as additional infrastructure for the power company - something that I believe deserves to be rewarded rather than penalised.</p> <p>I believe that this Rule Change would encourage cleaner energy, more economical use of power and a fairer deal for consumers.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	alan	stansfield	4883	<p>we have a grid solar system and we save as much power as we can and are considering adding battery back up to provide our own power at night thus helping to save power generation and transmission expenses. If the public are allowed to install solar systems then the expenses proposed by AEMC could be reduced thus saving everyone as users of electric power. I ask that you review your system of deciding how much duplication of facilities are rally required as at present the use of generated power has been falling according to reports in the press hence duplicating equipment for supply would appear wasteful and inefficient!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	stephen	Azzopardi	3340	<p>I strongly believe that solar is good for our planet, all we get out of the electricity company is greed .pls accept my submission and help other people to go SOLAR. Thank you.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Meg Rani	Carvosso	2251	<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>In spite of our federal government's reluctance to admit that climate change is happening, it is happening. We need to stop coal and oil based electricity generation and get into Solar power big time. Making it possible to reduce power bills will encourage more people to switch to solar.</p> <p>So please accept the new rule.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Heather	Cameron	4552	<p>It is imperative that this country supports renewable energy activities, and stops wasting our precious resources. In a country blessed with abundant sunshine, solar power is a no brainer. It will also help to reduce the cost of living for many families. Supported solar power for all should be the goal.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Pete	Anzo	3188	<p>Electricity consumption is trending down, while solar power is steadily increasing. Lights, appliances and buildings are becoming more efficient, and battery energy storage and electric vehicles are expected to proliferate.</p> <p>In short, dirty centralised power is in decline and cleaner, smarter, decentralised energy is in the ascendant.</p> <p>It is important for Australias energy future that AEMC implement this new rule!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Mary	Hedges	2234	<p>Please, make sure the Demand Management Incentive Rule Scheme is accepted. It will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is vitally important that we switch as soon as possible from energy provided by fossil fuels to renewable clean energy. It makes so much sense for Australia to switch to solar energy- now.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Storeman	Manfred	Lange	6164	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I have a 5 KV solar system on my roof to reduce energy usage.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Elisabeth	Dark	2038	<p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers and help us head in the right direction for the future.</p> <p>Massive spending by energy companies on infrastructure has forced up prices. The DMIS will reverse this trend. Centralised energy generation is becoming outmoded. The electricity industry needs to act in the public interest. Decentralised, clean power is our future.</p> <p>Some years ago I installed a 1kw solar panel system and I also switched to compact fluorescent or LED lighting to reduce my consumption. It is important that other consumers be encouraged to take similar measures.</p>



17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Spencer	Field	3761	<p>Congratulations to the AEMC for the active consideration of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. As environmentally concerned energy consumers, my wife &amp; I were quick adopters in 2009 of a 1 kW solar electricity system &amp; solar hot water heating for our house. Even though the efficiency of renewables has improved markedly since 2009, the returns from the use of renewable energy has been low &amp; is likely to reduce further because of reduced incentives been offered by Govt. The outlook continues to be unfavourable because of increasing regulation of renewables and ever growing fixed charges. Clearly energy companies who are passing on higher charges to their residential customers, URGENTLY require meaningful incentives to start to encourage their customers to save energy via increasing solar energy storage,</p> <p>We strongly support the rule change and its quick implementation. Thank you.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Murray	4053	<p>Anything that rewards customers (private or commercial) and power supply companies for attenuating carbon emitting energy production and consumption, is important for the environment and therefore for all concerned. Incentives towards more energy efficiency and emissions free renewables, whether privately owned or as a means of centralised energy production are important in securing our future - economically and environmentally. I don't mind paying extra \$ for emissions free power : I very much mind paying extra money for energy that also adds pollution to the climate, which seems to be the nonsensical direction currently.</p> <p>We have to incentivise emissions free renewable and disincentivise emissions intensive sources of electricity. I would support any new ruling that would incentivise power companies and customers to save energy, and produce emissions free energy.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		ms	Jacinta	Foale	4552	<p>The world is changing. Fast. Sources of power are at the forefront of that change. I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. My power bill has radically reduced since I switched to solar hot water and a 1 kilowatt system that feeds back into the grid. I live in a small country town where we did a bulk buy of 1 kilowatt systems for a number of houses and its really caught on. Lots of people are doing it. I feel embarrassed for power companies that are not supporting the move to renewables. Shame on them! in the face of so much evidence that renewable sources of energy are safer for people AND the planet, it looks pretty bad for companies who are not making the change. jacinta</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Tim	Collins	2350	<p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. This will benefit Australians and support the necessary move to renewable energy. Kind Regards Tim Collins</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	richard	hutchinson	4720	<p>I have installed a solar system ( 5.4) and enjoy a return for power in access to use. I still pay to access system and am in the process of installing a battery system. It would be cheaper to install generator to cover rather than pay for access to system pumped to make money for power distributors</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	N/ A	Mr.	Brian	Charlton	4152	<p>As an older Australian now retired I have done my best to reduce my footprint on our planet, with the installation of both Solar hot water and Solar PV. As have many others. I have personally invested over \$10,000 in an attempt to Retain a modicum of control over my energy needs. Such an investment needs to be recognised by both State and Federal Authorities. People and families such as myself implore the AEMC to accept the 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change'. The continual rise in 'Fixed Charges' is quite unfair and is counter productive. Please accept the 'Rise and Rise' of Solar in its various forms, it will help to save our little planet.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		ms	caroline	le couteur	2602	<p>Dear AEMC I remember enough of my economics degree to know that there are issues as fixed prices stay fixed but variable costs decrease rapidly. This is what is happening in our electricity market with cheap renewable energy. I urge you to work with it, not against it.</p> <p>This means helping householders and business reduce energy use, not penalizing them.</p> <p>THIS will be good for our planet by reducing climate change as well as good for electricity users.</p> <p>If this doesn't happen then more and more consumers will withdraw from the grid which will only make the current problems worse. We will be left with only the poor and frail who don't know how to move on the grid. Thats not a good solution.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Hugh	Childers	4520	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change without delay. Solar energy is critical to the energy future of this country and the entire world.</p> <p>We have installed 6 solar panels 1kwh capacity in an effort to cut our power bills and make a contribution on global warming. it is essential that support for solar power be continued.</p> <p>The ruthless abuse of their powerful position has allowed energy generators and power companies to gold plate the power grid and maximise profits. As age pensioners, we have limited financial resources to deal with this continuing outrageous power company ripoff which is happening in much of Australia.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Pamela	Riordan	6055	<p>Electricity costs are one area where I have been able to take control. Installing solar is saving me hundreds of dollars a year. It could be possible for me to generate all the power I need. It makes no sense for power companies to invest in old technology, why don't they encourage less dependence on their outdated power supply? People should pay less as they use less.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Thomas	Nockolds	2031	<p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change must proceed. It represents a unique opportunity to help make the National Energy Market fairer for consumers, without jeopardising either safety or reliability.</p> <p>Network operators have proven themselves to be unwilling to implement demand management measures on their own initiative and the time is now right for a rule change to provide an incentive so that this situation can be changed.</p> <p>Demand management measures have huge promise to transform the NEM however the same enabling technologies also threaten the ongoing viability of the network operators. Failure to implement this rule change will only increase the likelihood that consumers will defect from the grid, having dire consequences for those who would find it difficult to do so - the most disadvantaged in our society.</p> <p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will build a NEM which is fairer and more affordable for all consumers. It will do this without jeopardising safety, possibly increasing reliability.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Roz	Hart	6008	<p>I have solar panels on my roof and i know from personal experience that it's a great thing for both the environment and for me. It is important for Australian power companies to help, aid and encourage Australians to go solar. I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change because it will make our energy market fairer for all consumers. Roz Hart Perth, WA</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Joe	Tutton	5158	<p>To the AEMC I urge the Commission to accept the Demand Management incentive Scheme Rule change as it will make our energy market fairer for consumers as i and many others out layed much to install solar to our dwellings</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Russell	Keith	Burgess	<p>Renewable energy is the way of the future . I've invested in solar for my future and the future of generations too come , it only makes sense to utilise what we Australians have in abundance , Sunshine . Please support renewable energy ideas and help save the planet for future generations ...</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Neil	Erenstrom	3068	<p>This change is small but is vitally important to our energy future. Be intelligent and do the right thing!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Jenny	Luckman	6169	<p>I am a pensioner and the increasing power bills are becoming a worry. I have installed solar panel in order to reduce my power bills but so far this has not helped that much. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year will certainly help me to save enough to be able to sustain a reasonable lifestyle and not have to go without some things.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Richard	Wootton	3892	<p>We have invested in a PV system and are very concerned that our investment has not been respected by our provider and that we may be hit with increased fixed charges.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Simon	Conlon	4121	<p>To AEMC, 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>Its important for power companies to help people go solar and increase renewable energy uptake in Australia.</p> <p>I've taken steps to reduce my family's energy usage with solar and efficiency measures.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have negatively affected my family's budget.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference to me and my family.</p> <p>Regards, Simon Conlon</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Claire	Thorstensen	4054	<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>I've already taken steps to reduce my energy usage with solar .</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges will affect 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	Personal		Mr	Paul	Jensen	2031	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I write to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change because it simply makes sense. We must give incentives to Power Companies for their customers to install and use solar.</p> <p>I am very concerned about the rising cost of electricity and pollution from coal fired generators. I have taken steps to reduce consumption by using solar.</p> <p>We need MORE sources of clean renewable solar energy and we need incentives to do this.</p> <p>Sincerely Paul Jensen</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Pano	Russo	7004	<p>To the AEMC: G'day guys, heard that you're taking submissions regarding the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I checked it out and think it would be a great idea. Giving households more independence in terms of power is a necessary move considering the world is headed towards renewables (albeit slowly.)</p> <p>On another topic, living in a house with solar panels on the roof, I'm obviously aware of the discrepancy between the value of power going into the grid compared to drawing it out. This is a considerable disincentive for getting solar that really increases the 'break-even period' of the panels and should really be rectified.</p> <p>Kind Regards, Pano Russo</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	doug	osgood	6110	<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 have taken steps to reduce my energy usage with solar Power. Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected both me and my family.</p> <p>saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a big difference for me and my family.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Galenya	Poliszczuk Dubo	75020	<p>I think it imperative for the future of Australia (and the world) that we join the rest of the world in the realisation that subsidies to the fossil fuel industry are only harming our chances of avoiding irreparable damage to the planet's climate and weather systems. All credible experts agree that ensuring the change to renewables is the only solution for a global future of prosperity and to avoid conflict and even war over reduced resources. Act now to ensure this and avoid the short-term thinking of continuing with the status quo and its extremely negative consequences for the next generations and the planet as a whole.</p>
17/03/2015	Organisational	EcoSouth	Mr	Chris	Hart	5039	<p>Please accept and ratify the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>Logically, rules that give guidelines and rewards for investment by power companies guide the investment of those companies.</p> <p>It appears to date that the focus on poles and wires has been too great, in the face of continuing falling demand for electricity.</p> <p>Alternatively, greater intelligence could be developed in the way that the existing grid distributes electricity, thus increasing its reliability, and decreasing the stress placed on it. This in turn should lower maintenance costs.</p> <p>For example, more advanced step-down transformers with a degree of self-adjustment could be employed to minimise excessive swings in 'fringe' or 'weak' areas of the grid. This should be particularly pertinent given that many problems reported currently are not just under-voltage, but many cases of over-voltage, due to the inability of a local network to handle middle-of-the-day decreased usage coincident with high solar production.</p> <p>Demand Management goes hand-in-hand with distributed generation. Generation at the point of demand minimises network losses and inefficiencies. Directing incentives toward Demand Management, including more advanced local street transformers, should add stability to networks, resulting in less voltage swings for customers that otherwise would be prone to either under or over-voltage scenarios.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	George	Curran	810	<p>I support any rule changes that would actively encourage consumers to move to solar and other renewable energy sources, and reduce energy use in all its forms. It seems to be imperative to reduce energy use as well as reduce the population size.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Robert	McKinnon	2780	<p>when is Australia going to move forward like other countries eg Germany, Spain and most of Europe as well as America. Spain has built a solar power plant using liquid sodium and America is in the process of building three such plants but here in good old Aus we dig up prime farm land to get the coal underneath and burn it to pollute the air to produce expensive electricity. We have enough tidal movements around this country, enough wind and certainly enough sun shine to produce all the power this country will ever need but those in power still ignore the truth while other countries take the lead. Even China will have more solar power most any other country by the end of this year. WAKE UP AUSTRALIA</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Gary	Shaw	3058	<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 plan to have a solar power system</p> <p>- rising power bills and fixed charges are unfair</p> <p>- saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference to us.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Babak	Roostai	3150	<p>Future of world energy will be solar and solar is free. Those countries which drive faster toward cheaper energy economy would be pioneer in better life style and will remain ahead of others in terms of productivity and economical growth.</p> <p>Australia with abundant solar coverage has now fallen behind too many countries but deserves to be pioneer in this fast development toward clean and free energy world with decisions which encourage more and more applications of solar energy.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Gaye	Ward	7250	<p>Households who have bothered to install solar panels to reduce power bills and be more energy wise should receive a better deal from the power companies. It costs considerable money to install solar panels and do the right thing in relation to the environment. Give these thoughtful households a chance to repay the capital investment and eventually have much lower power bills. Power bills are far too high and the average family struggles to pay them at the current rate. Give a fair and better return to solar panel residence so that others will see the benefits into the future. Let's use the sun to our benefit and not waste this valuable resource. Reward those households who have installed solar panels and attempted to conserve energy and reduce power bills.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Sally	Gillespie	2040	<p>I am writing in support of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme which is an excellent and much needed initiative to help citizens reduce their energy usage and bills. This scheme will produce a much fairer market for consumers while also providing support and incentives for adopting better practices in relation to energy usage. While I have already managed to cut my energy usage through changing household behaviours, the ability to monitor my usage more closely would definitely be helpful to further reducing my usage. I also am considering converting to solar power which will benefit myself as well as national carbon emissions reductions. An important aspect of this scheme is that it will support people in making this switch to solar. We are always hearing from politicians how important it is to reduce energy bills for community prosperity. This scheme will put hundreds of dollars back into the household budget through empowering householders to responsibly manage energy usage.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Albert	Mah	6107	<p>I have taken steps to reduce energy usage with solar power and efficiency measures. It is important for power companies to help people go solar. Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Thank you.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ben	John	6162	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Please 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 and save our environment.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Ben John</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	david	white	3081	<p>Accept the demand management incentive scheme rule change and help Australia move towards the inevitable future. Thank you</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Prof	Geoff	Cumming	3084	<p>The only question our children and grandchildren will ask about the first two decades of this century is Why did we do so little, so late? –about climate change and clean energy.</p> <p>Australia simply must stop subsidising fossil fuels, and change its rules and policies to encourage in every way the rapid spread of renewables.</p> <p>Please urgently do everything you can do to this end.</p> <p>Geoff Cumming</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Dave	Johnston	4221	<p>Hi,</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I believe that measures to decrease use of energy, and increase the use of renewable energy in Australia are a good thing.</p> <p>As a family we are using solar panels, efficient lighting and good behavioural practices to reduce the amount of electricity we use from the grid.</p> <p>Regards, Dave</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	Chris	Fussell	2320	<p>The climate, scientific evidence that we are suffering climate change because of the amount CO2 we have put into the atmosphere is not only overwhelming it is becoming alarming so to persist with old coal based power stations is criminal vandalism &amp; should be phased out as soon as possible. People should be encouraged to install solar panels rather than being discriminated against which will cost Australia much less than the cost of climate change 20 years down the track.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Krassovsky	6025	<p>Who would not like to see their power bill fall? More Alternative power sources are going to come sooner or later. Why not start now!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Di	Shearer	5255	<p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Be fair and above board. It's in our national interest!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ashley	Blyth	3055	<p>AEMO data shows in Victoria, currently 53.5% of electricity generator capacity is from coal generators, but coal accounts for 73.6% of electricity generated.</p> <p>There are four major coal fire generators in Victoria with capacity to generate 6,300 MW (or approximately 14 million MWh a quarter versus the 292,504 MWh of GreenPower in the June 2014 quarter); The largest being a Joint Venture between GDF Suez / Mitsui &amp; Co at Hazelwood and Loy Yang B with generator capacity of 2,650 MW, followed by AGL Limited's Loy Yang A with 2,200 MW and CLP Holdings Ltd's Yallourn and Morwell with 1,645 MW</p> <p>Each of these generators also own retailers: GDF Suez/Mitsui &amp; Co's Simple Energy, AGL's AGL and CLP's Energy Australia thus making the case that it is in the best interest on these companies to utilize their existing coal fired power stations to supply their retail (consumer and business) customers.</p> <p>I've taken steps to reduce my energy usage, and thus my carbon footprint on the planet, by installing solar power. But the rising power bills due to the ever increasing fixed charges have negated any cost saving we sought to achieve by reducing our power consumption.</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>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Robert	McGuire	6112	<p>when I got my solar panels I was told that I would get rebates ,and that I would save money from supplying my own electricity . we should all be encouraged and rewarded you this and not be squeezed by the power company or government because they cant run their company properly</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Timothy	Phillips	3058	<p>Dear AMEC,</p> <p>In the last years my household has taken great steps to reduce our energy consumption and yet we are paying more than ever when the opposite should be the case. All efforts like the energy saving lightbulbs, insulation and turning things off at the powerpoint are wasted by your ridiculous policies of corporate fairness!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Russell	Edwards	3301	<p>It's wrong for working families to invest in infrastructure that serves the grid, then get charged by the power companies for giving them the privilege of benefiting from that infrastructure!! Insulting and typically poor effort from government! Not happy Jan!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	martin	hall	4121	<p>The very idea in an age of population increases, global warming and resource depletion that we dont encourage people to use less energy is lunacy. Resource management will happen either sooner or later. Politicians ignore these trends at their peril. We all want a future</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Adrienne	Gaha-Morris	4520	<p>This is the way of the future, please allow it to pass.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Susan	Gordon	2067	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It is very important to our environment that power companies assist people to go solar. Currently power bills are crippling to my family and I, it is sometimes extremely difficult to meet these charges often causing us to forgo or delay other necessities. Thank you, let's make it a win win not a win lose situation.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	David	Harvest	4165	<p>Some years ago with energy costs continuing to rise and the environmental and material costs of energy production (coal, water, gas, transmission costs, etc) looming as a huge storm cloud over future generations we decided to invest in PV at a time when it was much more costly than now. We also decided to seriously look at our daily energy usage and reduce it where practical, both for our own immediate savings and more importantly for the future - for our children and grandchildren. The process was such a success we mentioned and discussed this wherever anyone was interested. The current energy market model is simply unsustainable, the energy companies all promote low energy appliances, indeed offer finance assistance to help people install more efficient appliances and install PV, then complain when energy demand falls, and try to blame the very people they encouraged to make this happen. Such short sighted approaches could easily be corrected by creating a model where the energy generators and distributors are encouraged to prolong the life of their assets by encouraging all consumers to reduce demand. I support the cessation of the current AEMC rules and the development of different guidelines and rules which encourage the continued reduction of demand, local generation and distribution through local networks and the rapid development and support for local distributed storage networks managed through the existing infrastructure and markets.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Mervyn	Fennell	3691	<p>To Members of AEMC.</p> <p>I write to support that the AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to encourage consumers to reduce their energy usage.</p> <p>My recent notice from my supplier Momentum Energy 02/02/15 showed an increase for peak energy for 2015 from 35.71 to 40.71 c/kWh inc. GST, an increase of 12.5%, and for Service Charge 0.9661 to 1.2459\$/day inc GST, an increase of 29.0%.</p> <p>I cannot understand how these charges can be justified, but they were justified on these grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.Network distribution and metering charges;and</li> <li>.Costs related to government environmental schemes;and</li> <li>.The Consumer Price Index (CPI), as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics at www.abs.gov.au</li> </ul> <p>None of these reasons justify an annual increase of 12.5% and 29.0% for electricity and service charges. How CPI came to be included to justify increases to electricity costs/charges when it is a substantial component of CPI is beyond my understanding. There could be reasons why through promised efficiencies energy could become cheaper, but this scheme ensures that it can never become cheaper, and CPI is only a minor contributor toward 12.5% and 29.0% increases.</p> <p>Electricity suppliers, retailers and distributors need incentives to lower energy usage and costs.</p> <p>I have installed a small PV Solar system and have become an energy miser but electricity costs continue to rise. I urge the AEMC adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>Thankyou. Merv Fennell</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Noel	Thompson	4113	<p>To AMEC re Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change</p> <p>When considering this rule I ask you to look to Australia's future.</p> <p>I am electricity consumer. I have installed solar and selected energy efficient products. I have taken this path for economic and environmental reasons. So have many other Australians. And as the economics get stronger more will do so.</p> <p>The future of energy generation and delivery is and will continue to change. This rule will help Australia move toward the future in a better and less disruptive way. It will be much better if power companies and the consumer are moving in the same direction.</p> <p>Thank you, Noel Thompson.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	David	Hauser	2257	<p>I am currently suffering under tight budget conditions due to a relationship breakdown and child support. \$500 could be a great amount for me to spend on a holiday with my son who I only get to see 6 days a month. On top of that solar has great attributes for the environment and I would like to see my son have the benefit of a renewable energy future.,</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Stephen	Dwyer	2256	<p>To the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC),</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 various governments in this country increasingly abrogate their responsibilities to their constituents and citizens of the world with regard to replacing dirty polluting greenhouse causing non-renewable energy production with clean renewable energy production, it now becomes imperative for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I have been fortunate to be able to reduce my energy usage by installing a solar PV system and implementing other energy useage efficiency measures.</p> <p>However, rising power bills and fixed charges have eroded the benefits I expected to gain from installing a solar PV system and implementing other energy useage efficiency measures.</p> <p>By implementing the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and the resulting estimated saving of \$120 to \$500 a year on my household power bills would allow me to recover some of the costs I have incurred by installing a solar PV system and implementing other energy useage efficiency measures. I would also be encouraged to upgrade the system I have installed and continue implementing further energy useage efficiency measures.</p> <p>Once again I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>Your sincerely, Steve Dwyer</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Rosemary	Blemings	2615	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept the ruling which will create incentives for individual electricity users to apply efficiency measures and reduce costs.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr & Mrs	Phil & Lyn	Seghers	4313	<p>We have solar panels &amp; currently supply double our requirement.</p> <p>This means that electricity companies save on coal,generating, cartage &amp; infrastructure. It is about time people were encouraged to take up more power saving devices without being penalised.</p> <p>Phil &amp; Lyn Seghers</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Rosalie	Kapper	4218	<p>It's time to stop the deliberate distortion and mindless hanging on to the past in regards to Solar energy. After travelling through Spain and seeing even the poorest houses with solar power for hot water and electricity , I realised how stupid our Governments and authorities are being here. In the land of sunshine we are missing out and being hoodwinked . The coal industry has had it's day with regards to power. The solar industry can pick up the slack. We should be running competitions for the latest inventions using solar technology and then helping those industries get started. Nothing stays the same forever. Just move on !!! Embrace the new !!!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	aAan	callaghan	2446	<p>to AEMC please accept the Demand Managem ent Incentive Scheme to make the market fairer for consumers and help the save the planet</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Dean	Bridgfoot	3450	<p>To Whom it may concern</p> <p>I have been a grid interactive solar PV owner for the last 7 years.</p> <p>I also live in an energy efficient, double glazed house whose average daily energy consumption is 4kWh/day for our family of 5.</p> <p>During this time I have noted the dramatic increase in our electricity bills, particularly the daily connection charges, related to the gross overspending on infrastructure that has occurred under AEMC current rules.</p> <p>It is grossly unfair that energy demand management is not able to be initiated by our privatised Network Service Providers due to the AEMC rules which incentivise them to overcapitalise on meeting short term peak demand rather than seeking demand management solutions.</p> <p>Our DNSP Powercor is not particularly helpful in supporting other householders in our area to install solar, or businesses such as the Vet clinic I work at to explore demand management options to reduce peak loads. We regularly are aware of clients of ours who talk about how their desire to install larger solar systems are thwarted by the DNSP insisting they limit the size of their proposed system.</p> <p>As a consumer and active citizen I am well aware of this issue and urge you to facilitate a demand management incentive scheme to level the playing field for solar, demand management and storage to be able to compete with more poles, wires and substation upgrades that is the most finacially attractive option for the DNSP owners, but the least attractive option for consumers and the environment.</p> <p>regards Dean Bridgfoot BVSc(Hons) MA (EnSci )</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Daniel	Voronoff	3012	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer and more efficient for consumers. It is vitally important, in this age of global warming, for the energy system,including power companies, to support in every way their customers to transition to solar energy. I have long since practiced energy efficiency in the home, and like many Australians, have installed solar power, to play my part in this necessary transition. As such, during this period, spanning many years, I have regularly paid more for service charges than electricity consumed, effectively cross subsidising inefficient consumers. A fair system that supports and rewards efficiency and demand management is long over due.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Neil	Spurgeon	3741	<p>Since privatisation of power generation and supply of electricity, the rules have largely guaranteed profits for the power companies, rather than minimising energy use or encouraging sustainable forms of generation. This is wrong and any change to the energy market that helps address this farcical situation should be adopted.</p> <p>Gold-plating has disproportionately increased the supply charges, which makes reduction in usage less effective in reducing ones electricity bill.</p> <p>Energy Retailers are supposed to provide competition and give consumers options to reduce their bills. In reality, they add another layer of confusion and costs and have little or no environmental benefit.</p> <p>Any changes to the rules should have maximising renewable energy production and minimising fossil fuel energy production as the overriding factor.</p> <p>I have solar hot water but it is not economic for me to install solar electricity now. A fair price for electricity fed back to the grid could change that.</p> <p>I have just been made redundant. Any reduction in my electricity bill would be greatly appreciated.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Gill	Scott	3757	<p>I had solar panels and a solar hot water system installed because I thought it was the right thing to do for the environment however I believe it is vital now for power companies to help as many people as possible to save energy and go solar, including people who may not have the financial freedom I had.</p> <p>For that reason I would strongly urge AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>Regards, Gill Scott.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Rosie	Cornell	6210	<p>I would simply like to add that when we purchased our solar system we did it to not only save some of the costs of electricity but also the environment. One of the things that annoyed me was that we were restricted with the size of the system we could have - why would this be? If we are prepared to make the extra outlay surely there should be no size restriction? I feel the current policy is ridiculous because it removes the ability of people like me to contribute a little bit to protecting the environment - we have the sunshine, why not use it to maximum effect? To ensure regulations favour corporations at the expense of consumers and the environment reeks of corruption and favouritism to me, but who am I to demand my government do all it can to look after its citizens and physical environment?</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Sue-Ellen	Kirby	3658	<p>I would ask that you 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>I have personally taken what steps I can to reduce my energy usage with solar and efficiency measures.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected you and your family. I have to think about every cent I spend due to a large portion of my income going to pay those bills.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a world of difference for me by taking some of the financial pressure off and perhaps even being able to afford something special.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		*	Marcus	Barber	3187	<p>In a near future environment where we face importing energy or forced to use polluting coal, the simplest method of lowering emissions and costs to the consumer is to switch off.</p> <p>But the more palatable for both consumer and industry is demand management - this is being actively DIScouraged by power companies looking to gold plate sunk costs under claims of need.</p> <p><b>Make it mandatory to promote demand management options that are fair and feasible</b></p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Jenkins	5068	<p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. This change will reduce waste on unnecessary over-capacity. It will encourage greater support for greener technologies, such as the 5.5 KW photovoltaic system that I have installed for environmental reasons. All Australians need the incentive for similar action, not just the relatively well-off citizens who can afford solar systems under the current circumstances. We need to do everything that we can to mitigate climate change and support the environment.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Frank	Whiteley	4670	<p>Why should I pay for electrical infrastructure when I invested in Solar Power to help save the planet. Also we are aged pensioners who try to save wherever we can. All we see is price rises. Any savings we make re all for the good with todays cost of living.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	Mr.	mr.	dogan	ozkan	99701	<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	Personal		Mr	Mark	Kearns	6061	<p>I am writing to the AEMC urging them to implement the Demand Management Incentive Scheme to level the playing field between the normal consumer and power companies. Australia need to invest in solar energy as it is way of the future and trends oversea show that solar power is getting cheaper and cheaper and big investment banks are now re thinking financing traditional power sources. Unless Australia wants to be stranded in the past then need to grab hold of challenges and rewards of adopting solar power.</p> <p>I have invested in reducing my power use by installing solar cells, solar hot water system, LED lights and energy efficient appliances and I don't want the saving of my investment going into other people pockets.</p> <p>The continual raise in charges such as power, water and gas is reducing the margin between my income and expense and now need to watch every cent and even \$120 saving would make a difference.</p> <p>I live in WA and one thing I have noticed that in recent years that we no longer have power supply issues in hot weather. Previously n hot weather would have allsorts of warnings about power restriction as people using too much.</p> <p>Now nothing as people generating own power. So solar as well as saving money would make system more robust and reliable.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Mark Kearns</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mrs	Olivia	Wykes	3094	<p>Help us go solar!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Kete	Rowe	3409	<p>I urge you to accept the Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Samar	Singh	3084	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>As a homeowner with solar panels installed, I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change</p> <p>This will go a long way to rationalising the incentives offered to power companies, which currently lead to rising power and distribution costs when demand is actually falling. When demand falls, particularly peak demand, the need for more investment in distribution infrastructure is reduced.</p> <p>If the rule change is accepted, I intend to upgrade my solar PV installation and also add some batteries, so that I do not draw any electricity from the grid at peak times. This will save me money and also reduce the need for any further investment in the distribution system.</p> <p>Sincerely, Samar Singh</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Shawcross	2017	<p>The AEMC must accept the DMISR change. It is the only sensible and logical move.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Robyn	Becket	4184	<p>I have been a keen fan of the most logical thing we can do since 2010. I was angry with the ANZ bank for supporting coal mining, so I withdrew al my money, closed the account and paid for solar panels for the roofs of my house and my daughter's.</p> <p>My daughter has had money accumulating in her account ever since.</p> <p>I sold my house 3013, rented for year and am about to install panels on my new house.</p> <p>Most of the owner occupied houses in my new area have solar panels.</p> <p>Why on earth would I not invest like this in my life and lifestyle?</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Glenda	Bourke	3352	I am urging you to accept the demand energy incentive scheme rule change to encourage solar use. We have put solar panels on our house to both save on electricity and contribute to reducing green house gases. We also need financial incentives to make this worth while. We hope to have reduced bills in our retirement. We try to save on electricity but during the night when panels are not producing we still pay far too much which is not compensated by the daytime feed in tariff. The electricity company charges us about 25 cents and only gives us 6.2 cents for the electricity we give them. This is very unfair
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Jean	Cirone	4110	Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected my family in the past - that is why I went to solar to help reduce (long term) what our costs would be - I believe we need the power companies to help more and more people go solar
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Sunanda	Smith	4510	Hello! I am writing to you in regards to the proposed changes for energy. I am a solar owner and want to see charges reduced and the requirement for power company's to increase their infrastructure to get rewards taken away. Power has dramatically risen recently and I would like to see that halt!
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Lloyd	Thomas	2072	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 installed solar panels 5 years ago and intend to upgrade my installation to 5 KW in the near future. I have improved efficiency using LED lighting in my house. I would like to add battery storage to extend the availability window of solar energy to cover the evening peak. As a self funded retiree the resultant reduction in power bill will be most welcome. Should the energy company try to recover the lost income by ramping up fixed charges I would seriously consider disconnecting from the grid. A more sensible arrangement would be to use the excess stored energy locally on the grid.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Hina	khan	3040	To whom it may concern,  The energy landscape has changed by accepting the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, the laws will catch up making our energy market fairer for consumers.  Yours sincerely, Hina Khan
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Angelia	Khoo	6103	Even though I have installed solar panels over my home, it's still not saving as much as I had expected because I work in the day hours. If the power could be stored for night time use, that would really help me bring my bills down.
17/03/2015	Personal		Miss	Kelly-Anne	Horne	3777	I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  Personally I have benefited greatly from installing solar onto my property and by reducing my power consumption by monitoring my use and using power saving lighting and appliances.  The fixed costs of power are now a major issue for me. It now forms such a large part of my bill I'm considering going 'off grid'. If more people think like me it will leave the power companies with stranded assets which will only increase costs to those who don't have alt power supplies and those who can't afford it. That's not right and cannot be allowed to happen. Nor should we (those who can afford solar) be penalised for doing the right thing by the environment!
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Jonathan	Braine	6210	I urge the AMEC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  As part of the power companies need to ensure there is plenty of lower cost power for consumers, their strategy should encourage and assist customers to invest in solar power and provide backup and storage facility in the event of national disasters. I have a 6KW inverter w/32 panels, I do not generate more than 5KW and I don't get any payment for the power I feed into my local grid, but Synergy can charge a premium for 'clean' energy- but it's all the same power?
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Edwin	Lynch	6069	I buy Australian. I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make the energy market fairer. It's important that regular power companies encourage people go solar. I shower for 3 mins a day, do all my cooking when the sun is shining and use battery devices like iPads and laptops at night. Rising power bills have been making a hole in my living expenses. A saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference. And I'd spend it locally. Enabling Australian Companies to develop further.
17/03/2015	Personal	Craig Heather	Mr	Craig	Heather	3765	My Family have done without some things to put solar on our roof while others around me just bought bigger TVs or went on holidays . The way forward for our community and commercial/industrial sector is cheaper healthier energy. Cheaper energy will help us all
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Reed	2430	I think we definitely should have a Demand Management Incentive Scheme in NSW (& Australia). Solar power stations (micro on every rooftop) & macro ones should be encouraged. Macro ones should be sited in positions to best use the current infrastructure distributing electricity from coal powered power stations. Any expansion to infrastructure should be directed at utilising solar, wind & wave power, not coal. Feed-in tariffs should be offered to better offset the ridiculous price we are paying for electricity (34c/kWh + availability charge of \$1.37/day). It is much better to use electricity generated from household solar panels to heat hot water tank than to give away to supplier. Changing to LED lights should be an incentive. Battery storage & going off-grid should be an incentive. To do this, best practice household appliances need to be used. There is lots (more) that can be done to reduce energy use & therefore energy generation requirements.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Brian	Burleigh	3857	Current policies will force consumers like me to go off-grid. The insult of buying back surplus power at 8c/KWH while selling same for 32c sucks. Get real, or we'll get a battery to kiss grid connection goodbye; your chance to reduce network peak loads by factoring in solar surplus will cost still-connected consumers dearly and eventually destroy the centralized energy industry.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Russell	Lazenby	6210	Please urge AMEC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. It is important that Power companies help power consumers to go SOLAR as this will reduce the cost of energy by reducing the need to build additional power generation infrastructure. We have taken steps tom reduce our power consumption by adding solar panels to our roof. Our rising power bills which include significant fixed charges has had a detrimental impact to our disposable income and thus our ability to have a comfortable life style. Saving an additional \$120 to \$500 a year on our household power bills would make a difference to our standard of living.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Belinda	KendallWhite	7018	Since we installed solar panels several years ago now we have been delighted with the reduction in our power bills especially given ever-increasing costs imposed by in our case the sole supplier in our State.  As retirees, and with a very elderly husband who feels the cold whatever the weather, savings on household power bills become increasingly important.  We urge you to make the appropriate change to the rules to encourage people such as ourselves to continue to use both solar and efficiency measures.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Daryl	Parsons	4205	As an age pensioner , ripped of by a company installing solar panels, Also unemployable, and basically insolvent , I am sick and tired of being forced into paying more and more for electricity and hidden charges, when I went with Solar it was for a number of reasons, ok, Saving money, contributing to reducing power station greenhouse gas outputs, Hopefully increasing solar installations, also research into bigger better panels here in Australia. But apparently not as greed has taken over penalising everyone, who has tried to do the right thing for future generations.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Gary	Cooper	4305	Everybody is going on about pollution so I decided to go solar. It cost a fair bit but I was looking at the financial benefits especially with retirement looming. Now they talk about people with solar like they are criminals. There needs to be a plan for the whole country not just the adhoc approach at the moment. Surely the whole idea is that as solar production increases other electricity production decreases. A cheap storage system to go with the panels is the answer.

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Di Giovanni	7018	<p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme has worked in the US and would serve the interests of both power generators and consumers.</p> <p>Help kill the death spiral for power companies and create a new business model that caters for our future.</p> <p>Please inspire me...we need more strong leadership</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Mike</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Lindsay	Watters	3345	We currently feed about 1000 kWh per quarter back into the grid, yet we still have a bill each cycle because of the ridiculously low feed in tariff. Where's the incentive?
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jean	Christie	3122	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I began using Powershop for my utility needs because I want to use clean energy and avoid the use of fossil fuels. I have saved money as a result and I intend to install solar panels later this year. I believe that power companies should assist consumers to convert to clean energy, and for this reason I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Jean Christie</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Juen	VanHand	2422	<p>As a solar energy household, I will encourage any effort to make the energy market more efficient and fair. Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change.</p> <p>Catalyst on TV last week showed how close we are to having a truly efficient solar energy system. Any energy provider that would support this industry is looking to the future and will attract those of us who want to make a positive contribution to the health of the planet. Our children need a better energy legacy than the one we have at the moment.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Tony	Eden	3871	I believe that the solar system I installed 3 years ago has reduced carbon footprint of my home and added a significant amount of clean energy back into the grid. Unfortunately I get overcharged for what I use out of the grid as a way of reducing the value of the input tariff and this is completely wrong. If households produce clean energy and place excess solar into the grid, they should not pay inflated prices for grid power used. When power generators sell electricity to retailers for 2 cents a kw, and solar generators are charged 35 cents for grid power something is radically wrong and needs changing.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Jane	Shamrock	4553	<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 personally use most of my power at night when my power is cheaper.</p> <p>Although I live in Queensland my house is designed so that I don't need to install airconditioning the house faces north and gets breezes from the northeast. I want all Australians to have the opportunity to have cheaper power and to make the most of our natural assets.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Liz	Smith	4060	As a mother and grandmother I urge you to support and encourage power companies to support solar power. Our future generations deserve a future which is sustainable and affordable. Prices are increasing on most household items and services and families are struggling to cope.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Elizabeth	Stewart	3186	<p>ATTENTION: AEMC</p> <p>The impending climate crisis demands that we do things differently. Encouraging the domestic and commercial use of energy from renewable sources is a start for ensuring an ecologically sustainable future for all. Therefore I urge you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Develop and support policy measures and incentives for the use of renewable energy so that power companies help people to move to solar, wind and water power and away from polluting and finite energy sources.</li> <li>* encourage rather than penalise households for going solar (or using wind or water to produce power)</li> <li>* Accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, which will not only make our energy market fairer for consumers and curb the trend towards rising power bills and fixed charges, but will also create annual savings of between \$120 and \$500 on household power bills.</li> </ul> <p>Yours Sincerely, Elizabeth Stewart</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Stevens	2207	Perverse incentives bedevil lots of schemes. Time to change those encouraging electricity companies to build more infrastructure and instead encourage them to support energy saving and efficiency and, not least, localised off-grid electricity generation.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Haugland	7015	Please make the change to encourage people to conserve power by supporting solar energy which is free from the sun.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Susan	Ambler	2780	<p>I would like to encourage the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Fee Rule Change.</p> <p>This change will make electricity charges more equitable. It will encourage consumers to be careful of their electricity use and to consider alternative energy sources as they will be cheaper.</p> <p>Both of these things will make energy charges fairer and they will also help our country move away from climate change creating energy sources. It will also help power companies to move in to the new wave of alternative energy generation and set them up for a more successful future.</p> <p>We have solar panels on our roof and are very careful of our energy use in order to minimise our energy bills and also to help the environment. This rule change will help power companies and consumers to use energy wisely.</p> <p>Thank you, Susan Ambler</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		M	Bronwen	Bassett	2204	<p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will help the market for non-fossil fuel sources of power to survive. This is essential for investment in the sector which will be producing most of our energy in the next decade or two.</p> <p>It is very important for power companies not to discourage people from going solar. I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage using solar measures, by catching public transport more often, and by driving an efficient car.</p> <p>For many people, rising power bills are a serious problem, and that is one reason I invested in a solar system. Why should I be forced to pay more in order to protect the income stream of a coal-burning power company? Allowing this gouging to continue discourages the companies from exploring innovative ideas. At the moment, we consumers pay for this disincentive in the form of fixed costs - before long all taxpayers will be supporting the industry through government handouts.</p> <p>Don't go down this road - let the power companies think carefully about their business models instead of continuing to profit-take without much of a plan for the future.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Bronwen Bassett</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Louise	Hall	2350	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I have just been made aware of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and urge the AMCE to accept this. I have solar hot water as well as solar panels which provide me with a little of 60% of my usage. However the 'service availability charges' mean that my '\$ savings' are used up. On a limited income an annual saving of \$120 or more would be a great thing for me, and I imagine many others. Please give this your utmost attention.</p> <p>Thank you Louise Hall</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Sylvia	Mair	3930	I am asking the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme. I currently have solar panels installed on my roof and have incurred extra costs to have a faulty installation rectified. I do not want to have increasing electricity bills due to changes which discriminate against solar users. Also, I think that power companies should encourage the use of solar power, as Australia needs to pull its weight in reducing climate change.

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Dean	Wheeler	3188	I believe we need to provide incentives to consumers to install solar power and to electricity provider companies to encourage them to support consumers in installing and using solar power. I urge you (AEMC) to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I have personally had solar panels installed and have so far financially helped one of my children do the same. Any further saving in power costs will encourage more consumers to take up solar power, so please support this measure.
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Ross	Corkrey	7024	The network should exist to provide for the public need, as opposed to private gain. To this end, any requirements of the providers must always be secondary to those of the public. The public need can be viewed more generally as including climate issues, which will adversely affect everyone. As a consequence of climate change, or at least its perception, the dispersion of generation will continue into increasingly smaller units.  The network needs to adapt to this change in order to remain physically coherent. The alternative would be a disaggregation into private home networks, and that would have social consequences as well as public financial ones.  I installed solar PV years ago when it was still expensive. Now I generate 80% of my annual household consumption, including heating/cooling. I would generate more, and would if it were not for state government restrictions.  On top of that, no matter what I generate there are always fixed costs, though it is not at all clear to me why I should pay an organisation to which I am also selling power.  Currently, there appears no reason why provider should take any notice of households who wants to help by generating, not just consuming. In fact, they are currently motivated to discourage households from generating electricity. This rule change would help to change that paradigm.  Please accept the accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Greg	Roberts	2105	AEMC Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It will make our energy market fairer for us.  We have installed Solar PV power and would like to install more.  We want to avoid rising power bills and fixed charges. We want to invest to help move our country to renewable energy! If we can save money, then that would be even better Greg Roberts
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Geoff	Poynter	3068	I recommend that the AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change so that the energy market is more fair for consumers and I would like to see power companies encouraging and assisting households and business premises to go solar.
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Phil	Morgan	5092	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. In addition it is a good business approach as it will allow companies to cease unnecessary expenditure on unneeded infrastructure. And it is good for consumers as it will allow retail prices for energy to fall somewhat.  A significant sector of the energy market is now being serviced by domestic solar PV systems. These allow consumers to lower their energy bills and have an additional benefit for the climate in reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases from grid-provided power generation and consumption.  They should also lead to lower power bills, but existing rules have led to companies increasing their fixed charges caused by over-investment in infrastructure.  Like many people I have invested in solar PV on my roof and have seen the benefits in my lower bills as a consequence. As a pensioner, I have to reduce my overall expenditure, and my expenditure on energy supply is one item I need to keep as low as possible. Adopting the new rule will assist me, and thousands like me, to better manage my limited budget.  I urge AEMC to adopt the rule change.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	LINDSAY	IUDD	4551	As Pensioners we endeavour to be frugal with charges such as electricity. We have had solar panels installed after the Qld Government offered incentives to house holders to save energy costs. We would urge the AMEC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change which will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Rising power costs are hurting our tight budget along with others in our community. Any savings that can be had should be passed on to the consumer. Our outlay on solar panels we had hoped to recoup in time other wise we would not have gone down that road.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Geoff	Chester	4159	As a late solar uptaker I do not get the benefits of a high rate of offset. I think it would be good if a better and fairer system of solar rebate was introduced to help reduce wastage and infrastructure costs. Even a rate to encourage off grid options with minimal use of the mains in off peak.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Desmond	Heenan	3350	I believe it is important that consumers are encouraged to use solar power without financial penalty.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Barry	Sloan	6108	I will be a pensioner in a few years time, I would like to be able to afford powers bills in my retirement. A fair go and fair deals please
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Marcus	Higgs	7054	Dear Sir/Ma'm, I urge the Commission to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because doing so will maximise the opportunity for home owners to convert to solar energy. Australia needs to use every opportunity to utilise solar (and wind) energy and to continue to reduce its use of fossil fuel based electricity. We have enormous potential for this and should not be lagging behind Europe. Accepting this rule change will send the right signal to investors in solar energy and instil confidence for the future. I personally am a pensioner and would be grateful for an incentive opportunity to invest in the latest efficiency solar panels when they become available. The Commission stimulating solar investment by this rule change will hasten the time when new generation solar cells become available more widely and cost effectively.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Keith	Spice	6210	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for all consumers. It is important for power companies to help people go solar. I know how much it has benefited my family since I installed 2kw of panels on my roof in 2009. It has reduced my energy usage costs markedly, and I can't wait till the price of storage (batteries) for solar power systems like mine comes down! I'll be getting it installed in a flash! The rising power bills and fixed charges are out of control, and the power companies need to put a stop to it! If I could save another \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills it would make the world of difference to my family and our standard of living.
17/03/2015	Personal	my home	Mr	James C	Robertson	4012	Demand management for residential consumers could, with provision of live consumption indicators inside the home.  Assist in reducing peak loads.  As of now my off-peak heat-pump H.W.S is not supplied during any part of the day.  But it could be!  No investment of new equipment, just turn it on during the part of the day before peak loads are on the system.  Then when the peak begins to build turn it off.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Ruth	Haig	2474	It is important for the sake of the planet and all of us who depend upon it that the maximum amount of energy used is renewable.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Jason	Carmichael	4552	Hello AEMC, I want to see the AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make the energy market fairer for consumers. Getting power companies to help people go solar. Would be good to see rental property owners go solar too.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Persephone	Maywald	5252	To: AEMC  Given the increasingly rapid rate of climate change, and the destruction it is already bringing to Australia, I urge you to do everything in your power to support a rapid switch away from coal power and towards solar energy. It is crucial that people not be penalised for going solar, and if possible financially supported to make the change.  I am personally dismayed that as a SA resident, I will forever lose all solar feed in tariffs if I add more solar panels to my array. This is unbelievably retrogressive in our changing world and needs to be repealed immediately.



17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Kevin	Chlebowczyk	3551	We have spent a lot of money to install solar & think any measures to reduce power bills is a good idea. People should be encouraged to go solar, not punished. We have set up our solar with a view of insulating us from outrageous power increases because we have only a few years to retirement. We are very happy with our system.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Pamela	Matthews	3714	It is important for the future of our country and planet that we move to a more sustainable lifestyle. There should be reward, not disincentive for reducing power use and also using renewable energy where possible. We have cut our power use by 2/3 and have added solar panels and solar hot water in an effort to do our bit. This is about the future of our planet. Please support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change
17/03/2015	Personal		ms	julie	lonergan	2904	please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will keep the energy market fairer for the consumer. I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage by switching to more efficient appliances. It is really important for me to put solar panels on my roof when I can afford to and so continue my bit to in living sustainably.
17/03/2015	Personal	Solar Citizens	Mr	Harold	Hogan	6158	As a self funded retiree balancing the budget is just that. It is a balancing act and it is becoming more difficult each year as costs continue to rise and our SMSF income continues to fall. With interest rates due to fall further our investments in fixed interest is continually falling and while the stock market ALL ORDS are up at the moment, it is still a volatile market and extremely risky to make guaranteed returns on any investment monies we have worked and saved hard for over our working life. That said, any savings that can be derived from our power utility costs would be helpful. In this regard we urge the Australian Energy Market Commission to introduce the Demand Management Incentive Rule Scheme Change to eliminate ever growing fixed charges associated with the installation and maintenance of our solar energy system. Saving anywhere between \$120.00 and \$500.00 a year on power bills will definitely make a difference for the better as far as our circumstances are concerned. Yours sincerely, Harold Hogan
17/03/2015	Personal		MR	PETER	RICHARDSON	3033	Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.  I am writing to encourage the implementation of the incentive.  We have already had a solar power system installed, and while this provides us with a significant savings on our bill, the power companies intention of reducing the value of their credits is of great concern.  Being unemployed, and now a senior citizen, I look to solar energy to reduce our household running costs, and want to see the suppliers encouraged to see their customers who already have, and those yet to install renewable energy systems, as being important and valued contributors to the energy needs of this country.  Also of concern, is that should this incentive not be passed, then this will discourage investment both corporately and privately by consumers, as suppliers continue to increase their fees and charges, making it no longer viable to develop and implement renewable energy options.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Hazel	Moore	6147	Please help make the energy market fairer by accepting the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I have reduced my energy demands by installing solar some 5 years ago and have never regretted it as I was left a widow on just a government pension and the lower bills have made a huge difference to my managing to live on a budget. If more people had sufficient incentives to go solar, the power companies would profit and the general population would feel the benefit. Thank you.
17/03/2015	Personal		MR	Matthew	Armstrong	2611	In any attempt to manage climate change, a key step is the reduction of consumption of fossil fuel sourced electricity. We invested in around \$6000 in a high quality solar water heater and have found our electricity bills dropped dramatically. This is a consumer orientated rule that in many ways brings the benefits of the changing power supply environment to those who most need it.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Raymond	4852	As a Pensioner saving money on energy bills is important to our survival on the Centrelink Pension, and so we invested in a Solar Power System. It is unfair that we are penalised for taking this step. We are also very conscious of our responsibility to save our environment/planet and believe by installing Solar we are doing our bit to help in this regard. It also means we are taking less out of the Grid and so reduce the need for more power generation Stations. We urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will treat people like us more fairly and reward us for doing the right thing by investing in Solar to save ourselves money and save the environment
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Valdis	Dunis	5006	Dear AEMC,  Please implement the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.  This change will make our energy market fairer for consumers, help us reduce our energy use, reduce pollution and CO2 emissions, and make society and energy companies work in aligned and not against each other.  I have personally installed a PV system and enjoy helping the environment and enjoy the big drop in electricity bills.  I read that making the change will give savings between \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills, and that's a lot.  Thank you.  Sincerely,  Valdis Dunis.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Katherine	Gribben	2583	The current system has inflated the cost of electricity so much. My job is working with disadvantaged families. What would be more useful to them in stead of a voucher towards their bill- would be the opportunity to lease solar panels. We need to be encouraging solar and making it available for renters and low income households
17/03/2015	Personal	The Software C	Mr	Greg	Jones	3764	As an electricity consumer, I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  In the long run, this will allow more consumers to go solar (or use other forms of sustainable energy), thereby reducing our dependence on dirty power.  It is equally important that consumers who attempt to reduce their consumption of dirty power be rewarded by cheaper bills. Regardless of their concern for the environment, reducing the drain on the back-pocket will have desirable effects on the usage of non-sustainable energy sources.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Jose	Nodar	2570	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  My wife and I have just installed solar panel in our new home for two main reasons - to help the environment and to save on electricity costs.  As a self funded retiree every bit of savings is needed to make ends meet each month. Rising power bills will not help us.  Saving a potential saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a big help to us.  Thank you for your consideration in this matter.  Jose' and Miriam Nodar
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Paterson	3812	I wish to support adoption of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Any change which encourages electricity companies to reward consumers who use less power must be good for the consumer and the planet. We have been producing photovoltaic energy which is fed into the grid for 10 years (using solar panels for hot water for 20) and increasing the efficiency of our home by retrofitting double glazing. This has resulted in great savings for us and all Australians have the potential to decrease their power use. If the AER gives the network business incentives to help customers cut their electricity demand it can only benefit all and savings of \$120 to \$500 for users can be extremely important in times of tight family budgets.  John Paterson

17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Alex	Wood	3145	<p>Having 12 solar panels from 2010, but no input tariff yet, because of silly games by installer &amp; supplier &amp; a very poor system to help, also having installed LED lights, I have tried to do my part and as well I switch off to save electricity. Any action to help others go solar or wind powered seems vital.</p> <p>My power bills should be lessened further by input tariff connection help.</p> <p>As well, energy providers should be supervised to make very clear in a standardised through Australia way, so what actual charges are make comparisons are easy. I changed to Powercorp to do that, but it is not simple enough for my busy life. Maybe soon I will take more time to work it out?</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Charles	Shale	2065	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am in favour of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I believe that this change will encourage innovation in this industry, open the door for clean energy initiatives and improve consumer efficiency behaviour.</p> <p>The Australian energy consumer, while not aware of all the complexities of electricity production and provision, is aware of rising costs and the opportunity to both reduce their bill and make a difference to the environment by reducing dependence on traditional fossil fuels. To do this they need some level of choice and control over where they source power from, and how and when they use it.</p> <p>Many other countries and states around the world are moving in a similar direction, despite entrenched systems and policies which make this transition difficult. Let's be a leader in what appears to be the inevitable direction to take.</p> <p>thanks.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Steve	Foy	2062	<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.</p> <p>I have already taken steps to reduce our energy usage with efficiency measures, however rising power bills and fixed charges have affected my family.</p> <p>Saving as little as \$100 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a massive difference for our household.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Barbara	Thomas	2484	<p>FIRSTLY PLEASE ENSURE MY NAME AND NUMBER ARE NOT GIVEN TO ANY SOLAR COMPANIES AS I ALREADY HAVE SOLAR PANELS AND HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS CALLS FROM COMPANIES OVER THE PAST 2 YRS which is very annoying.</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change which will make the energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>The power companies have an important role in assisting people to change over to solar which is environmentally sustainable. There is a massive agreement by the world's scientists, incl. eminent ones, that climate change will produce disastrous effects if it is not addressed and having as many Australians using solar power is an excellent contribution.</p> <p>I installed solar PV panels about 4 years ago primarily for environmental reasons and it has also reduced my electricity bills (unfortunately there exist northern shade trees close to the house, otherwise I would be mostly self sufficient for electricity).</p> <p>I do not have air con or heating and have energy saving light globes and appliances as I am very conscious of keeping my power use down to a minimum.</p> <p>The increase in electricity costs about 2 years ago was significant (and I understand was due to over-spending on poles and wires/infrastructure that was not all needed - which is outrageous) and I think this has been an issue for many people and if it continues will be a considerable problem for many as Australian costs of living and the economy enter a challenging period.</p> <p>It is terrible to think people on low incomes (and there are many) are having to waste their precious money on paying higher than needed prices for electricity.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Lorraine	Amos	4556	<p>Rising power bills are affecting us as pensioners and our daughter's family with two children fast approaching adolescence.</p> <p>A saving each year would mean a lot to us and others even worse off financially.</p> <p>Please help people go Solar by accepting the Demand management Incentive Scheme.</p> <p>Everyone we know has been trying their best to reduce power consumption, how about rewarding those efforts with help to go Solar. Listen to Australia.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Lorraine Amos</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Bert	Brown	2167	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers it is for power companies to help people go solar instead of creating more poles and wires..</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ian	Armitage	6010	<p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Scheme Rule Change to make our energy market fairer to consumers. It is very important that everyone is encouraged to use solar power and to save energy.</p> <p>I have installed 1.5KW of solar panels and switched to a smart meter in order to reduce my bills and reduce the amount of CO2 produced.</p> <p>Rising power bills are having a major impact on low income families and the elderly, \$120 to \$500 saving would make an enormous difference to them.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Greg	Dixon	3922	<p>By accepting the Demand Management Incentive Scheme you will be putting a stop to the crazy gold plating of poles and wires that is costing the country millions of dollars each year. I have had solar for three years and have seen the fixed cost component of my energy bill soar for no benefit to any-one except the power company. Saving \$200/\$300 per year would reduce my payback term considerably and let me consider battery storage earlier than otherwise.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Stephen	Bradley	3909	<p>Please accept the demand management incentive scheme.</p> <p>I think there should be more pressure put on government and power companies encourage people to go solar</p> <p>The increasing bills and fixed charges are making life very difficult for senior citizens like myself</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	brian	phillips	2800	<p>I ask the AEMC to bring in the Demand Management Incentive Scheme change. High fixed charges are a disincentive to reduce consumption. Energy efficient use should be encouraged. I have invested in 3kW PV, solar HWS, new efficient appliances, house insulation, double glazing, etc.. Any scheme should not penalise householders for taking such action. Always keep in mind that we should all be striving to eliminate CO2 emissions, so as to preserve a future for our families. Recalcitrant polluters must be subject to the polluter pays principle.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Garry	Stevenson	5609	<p>Please don't make us look backward when compared to other countries, we have only one planet and we need to become green.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	rosemary	elbery	6060	<p>I am very concerned to learn that the new Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change may not go ahead. I think it is very important for our future, because of the problems associated with climate change, that this country does everything it can to encourage the reduction of electricity use. The encouragement of take up of solar panels and innovation in storage of solar energy will power ahead if you can change the Demand Management Incentive Scheme to suit reduction of power usage.</p> <p>I am not yet a solar panel owner but I am very interested in investing in this market once there is greater innovation in storage of solar power. I do, however, do all I can to minimise my use of electricity primarily because I am concerned about climate change, but also because of the increasing high costs. I only use my hot water system once a day for a shower, and in hot weather not at all - a cold shower is amazing. I sit in the dark until after 7:30pm most evenings, but I already use low wattage and energy efficient light bulbs throughout my home. I do everything I can think of to reduce my energy usage, but you should see my power bills lately!</p> <p>Please pass the new Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to encourage greater uptake of solar panels, greater innovation in new solar technologies, and also encourage more householders to reduce their power use.</p> <p>Thank you for your time!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		MS	LEONIE	LYALL	2782	<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 at the same time encourage power companies invest in solar and encourage users to go solar. As an age pensioner, every dollar counts and a keen environmentalist, I being in a position to switch to affordable solar before I die would be a blessing indeed.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Viola	Temple-Watts	4069	<p>To AMEC Re Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change I write in support of the proposed rule change.</p> <p>Despite the huge investment in lines and poles, supposedly to meet forecast increased demand for electricity, demand has actually been falling and I believe is likely to continue to do so. It is hard to believe that this huge investment (expenditure) is for reasons other than to increase the return to the companies involved, with little regard to the financial consequences for consumers or actual demand. Demand is likely to continue to fall for a number of reasons including excessive financial cost, where the consumer, even if a small consumer, is hit with high fixed costs over which they have no control, improved sustainability measures (eg. building insulation) and the growing desire of individuals and communities to not be held to ransom by big business.</p> <p>Australia is in a unique position to fully embrace solar energy and needs to play its part in carbon reduction strategies. There are almost weekly reports of advances in solar technology, including on a recent ABC Catalyst program reporting a 40% increase in efficiency for solar cells the size of kitchen tiles. With developments and innovation such as this, solar technology has the potential to become a reality for the majority of Australians. It will be one tangible way in which individuals and communities can make their contribution to a cleaner, greener future at a time when Australian governments are unwilling or reluctant to do so.</p> <p>I urge AMEC to support measures which enable power companies to help people go solar. Power companies ignore the growing demand for solar at their peril - people will choose to go off-grid, with advances in battery storage technology, if the companies ignore demand and maintain a business as usual approach. The country will still need lines and poles. Policy changes are needed to ensure that there is adequate infrastructure in place whilst at the same time ensuring consumers are given a 'fair go'.</p> <p>Several years ago, I made the decision to reduce my energy usage by the installation of solar technology for both electricity production and water heating. The financial benefit has been considerable and I believe the environment, on which we all depend, has benefited too.</p> <p>Regards</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Dennis	Jones	2750	<p>My wife and I are on a age pension and the cost of power has been a concern to us for many years. We installed a 1.5 kw system which was all we could afford plus we could see it would be the best way to contribute to the environment. We feel expansion of solar energy is essential. Approval of the new rule is essential for continual viability of the solar energy and electricity industry.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Paris	Hatzinicolou	2480	<p>I strongly believe that we have to both embrace renewable energy use and learn to consume less.</p> <p>If this proposed rule change will reward power companies for encouraging consumers to save energy, then I definitely support it.</p> <p>Encouraging behaviour change towards consuming less is crucial for a sustainable and comfortable future.</p> <p>If such encouragement is in the form of economic benefits, then so be it.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Richard	Chadwick	2021	<p>Any rule which is in the best interests of all Australian Energy Consumers must be adopted. So then should the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change be proceeded with. Furthermore, because it is absolutely critical to our future quality of life that consumers go solar, the power companies must act in the best interests of those consumers who support them and make every effort to facilitate those consumers going solar.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ron	Woolard	3442	<p>Supply charges are going up. Energy costs are going up, yet energy usage is going down.</p> <p>We have done all we can to reduce our power bill, put on some solar panels, solar hot water, installed LED lighting where possible, turned things off instead of on standby, but still the cost goes up. We need something like the Demand Management Incentive Scheme to help reduce our cost of living.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr and Mrs	Greg and Karen	Douglas	2305	<p>We believe that the AEMC needs to accept the DMISRC (Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change) to make the energy market fairer for consumers. Power companies should be encouraging people to go solar. We installed solar power 3 1/2 years ago, yet it has made minimal difference to our power bills( averaging \$35 dollars per quarterly bill) yet our power bills have gone up. At this rate, it will take us 30 years for our investment in solar power to pay for itself. As pensioners, a saving of \$500 a year on power bills would mean our solar investment would take 16 years to pay for itself, and would make a significant difference to our weekly budget.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Giacomo	Petrucco	2200	<p>Dear Sir - Madam</p> <p>I have had Solar panels installed on my roof, so my 2 sons have also not only for our benefit but also for the rest of the world and all humanity. It is important to encoring people to install SOLAR PANELS And not deterring them with ridicules and unfair charges.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the DEMAND MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME RULE CHANGE TO MAKE THE ENERGY MARKET FAIRER FOR CONSUMERS ..</p> <p>I hank you</p> <p>Warm regards J. Petrucco</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Marcus	Cowen	4715	<p>I think it's time for a change. There was a genuine need to invest in infrastructure in the past, but it's time to move with the times or get left behind.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mac	Hoban	7155	<p>I strongly support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I am alarmed at the likely future of the mains grid as people get access to affordable batteries. There is a real danger the power grid will collapse as a viable business model unless the transition to home self-sufficiency is managed. People like me will bail out completely unless the industry acts quickly to give us reasons to stay connected.</p> <p>The light at the end of the tunnel is an oncoming train!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Judy	Visser	5172	<p>Sirs,</p> <p>I would urge you to make the changes to the Demand Management Incentives Scheme which will stop the ever increasing build on infrastructure within the power generating industry.</p> <p>It is very plain that alternative energy generation is lowering the demand for this.</p> <p>Home generation of power should not be penalised (as is happening in many cases) but rather rewarded for the contribution it makes to lowering green house gases and easing the high demand times.</p> <p>Thank you. Judy Visser.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jane	Marriott	3363	<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 by encouraging the uptake of solar energy and people using energy more efficiently will contribute to a more sustainable future. It will also encourage much needed investment in renewables.</p> <p>I have installed solar and my energy bills are much reduced but the fixed charges are still too high.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		ms	sandra	miles	2486	<p>support the new rule of a brighter Australia</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr.	Paul E.	Ivory	4104	<p>Please adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, as it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Our family did its share in cutting our energy usage by going solar, but it is vital that power companies also help people do so as well. We must all actively reduce total energy demand if global over-heating is to be avoided.</p> <p>That is in ALL our best interest, yours included.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Professor	Robert	Randall	2068	<p>It is now clear that the major reason why electricity prices increased so much over recent years has nothing to do with the carbon tax, but is because the previous incentive scheme for suppliers encouraged them to install more distribution infrastructure without a real need (false claims were made as to increasing consumption, when the opposite was the case).</p> <p>The effects of climate change are now indisputable, and mean that there has to be a rapid changeover from coal (in particular) to renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind. I therefore strongly urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, which will encourage development of renewable resources. Partly because of the increased prices, solar power is now very competitive with conventional coal-fired power, and one part of this is because the distribution network doesn't have to be so big when the production is more distributed.</p> <p>I have personally installed photovoltaic solar panels for electricity generation (as well as solar panels to replace gas for water heating) and have had considerable savings in electricity and gas bills, to the extent that the major charge for both is now the fixed supply charge rather than consumption.</p> <p>I was able to fund the installation up front, and it will pay for itself in very few years, but the majority need assistance to make the change so that the whole of society can benefit in the (not very much) longer term. The power companies should be the ones giving incentives to the public to help them make the change, and the new proposed incentive scheme should help to encourage this.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jill	O'Callaghan	3438	<p>Australians are naturally moving to mor sustainable energy generation. Regulations should be supporting this not propping up outmoded business practises and models.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal	private	Mr	Craig	BURTON	3070	Dear AEMC, The current path whereby power utilities gold plate the grid is causing a death spiral of lower demand and thus increasing fixed prices. This impacts low income families the most. Power utilities will not promote solar since this will cannibalise their market. However, the current path is untenable and everyone wants a better long term outcome. The AEMC must lead. Power utilities must be given entirely different incentives, among them solar incentives. Power utilities are missing the opportunity to update, retain meaningful control of infrastructure and remain viable.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Morag	Loh	3141	I support a system whereby power companies encourage consumers like myself to save energy. A company which supported the installation of solar panels, made and installed with high levels of workmanship would be good for me and for society as a WHOLE.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jill	O'Callaghan	3438	Australians are choosing to move to more sustainable energy generation and regulations should reinforce this not work to prop up outmoded business practices and models.
17/03/2015	Personal	Transfer Solar	Mr	Jason	Svarc	3757	As you would have realised by now most consumers have lost all trust in the electricity retailers and are extremely frustrated with the continuous and unjustified price rises. Especially recent solar customers who have taken a proactive approach to reduce their energy bills only to realise that they are only given a ridiculous 8 or now 6 cents per kWh. Even when their solar feed-in has shown to help reduce the peak network loading especially during hot summer days. The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change makes sense because it will create a much fairer energy market for consumers who are willing to invest in renewable energy. This Scheme will also help Australia to catch up with the rest of the world in support systems to help implement solar PV systems. Australia should and can still be a world leader in Advanced distributed energy management, we just need the foresight and incentives to move forward!
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Graeme	Bull	5256	Dear AEMC, I truly do not believe you have any need for myself, or any other energy Consumer to document their desire for a fairer energy market. It is simply a given, that a Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule is in best interest of all Consumers. In 2012 each Commissioner considered the case for reigning in a continuous escalation of energy costs. Demand Management Incentives work. They work around the World . . and they have worked in Australia since the 1930's. Renewable Energy also works. Rooftop Solar will not disappear. But incentives can more rapidly assist Solar and the emergence of new, better generations of technology. With respect, Get on with facilitating the inevitable!
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	paul	barry	6122	The aemc should adopt the dms rule change, we should be encouraging the population to adopt ways of saving energy such as solar, etc etc, if the rule change is not adopted and fixed charges are increased, There will be no incentive for people to save energy and will be just penalising people who have installed solar energy!
17/03/2015	Organisational	Architects Black	Director	Mark	Wilson	4061	I would like to urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  As an Architect I am finding it much harder to encourage consumers to install solar power because there is just not the benefit to them personally.  This is not green an not logical because it is better for the environment and humanity.  Unfortunately the spin doctors of the power companies have the ear of the Government and it would seem their vision is short sighted.  Simply being able to monitor my solar power generation has made me more responsible with my power use.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Francis	Barr	6024	We support the demand management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will help the consumer and encourage power companies to play supporting roll.  The increased power cost is naturally a great concern for our ageing population and solar and renewable power sources must be encouraged to contain this rising cost. We were one of the early supporters of solar power and receive a the higher Federal buy back with other were denied subsequently.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Robyn	Lee	4216	Dear AEMC  I respectfully urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make the cost of energy fairer for the consumer.  I've tried to keep my energy expenses down by not using a dryer, limiting use of a heater in winter and using the electric oven sparingly. Still the price of energy bills rises and it's getting to the point where the cost will be beyond the reach of people such as me.  I live in an apartment complex and solar panels on the roof would help such a lot, not only in energy costs but would also assist in less use of fossil fuels.  I thank you for your consideration in this most important matter.  Yours sincerely  Robyn Lee
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Lindsay	Quennell	3193	We have installed solar panels and a solar hot water system on our home. Fixed charges are a large proportion of our bills. It is high time that there is a rule change in the Demand Management Incentive Scheme to encourage more consumers to switch to renewable power. AEMC should not be swayed by the fossil fuel energy providers and distributors and should head the voices of consumers.
17/03/2015	Personal		emeritus professor	chilla	bulbeck	6011	Dear Australian Energy Market Commission,  let's get it right with new rules that encourage reduction in peak usage, avoid building unnecessary and expensive poles and wires and turn to renewable energy for more and more of our energy needs.  Please stop rewarding electricity companies for building more infrastructure and instead reward them for creating reduced demand.  I understand that this is something we should thank Campbell Newman for. It was introduced in south east Queensland and did indeed reduce energy consumption and pressure on the grid.  According to your research, this rule change would reduce household bills by an estimated \$120 to \$500 a year.  Everyone's a winner, including the environment.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Alan	Robinson	2264	We installed solar panels to try and reduce our power bills. We are being ripped off with very low feed-in tariffs. Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change. This will help us to manage better on our Minimum Pension.  Thank you for listening.  Alan Robinson
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Gregory	4552	Accepting the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change will make our energy market more sustainable by encouraging consumers to go solar and it will be fairer for all concerned. I have invested heavily in solar in order to reduce my costs and to help the environment and it is important to encourage others to take similar action.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mark	Filan	3551	I am writing to urge you to implement the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, as a measure that should promote fairness to electricity consumers. Among other ways, the change could encourage power companies to assist consumers to install solar systems, an important step in reducing carbon emissions and supporting a growth industry. In the face of exorbitant electricity bills, I installed a small solar system, which has brought some small relief from my quarterly panic over how to pay the electricity bill. The potential saving from this important rule change will have provide further relief from a difficult shadow perennially hanging over me and my family.
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	murray	smith	3150	Dear Sir or Madam, I would like to request that the AEMC adopt the DMISRC as it would encourage consumers who conserve energy, and reduce demand on our resources, as a community minded citizen I have installed solar HW , 3.8 Kw PV and 36,000L water storage, thanking you, Murray Smith.

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Bela	Somssich	7000	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make the energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is of paramount important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>My household has taken steps to reduce our energy usage with solar panels and purchase of energy efficient appliances.</p> <p>The doubling of our power bills and fixed charges over recent years has severely affected our family. We have taken action by installing solar power, led lighting and improving our energy efficiency. We aim to use less power going into the future.</p> <p>Electricity suppliers should be encouraging more efficient use of electricity and also the wider adoption of solar power production. This would lower their costs and subsequently the cost of power to the consumer.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	Freestyle MoveMs		Alison	Greenhalgh	4064	<p>In Australia we are blessed with more sun than most other countries so it makes sense to stop burning so much fossil fuel and use our existing network grid to generate our own power from our own roofs. Governments especially who have many building could take advantage of this, not to mention air ports which have many roofs on hangars and industrial areas where the power is used.</p> <p>Let common sense rule here, lets take a leaf out of the German book and make the feed in tariff a part of life not an extra addition. Please please wake up to the blessing we have and use it</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Darian	Zam	2516	<p>Please 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>Rising power bills and fixed charges mean I spend all year round trying to scratch together the money before the lights get cut off; it's nearly happened so many times now.</p> <p>It may not sound like a lot, but saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for me.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr.	aaron	cooper	3049	<p>Please help to save the world's resources.</p> <p>Please help families reduce their energy bills in these turbulent and tough times.</p> <p>Please put the citizens first instead of the corporations.</p> <p>Please, please do the right thing...</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Phil	Hayward	4228	<p>The idea that the Australian Energy Regulator has given our electricity network businesses strong regulatory incentives to build infrastructure is ridiculous verging on stupid. Try and think about Australia and not the profits of the companies. I am a right wing in politics but there are some things that should be government controlled and owned. Why have a middle man who does nothing but profit from a utility necessary for life in this great country. Surly someone there has a brain and can see the obvious.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	malcolm	thornton	2096	<p>My wife and I have taken many initiatives to make our home as energy efficient as possible. In addition we have installed a 3kw solar voltaic system. Given that many of our friends and neighbours have done similarly, I am most concerned that the likelihood is that power companies will simply increase the standing fixed supply charges disproportionately over the coming period of time to ensure their profits remain strong.</p> <p>This will certainly make it less and less appealing to install alternative renewable energy and to make energy efficiency changes homes.</p> <p>I think that the proposed 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme' makes a lot of common sense and will result in a much fairer charging system, not to mention the encouragement to increase the solar generation within our society. We cannot continue to travel down the same old path using fossil fuels which will ultimately give rise to catastrophic climate change.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Stephen	Toohey	4116	<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>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Heinz	Mense	2640	<p>Hello Dear Madam or Sir at AEMC,</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Kind regards, Heinz Mense</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Oscar	Bryant	7052	<p>Anything to reduce rising electricity costs is a good idea, and saving energy and resources while doing it makes a lot more sense than the current system.</p> <p>Regards - Oscar Bryant</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Lawrence	Reddaway	3146	<p>I know that stuff like AEMC rules is very complex; and I know that I'm no expert in that stuff.</p> <p>I also understand that there can be technical difficulties if large quantities of solar electricity is fed into an electricity grid. But I say that it should be the obligation of those who run the grid to make this technically possible.</p> <p>Why? Because we must move as fast as possible to renewable energy.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	Matt	Allworth	2480	<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 or efficiency measures, but rising power bills and fixed charges are impacting our family.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for you.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		the honorable	michael	cook	4209	<p>People who demand to be able to air-condition their homes are complaining about the rising costs of supplying power to their units! They blame folk like me for not buying enough electricity!</p> <p>What sort of a world have you created?</p> <p>DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!</p> <p>is mise mehull</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		MR	DAVID	SAWKINS	6065	<p>I would just like to submit that in a country like Australia with so much sunshine per day for 365 days it seems strange that solar is not embraced rather than being run down by power company's and state governments because it costs them revenue! I have solar panels and they provide for my needs no bill, surely if every new house had panels installed when being built this would employ more people and reduce the amount of new power stations required and save on the costs required.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	Roger	Brown	4124	<p>The AEMC should accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change , as it would make our energy market fairer for consumers .Power companies should be helping customers to go Solar power/heating .Fixed charges have more than tripled in 3 yrs and is a rip off .</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Graham	Barnes	2429	<p>The present system has pushed connection charges beyond reason; new rules must be established that stop excessive infrastructure development and the accompanying cost amortisation rate is too high, considering the high durability of such hardware. Running costs for power generation can also be reduced by replacing coal fired generation with solar and wind sources as the older power stations wear out. THERE SHOULD BE NO FURTHER APPROVALS GRANTED FOR COAL FIRED REPLACEMENTS.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Richard	Stanford	2283	<p>To The Australian Energy Market Commission.</p> <p>We have insulated our house, installed photo voltaic generation and solar hot water. We are careful to use the least amount of energy possible.</p> <p>Please will you accept the 'Demand Management Incentive scheme' so that the energy suppliers are prompted to help their customers consume less energy, and to embrace decentralised generation from renewable sources.</p> <p>Yours faithfully, Richard Stanford.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	David	Synnot	2063	<p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change seems an effective way for calculating grid electricity charges. We installed our embedded PV system in 2007 because we thought it was the socially responsible act to take. We've since installed a heat pump for heating our water.</p> <p>Both of these actions reduce the demand for electricity produced through burning coal. This in turn reduces the pollution arising from that burning - and the effort involved in mining and transporting the coal. In this way the health of everybody in the community is improved.</p> <p>We now know that the use of PV systems such as ours reduces the peak afternoon demand for grid electricity particularly during summer, with consequent reduced demand for quick-starting gas fired power stations so reducing their very expensive cost - and again everybody can benefit.</p> <p>So we applaud any action which effectively encourages grid power generating companies to reduce their cost structure.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Theodora	Allan	3995	<p>I have valued the support I have had to go solar and to know that I am helping the environment as well as saving money, it makes a big difference to my household budget and to my family. Any government that is promising to promote renewable energy reduce carbon footprint gets my vote. Big polluters and non sensible rewards to increase carbon footprint don't get our vote.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Stephen	Routledge	3747	<p>Please enforce this new rule that will benefit all Australian energy users not just the big companies.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Paul	Andrew	5164	<p>the demand management incentive scheme is a great idea and helps provide an incentive to power companies and consumers to adapt energy efficiency measures and invest in solar power. we need to increase the amount of renewables that we can generate and every households rooftop is a potential power generator that's distributed all over the grid rather than having several large generators and large distribution networks. lets put in place these measures so that we can work towards the future of energy that we want to see and is happening elsewhere in the world where their governments have 'seen the light!'</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Keith	Boxer	3741	<p>With the impact of climate change being seen now in Australia and around the world Australia needs to get fully on board with carbon reduction.</p> <p>There are some simple energy efficiency and energy saving actions that can be taken relatively easily and need to be implemented without delay,</p> <p>such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</li> <li>2. for power companies to help people go solar, this reduces bills and the demand for coal powered generation.</li> </ol> <p>Furthermore, we have had solar panels and solar hot water now for 5 years and the reduction in our energy use and power bills is enormous.</p> <p>If we had not installed solar, rising power bills and fixed charges would have made life more difficult for us as our power bills would have increased enormously.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Chapman	3134	<p>I simply need to say that to those at the sharp end of decision making in the AEMC that the simple and fairer rule for all parties is to accept the Demand incentive Scheme Rule Change. I have taken steps attempting to reduce my power bills and to reduce my energy levels by installing 5 Solar house units on my families homes. It is a sad outcome that the power companies just keep raising the cost of energy. We would welcome this proposal if in fact we could actually save substantially in the long run.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Mary	Heath	5035	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I am writing to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>Climate change is an urgent concern. Now more than ever, we need to set up our economy to ensure people who save power and use renewables are rewarded for doing so. We need to remove incentives for industry to invest in unnecessary infrastructure that will not be relevant to the low carbon future we all need to move toward.</p> <p>I have invested in solar power for years now, first with a solar water system and then with solar panels. We are also saving energy in every way we can think of. I want this option to be taken by more Australians and I think climate change is a powerful reason for the energy market to be set up to offer incentives for power saving.</p> <p>Please adopt this rule change and help reverse the current system where it seems that dirty energy of all kinds including coal gets public support while renewables are constantly rendered vulnerable rather than supported by public policy. I don't want to be compelled to pay for infrastructure that places our collective future in jeopardy by ensuring we continue to rely on fossil fuels into the future.</p> <p>Sincerely, Mary Heath</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Peter	Ridgway	4312	<p>I don't trust you - to be independent - or even fair for that matter. So this submission is written less in hope than despair.</p> <p>Nonetheless, please note that the existing energy pricing policies have enabled solar-equipped consumers to be targeted in a way that is grossly discriminatory and cynical in the extreme. In order to offset the grid-connect pricing advantage we were encouraged to enter into, we are now being levied with grossly inflated fees, levies and imposts which are clearly designed to offset any remaining advantage to having made to solar commitment.</p> <p>This is a disgrace but it is also a monument to the duplicity and cynicism which I detect in you and the government and industry whose interest yo pander to.</p> <p>If we are such a burden, and impose such a great added cost on the system and non-solar users, surely it would be easier, and cheaper, to pay us to withdraw from the grid-connect scheme altogether. But us out by offering to fund us to upgrade our existing solar systems to become wholly off-grid and independent. Fund us to buy the extra panels, inverters, batteries and install costs to get the hell out of the equation and let you and the industry settle back into your nice cost self-sustaining relationship.</p> <p>Peter Ridgway</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Bob	Gould	4300	<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. I have had solar installed for several years now and have reaped the benefit of lower bills.</p> <p>I am 66 years old and still working full time to pay off a mortgage. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a big difference to when I can retire.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		MR	Allan	Watson	6153	<p>We have had 120kw of solar panels for about 3 years and find them very satisfactory.</p> <p>We put very little power back into the WA grid ( 3,369u in 3 years) but we have reduced our bill by over 50%.</p> <p>We get the old story that we are robbing from those consumers who can not afford, or just will not fit the equipment. Western Power engineers complain that they still have to provide base-load power, transmission lines etc. But they don't tell us of the savings from not having to build new power stations to cope with additional needs if there were no household solar power generation.</p> <p>In WA additional power stations would most likely be coal fired too.</p> <p>Household solar power aids the individual as well as the community.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Roger	Smith	W.A. 6169	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management. Incentive scheme Rule change. It is important for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>Rising bills and fixed charges have affected our family. The saving of \$120 to \$500 would make a huge difference to us.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr + Mrs	Allan	Moore	6024	<p>We believe that the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change should be implemented immediately. The name of the game is to save energy.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Angela	Gardner	4552	<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 and the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will be rewarding power companies for encouraging customers to save energy will enable this.</p> <p>I went solar to reduce my carbon footprint - the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will make it more likely for others to make a switch to renewables and thereby improve the future of us all.</p> <p>Australia is extremely vulnerable to climate change events - this is an easy way to act and make a difference.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Rosemary	Taylor	3450	<p>I am strongly urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I am an Age Pensioner and with my partner moved to a new house in Castlemaine Victoria. We installed a 2 KW Solar Roof Panel system which allowed an 8 cents feed-in tariff. That has now been reduced to 6.5 cents. Over the past year we have exported three times the amount of solar energy to the grid than we have imported. This is extremely unfair. An Incentive Scheme Rule Change would hopefully make our energy market a little more fairer. At the moment it is completely unfair as we do not get anywhere near the amount we pay for coal powered energy.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Kevin	Jensen	4124	<p>To the Australian Energy Market Commission</p> <p>I urge you to support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make our energy market fairer for all consumers. It will slow the current building of excessive infrastructure to Gold Plate supply companies profits.</p> <p>World wide Power companies are encouraging solar generation and storage as part of their recognition of the peoples desire to install solar to reduce costs. In the USA the power companies are recognizing the viability of solar generation and storage as opposed to building more infrastructure.</p> <p>It is important that the power companies recognize the importance of helping people to go solar to reduce their bills while helping the companies themselves to increase profits by reducing infrastructure.</p> <p>I have installed solar power &amp; hot water in an effort to combat power bills that have more than doubled over the past 8 years.</p> <p>As a pensioner, any saving is welcome and savings such as \$120 to \$500 would be most welcome.</p>
17/03/2015	Organisational	cilectric pty ltd	Mr	manuel	clia	2577	<p>It makes a lot of sense to pay incentives to companies and individuals to reduce their demand (Kw) instead of increasing the network (kw) to cope with the increase.</p> <p>If people where rebated 50% of the cost of network upgrade the cost of electricity would fall. This would also have a flow on effects of creating employment by opening up new business oppuntities.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	Personal subm	Ms	Anne	Thompson	3579	<p>I believe power companies should price according to fairness to the consumer and to give incentive to consumers to install solar. This will in fact reduce costs of infrastructure thereby lowering costs to power retailers, power generation businesses, and to consumers.</p> <p>The world must reduce the amount of carbon dioxide being emitted into the atmosphere. Every solar panel generating electricity , contributes to this goal by reducing the amount of electricity from coal burning.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Evelyn n	Jensen	4124	<p>It is imperative that we start the change over to renewable Power forms.</p> <p>Individuals who go to the expense and trouble of installing Solar power should be encouraged so that the industry will grow.</p> <p>Power companies will always try to maximise profits, so in the meantime,this proposed rule change the demand management incentive scheme should be implemented.</p> <p>This will aid many families especially those on a fixed income.</p> <p>Regards E Jensen</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Annie	Boutland	2539	<p>Australian Energy Markets Commission</p> <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>It is vital that there are incentives for power companies to help people go solar. Already the power produced by photo voltaic cells on houses, farms and businesses is saving Governments the huge expense of investing in additional power generation facilities to accommodate peak loads and making a real difference to the carbon footprint of so many.</p> <p>I am one of the people who has PV cells on my roof. It is a step that I took to compensate for the energy usage of my household and because I was fed up with waiting for Governments to do something on a larger scale.</p> <p>Annie Boutland</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Irene	Nichols	2327	<p>As a solar energy advocate, I find it impossible to believe that all homes are not provided with solar energy. It is law now that new homes must have a water tank attached why not solar power? Are we not serious enough about 'clean energy' and engaging in demand Management; definitely not. We also run a vehicle on LPG, the Government at one time encouraged the use of 'clean fuel'; then the rules were changed and an excise was added to LPG fuel. Let us have some positive fore thought given to clean energy and a reduction in electricity prices; examine the rules for industry and make a positive change.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Richard	Koerner	4573	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>It is essential that electricity markets become more contestable by encouraging introduction of alternative generation/supply technologies such as PV and thermal solar, wind and geothermal.</p> <p>Monopoly supply power with unfair grid connection charges are used to create barriers to entry for such technologies.</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy markets fairer and more contestable to lower costs for consumers.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Rob	Williams	2444	<p>Any deal or rule change that stops power companies from disincentifying current &amp; future solar owners has to be for the common good. Power companies need to acknowledge that customers have the 'right' to install renewable solar power on their homes &amp; equally need to credit them a reasonable &amp; fair return on the supply of excess power back to the grid.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	david	gnaniah	3030	<p>I strongly support this motion to reduce electricity bills</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Ulrike	Nolte	4020	<p>To the AEMC:</p> <p>Australia needs to make solar energy a more attractive option for every energy consumer compared to the current situation, which actually punishes solar users through fees and, thus, forces solar users to subsidise fossil fuel industries against their will.</p> <p>This has to change: For sake of the environment, of respect towards solar users, and of a fair go for the solar industry.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make Australia a better place!</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Grahame	Edwards	2750	<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 so important it is for power companies to help people go solar. By using solar power, consumers are helping to reduce pollution and the usage of resources like coal, oil and gas.</p> <p>My wife and I have reduced our energy usage by installing a solar voltaic power generation system on our house as well as by insulating our house and installing other passive energy saving measures and by using more efficient appliances measures.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected my family a great deal. My wife and I have three adult children with families of their own. Being renters, they cannot install solar voltaic systems and, even if they had their own premises, they could not afford the cost of doing so. They even struggle to find the spare money to make their households more power efficient. Their energy bills form a large component of their household budgets and costs keep them locked into using inefficient and polluting energy sources.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a huge difference for my wife and I who live on a fixed income and it would make an even greater difference for our children as they struggle to make ends meet.</p> <p>It is only fair that energy consumers should be rewarded with savings when they reduce the load on the energy producing industry by being more efficient and reducing their demand.</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>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ray	Flanagan	2480	<p>I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>As the new rule works by rewarding power companies for encouraging customers to save energy I believe this provides incentives for power companies to support the installation of more solar with storage, helping to lower energy bills.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Lincoln	KERN	3072	<p>I would urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market much fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is important for power companies to help people go solar as it creates more generation for lower costs and reduces the generation of greenhouse gases. Solar power on people's roofs has been very effective in reducing the cost of wholesale electricity by producing power when the demand is highest, ie. hot summer days when air conditioning demand is high. Yes, the generators have not been getting extreme prices for their power but consumers should be getting cheaper power when possible.</p> <p>I have been working hard to reduce my family's energy usage with solar panels and efficiency measures. However, my bills have not been decreasing as much as should be possible because fixed charges have been rising. Rising power bills and fixed charges have made it more difficult for my family to make ends meet. Saving between \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a big difference to us and we would certainly spend that money elsewhere in the economy.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Philip	White	5068	<p>I am writing in response to the call for submissions on the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>I strongly support the proposed rule change.</p> <p>It is common sense that there should be incentives to encourage people to reduce their energy consumption and that power companies should be required to reward energy efficient behaviour, as well as encourage people to reduce their load on the system by installing solar panels etc. Negawatts should be priced as if they were another energy source.</p> <p>As the rules now stand, my power provider does nothing to enable me to further reduce my energy consumption. I have taken all the steps I can as a renter, but my old apartment does not have insulation, it has an outdated hot water system, and the electric stove is a power guzzler. These are not things that I can change as a renter on Newstart Allowance, but if my power provider were required to take more serious steps to encourage energy efficiency, millions of renters like me could save on their power bills and CO2 emissions would be drastically reduced.</p> <p>Do not allow vested interests to block this rule change.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Miriam	Robinson	3068	<p>The energy system is changing and not before time. Renewable energy, produced near where it is consumed, is the future. The centralised system with coal fired power plants, long distances away from cities, transmitted over expensive and inefficient poles and wires will be phased out with time.</p> <p>But are our industry players going to get with the program or are they going to keep resisting, wasting valuable time and money, and dragging the economy down with them? Surely it is time to update our rules to reflect reality and the future that everyone wants to see; a cleaner, cheaper, more efficient way to provide energy to people.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to allow for the renewable energy future that we all know we have to have, the sooner the better.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Alan	Wilson	3818	<p>As a pensioner I had attempted to have some control over my electricity bills and installed solar panels. Even though I have reduced my grid usage of power I am not receiving any benefit because the power companies keep inventing new ways for them to take extra money from me and any excess that I generate and feed back to the grid is of no consequence because the power companies buy my power at 8 cents and I have to pay them 28 plus cents for their power. Grossly unfair.</p> <p>Frankly the whole system seems designed to benefit the power companies at the expense of the consumers and no limitation is put on what they can charge.</p> <p>Please change the rules and bring some fairness to how consumers are treated.</p> <p>Alan Wilson.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	Mrs.	Mrs.	Judy	Rees	5052	<p>I have invested in Solar for economic and environmental reasons. My family have taken many steps to help reduce our usage, for over 15 years. I believe the AEMC should accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as people are suffering, and their suffering increases every year as the energy bills increase. It is scary how these continually escalating bills increase the stress and lifestyle of all people and we need a little relief. To save \$120 to \$500 is huge for us and we cannot reduce our usage any more than we already do.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	dave	lamont	2486	<p>australia needs solar...We are behind the rest of the world..look at Germany for instance,not as much sunshine as OZ and yet they support Solar whole heartedly.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Bruce	Hocking	3124	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Terry	Moloney	3450	<p>A fairer energy market is necessary for all consumers and the Demand Management Incentive Scheme will achieve this. I have a solar pv system fitted at my home in an attempt to reduce demand for power produced by burning brown coal, one of the dirtiest forms of energy.</p> <p>Any system that further reduces power bills would be a boon to a couple of retirees.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Roger	Hogg	4570	<p>I would like to see us rewarded for putting on solar, not penalised by reducing the price on buy back. In addition constantly increasing the price of electricity from the grid due to decreased demand. Solar reduces our carbon footprint and the use of fossil fuels to generate electricity, and that's environmentally responsible. So don't keep hitting us for the power companies desire to maintain profits at our costs, that's an inpost on the responsible people, we paid to have it put, regardless of the incentives to do so, it still cost us thousands of dollars to do it. So give us some credit for that to, monetary as well.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Leppert	3747	<p>Our Prime minister tells us we will save \$550 on our annual power bills per household now the Carbon Tax has been axed. Well, why is it that the price gouging of power companies to invest in and build new reticulation infrastructure, since the Carbon Tax was passed, has pretty well kept prices on an upward trend??. We live in a democracy. If we don't like governments we vote them out. Regardless of who funds them. And replace them with a government that will look after the interests of those who democratically elected them. Ask Campbell Newman. Lets get this energy hungry society of ours on trajectory for a renewable energy future. Consumers, vote with your feet and your money. Abandon those who seek to continue to profit take for their sole benefit, completely ignoring the state of the planet. Given the amount of subsidy and support the fossil fuel driven power industry has received since federation, time has come for the definitive paradigm shift to a new energy future. We are not idiots, and know we are being exploited. Get it right or go out of business, like GM and Ford (US based irrelevant car manufacturers, backing the Aussie car industry. and let's also ride the wave of innovation bringing the planet into a new energy future.</p>



17/03/2015	Organisational	ClearSky Solar	Dr	Warren	Yates	2088	<p>ClearSky Solar is a not-for profit that provides opportunities for members of the public concerned about climate change to invest in solar PV installations on commercial buildings.</p> <p>We believe that rooftop solar PV has an important role in not just assisting Australia to meet its emission targets but also in providing competition to the 'big' utilities.</p> <p>For this competition to work Australia needs to go down the path pioneered in the UK where (in a trial) consumers pay for electricity at a rate which depends on total demand at that time, and get paid for electricity they export at rate which similarly varies with time.</p> <p>A scheme like this would put Australia in the right place when storage price reduces. Solar generation and household storage could then play a significant role in reducing the need for further investment in the network. It would also provide incentives for consumers to invest in energy efficiency, solar PV, storage and demand management - all contributing to the public good.</p> <p>It is vital that fixed network connection charges remain a small proportion of the total electricity bill if the above incentives are to be maximised.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Colin	Barclay	2450	<p>We urge the AEMC to accept the demand management incentive scheme rule change to make a fairer energy market. We have reduced our demand with solar energy and efficiency improvements. We need an incentive rather than penalties for making this contribution to energy efficiency.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Glenys	Powell	4551	<p>I feel very strongly that Demand Management Incentive Schemes should be introduced to make the energy market fairer for consumers. I went with solar panels a few years ago and it really made us think about being careful about how and when we use electricity.</p> <p>We try to use energy efficient appliances and avoid the peak power consumption times wherever possible. As a result our power use is well below average and our bills are close to zero after the effect of the feed in tariff. Using solar power is one way people can feel they have some control over what is an ever-increasing living cost.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		MR	Barry	Hounsell	4214	<p>I urge you to accept Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because like many others I have used SOLAR energy in order to help against rising power bills which are becoming harder to save for and a saving of between \$120 to \$500 a year would make a BIG difference to me and hopefully a much FAIRER market for all consumers, so come on power companies help people to go solar.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Simon	Braine	6011	<p>Dear AEMC I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change as it will make the energy market fairer for consumers. I have opted for solar power at my house to reduce my dependence on fossil fuel generated power. I also export some of this power to offset the fossil fuel consumed by others. Yours Sincerely Simon Braine</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Fraser	Rowe	3747	<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 and reduce greenhouse gas production from power generation. This rule change I believe will at long last encourage the power industry to encourage power consumers to save energy...not waste it!!</p> <p>I have lived on solar power for 19+ years. Firstly on an off-grid Stand Alone Power system until two years ago. I now live in a newly built &amp; award winning very energy efficient home utilizing a Hybrid Grid Connect power system with energy storage. This 158sqm 2-3 bedroom home uses on average 4kWh/day to power itself.</p> <p>Since late Oct 2012 my 4.41kW PV system has exported 12,111kWh, almost 5 times the amount of power that my house has imported, 2427kWh, from the grid. That is &amp;gt; 5MW/yr of clean energy exported to allow other consumers access to fossil fuel free power</p> <p>Because my retailer recently increased both their Daily Supply charge &amp; Peak rate, &amp; decreased my Feed In Tariff slightly, I now have my inverter programmed so I never purchase peak priced power from the grid. My house draws power from it's battery bank from 6:30am till 11:30pm each day. My Solar Technician tells me I could actually program my inverter to be virtually Off Grid 24/7. BUT I would still be charged a Daily Supply charge if I were to stay connected to the grid to enable my system to export excess clean fossil fuel free power to the grid so others may use it.</p> <p>Maybe with systems like mine I should be charging my so called Retailer a Daily Supply charge as my system is actually supplying to the grid much more than taking from it!!</p> <p>Australia has the greatest Solar energy resource available to it than any other country on Earth. It is my firm belief that we should be making maximum use of that free, clean and sustainable resource to reduce our national greenhouse gas emissions.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	The Pathfinder	Dr.	Steb	Fisher	3823	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I have a solar system on my own roof, because of the large increases in power costs and because it is essential that we reduce to zero our carbon emissions.</p> <p>Dr. F. S. Fisher</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Baher	Zaghlool	3023	<p>Messes AEMC, I strongly support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it rewards power companies for encouraging consumers to save energy. This provided incentives to power companies would support the installation of more solar with storage, helping to lower energy bills and provides electricity in peak hours that release more electricity to industry. It also provides distributed power generation that reduces strain on the network during high demands as recently no power cuts were seen during peak hot summer times this year and the few ones earlier. I appreciate your favourable consideration and many thanks. Best regards, Baher</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mwrco	Stella	3057	<p>Dear AEMC,  Please adopt the Demand Management incentive scheme rule and start the process of modernising our electricity system.  Whilst distributed generation has been an only modest contributor in the past, we can clearly see that is changing. We need to ensure our system becomes fairer than it currently is and that solar and other environmentally sound technologies are encouraged. This is not happening sufficiently at the moment.  Please make the change.  Marco Stella.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Chris	Parker	6028	<p>please make sure that the energy companies are not subsidised by paying them to spend on poles and wires its counter intuitive, dumb and costs the taxpayers a fortune. Rather put the money saved into the pension or to clean up the budget.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ken	Loveland	6521	<p>As a Solar power supplier and user, I urge the AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme as it will make energy much fairer for consumers who have been prepared to spend up big on solar systems to save power/money and the environment. The rest of the world is going solar, and Australia with more sun than most, should also be going down that track too! Especially with the price of batteries and technology getting better and cheaper all the time, it will soon be viable to go off grid all together, if fixed costs continue to hit everyone. This will cause the remaining consumers to waste millions more dollars in infrastructure projects through their power companies, to a point in the future, where those consumers too will leave their power companies for off grid systems. So the future of infrastructure repairs and maintenance will no longer be required, as most consumers will have calculated that its cheaper to be off grid, if fixed costs continue to rise. The end result could be a power grid white elephant! propped up by taxpayers who again are paying for their own off grid systems and the power company's system.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Merril	Burns	6171	<p>I need my energy bills reducing, not having them relentlessly go up year on year. Look after your consumers. You are just not efficient.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Wal	Hartig	4615	<p>I have recently read the article in The Conversation stating that the AEMC is considering the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>This would surely meet with my approval as on two of the last three changes to my Network Services Charge, this charge has doubled.</p> <p>I have installed solar on my roof in an effort to conserve energy and help to reduce my power bill.</p> <p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change seems to me to be a something that should be adopted.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Rod	Rosenboom	3825	<p>The AEMC must 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 as we take the load off the grid</p> <p>We have reduced our energy usage with solar and efficiency measures, again to take the load off the grid</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected our living standards for our family.</p> <p>\$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference to our family</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Gary	Flanigan	4556	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept the demand management incentive rule change. This is especially important in making power companies help the uptake of solar. In particular power companies should be denied the right to levy fixed charges because of their dislike of increasing solar power becoming from rooftops like mine. I invested in solar panels for two reasons: 1. To reduce my power bills, and 2. To play my part in reducing carbon emissions.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	Thomas	Smith	2485	<p>Dear sir</p> <p>please help the solar industry and the people who paid a lot on money to have it installed.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Tom Smith</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Odgers	3450	<p>Please restore commonsense and equity to the power production / distribution system. Electricity is too expensive and getting worse. As pensioners we are struggling with that.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Bruce	Paterson	3147	<p>It seems the power companies have free reign to keep increasing the fixed component of their power bills. It's like a return to water rates where the bulk of the bill is based on the value of the land &amp; house.</p> <p>What happened to user pays ?</p> <p>This seems to be quite the opposite, and providing little incentive for the home owner to reduce power consumption. Why did the government ban incandescent globes, unless it wanted to reduce power consumption ?</p> <p>I have solar panels, and therefore bulk of my power bill is the fixed component. This is just wrong.</p> <p>Please introduce a demand management incentive scheme.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Jim	Thurgood	4102	<p>Please put an end to Coal fired power station infrastructure.</p> <p>Please increase Solar Power availability or any alternative power source.</p> <p>NOT COAL</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Ivonne	Mckell	6163	<p>I would like to urge the AEMC to accept the rule changes made by the Demand Management Incentive Scheme for a fairer energy market for all consumers - we must encourage people to go solar for a cleaner Australia for us and our children and grandchildren - we put solar panels up not only to help our planet but also as pensioners now we have to watch our money and electricity charges are downright outrageous - we are happy every sunny day we went SOLAR.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Audrey	Bolger	6160	<p>I am writing to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change in order to make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I installed solar panels on my roof to reduce my energy use sourced from coal burning generation so as to assist in action on climate change.</p> <p>However, I and others who have reduced our energy consumption are still faced with the same fixed charges as others who have not reduced their consumption.</p> <p>I believe this is unfair</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		ms	Judy	white	2484	<p>Dear AEMC</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change - recently we put a solar system on our roof and hope to save money on electricity bills.</p> <p>Electricity bills were our biggest expense and often we would have to cut back on necessities like food in order to pay bills.</p> <p>Power companies should be helping people go solar.</p> <p>Sincerely</p> <p>Judy White</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Colin	King	7010	<p>I urge you to accept the demand management rule change as it will make the energy market fairer for consumers and will encourage people to go solar which will help to reduce pollution which even now is generating storms such as the cyclone which has devastated Vanuato.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Ian	Gunn	3065	<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 our energy usage with efficiency measures but feel we get poor value for the efforts we make..</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges are a constant worry as we are threatened by Government cutbacks over the coming years.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr & Mrs	Noel	MCINTOSH	2067	<p>We have bought green power for the past 10 years and paid a higher price for electricity.</p> <p>Now we want to see the government do its part for us by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 passing the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change</li> <li>2 Maintaining the RET</li> <li>3 Rewarding those who have solar panels by paying them at least the sale price of electricity.</li> </ol> <p>Noel McIntosh B.Sc. Engineering. Past Certified Engineer UK.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Wil	Shan	2042	<p>We need this change. Everyone knows the current system is broken. We have supreme power reliability at the highest cost. We don't need a Rolls Royce grid, when a Toyota is more efficient and atleast as reliable.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Paul	Osborne	Q4034	<p>Solar power must be encouraged to reduce greenhouse emissions by fossil fuel powered Power stations. I have reduced power consumption personally by installing LED lights and efficient pool pumps , changing consumption patterns to outside peak periods with washing ,drying and dishwashing now a night task. I believe in the need to charge more for peak hour consumption. Power companies seem to have no need to economise as excessive price rises are now the norm. They must become accountable for their excessive salaries and waste. Give us a break ....please.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Karin	Geiselhart	2611	<p>This rule change would encourage companies to help consumers manage demand. It will cut down on costs for consumers and the energy industry.</p> <p>Overseas demand management is working, in California and elsewhere, this approach is becoming a valuable tool for decreasing peak demand and therefore allowing less peak infrastructure to be created.</p> <p>This will help Australia move towards a more balanced energy economy, and ultimately towards a zero carbon economy.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Zlatko	Manovski	2500	<p>G'day</p> <p>I'm writing to urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>The time has simply come for power companies to help, not stop people from going solar.</p> <p>The rising bills for electricity are just unsustainable and we all know we can do a whole lot better.</p> <p>It should not be a difficult task for myself or anyone else to choose a more effective cheaper way to produce our energy.</p> <p>It's time for this positive change and we the public demand this.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Sigrid	Cooper	2541	Dear AEMC, I would urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change as a rule change that favour power companies to invest in more solar and battery storage will hugely benefit consumers and encourage the uptake of renewables and efficiency measures. If is old thinking to continue over investing in infrastructure when the electricity demand is falling and the whole electricity market is changing to a decentralised system. Kind regards Sigrid cooper
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Roger	Nancarrow	2800	Please accept the Semand Management Incentive Rule to make the energy market fairer for everyone. It is important to help people to go solar so that less coal is used and the air pollution is reduced. We have installed solar hot water to hear our hot water in the house as well as the floor in our lounge area and bathroom. Also we have installed solar panels to reduce our electricity bills as we are elderly and on a fixed income. We hope that power charges do not go up in the future as we would have difficulty in meeting the payments.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Robbie	Doherty	4551	I support Solar Citizens in all their endeavors.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mik	Aidt	3220	When you reduce your energy usage, your energy bills should go down accordingly. This ought to be common sense.  We urge the AEMC to help make our energy market fairer for consumers by accepting the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.  First of all, because of the threats that air pollution represent. We need to STOP polluting the air as if it was an open sewer. This is what science is screaming at us, with warnings of the dire consequences if we don't: Sea level rise, food and water shortage, conflicts, disruption and much more. This is our collective responsibility, and that includes YOU as well as governments at all levels.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Patricia	Brosnan	2481	I support the Demand Management Incentive Rule Change which will make the energy pricing fairer. I have installed solar panels which will help me consume less electricity from the grid and I object to being forced to paying higher and higher fixed charges. If unfair pricing continues, more and more people will go off the grid and use battery backup.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Patricia	Brennan	2790	I and my family, urge the AEMC to accept The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. It is very important for power companies to help people go solar as this investment will give power companies a say in the future direction of renewable energies as well as providing them with another income arm and also will give consumers the comfort of staying with a provider they have used for a long time. Living in a high bushfire rated area, going solar was our way of reducing our fire risk from bushfires. It has been
17/03/2015	Personal	James Cook Un	Mr	Adam	Connell	4810	The current incentives for network companies to gold plate the network are perverse and costing tax payers dearly. Incentivising demand management is a sensible way to reduce energy use, drive energy efficiency and reduce pressure on the network. It will lead us to innovative changes in the way the network is managed and will help set up Australia for an efficient, smart network in years to come. Saving consumers money and reducing resource consumption when we need to most.
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	jim	kinley	4880	we have had a 2 kwh system for generating electricity for 6 years. We've only paid 2 electricity bills in that time because we actively manage our use of electricity (for instance we use the washing machine at night, We also turn off appliances and lights when we don't need them and we have changed all bulbs to the more efficient type). We find this increasingly difficult to live without having to pay the supplier because the supplier keeps increasing the cost of the electricity we buy from them. Anything you can do to change the present situation would be appreciated.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Kelly	OShea	4561	To whom it may concern Please AEMC, I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme because it will make our energy usage fairer for consumers. The future needs solar Please invest in making this wise decision for the planet and our children's children  Thank you Kelly OShea
17/03/2015	Personal		Miss	Kate	Orr	3450	I have installed solar on my roof and reduced my power usage by 40% over the last 4 years. In that time I have also witnessed how many people in my town have installed solar, in spite of efforts by the power companies to undermine the benefits of solar power. They should be involving themselves in the solar boom, like Germany and other countries did, by leasing solar panels to consumers and encouraging them to reduce their usage. Please make the energy market fairer for consumers by accepting the DRMSIC.
17/03/2015	Personal	University of Q	Dr	Vincent	Loke	4074	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I do not want to pay for Gold Plating costs.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Eli	Hurley	6014	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!  Please adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Graeme	Kelleher. AO	2614	The proposed change is vital to Australia's future- reducing unnecessary expenditure and encouraging development of the energy of the future---solar. Equally important, it would reduce the use of fossil fuels and the consequent climate damage. The alleged alternative- nuclear power- is silly because its cost is higher than solar, it produces radio-active waste with half lives of tens of thousands of years and requires the establishment and operation of a special security system.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Franklin	7008	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 made two installations on my roof to reduce my energy usage from power companies.
17/03/2015	Personal		mrs	christine	byrna	2429	although we put a solar system on our roof we are hit by ever increasing fixed charges that goes against our decrease in consumption. It is ridiculous that in a country with so much natural energy people are discouraged to make proper use of it. We urge the AEMC to change the rules.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Richard	Swinton	2480	I have installed a PV system on my house and I encourage others to do the same. The extra charges that energy retailers and suppliers and Governments add to our bill are designed to protect a dinosaur industry that ignored the warning signs (ie climate change and the dangers of carbon emissions) when they first bought into energy, and are now blaming those people who are heading down the unavoidable track of renewable energy.  Our pricing system should be reset to encourage the move to a renewable distributed energy system. As I said in an email to one of the energy CEOs years ago, you have the skills, the workforce, access to the grid and a customer base - why not lead the move to distributed energy rather than keep resuscitating the dying (and toxic) dino with punitive charges levelled against those who are trying to mitigate climate change?  So please support any change to the rules which encourage a shift to efficient renewable energy.
17/03/2015	Personal		Citizen	Roger	Cook	3757	People who install solar systems such as HWS and PV panels are reducing pollution by producing and using clean renewable energy. As a two person retired household, our solar/gas HWS runs mainly on solar with very little LPG use and our small inexpensive 1.5 KW PV solar panels subsidise our electricity use by at least one third and contribute to the grid as well. Combined with double glazing and good home insulation we no longer use a daily wood stove for winter heating, using instead occasional winter gas ducted or electric heating with reduced pollution and energy use. Although our Electricity provider (Origin) provided our solar PV panel system in 2011, they have not made it easy to understand the operation, billing etc associated with it and have also reduced the solar premium considerably. They seem to have no interest in encouraging cleaner, more efficient use of energy. Is it because they rely on growth of consuming to make their profits? Is solar a long term threat to their centralised power? If our energy was still owned by the Victorian community as before privatisation, we might at least have a chance of persuading them to pursue the common good, but, as profit driven businesses that have no such imperative. Indeed, the big three energy multinationals have been actively lobbying against the common good to protect their profits and resist progressive and popular change. We are now therefore forced to bribe them to aspire to the common good!
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	ian	Edwards	2037	To whom it may concern I had solar panels installed on my roof in 2000 as I believed I had a moral obligation to do whatever possible to minimise the pollution of the atmosphere due to the generation of electricity by coal fired turbines. The crisis of global warming is even more severe now than it was then so I'm strongly in favour of any legislation or regulation which advances the cause of renewable sources of electricity.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Colin	Hartnett	6210	At the Government's urging we installed solar panels to reduce our energy consumption so we urge the AEMC to accept THE DEMAND MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME RULE CHANGE to make the energy market fairer for consumers.

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Gordon	Newell	3802	Every step forward with Solar is being hampered by archaic reliance on fossil fuels in this country.  We have electrical billers actually charging to put power back into the grid from solar!  Remove the barriers, lets move forward.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Edward	Marsh	2093	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Frank	Youakim	3113	We need to encourage cleaner and cheaper energy for the good of ALL Australians, not just the Energy Companies, for the sake of our children and grand children
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Smith	4570	Since 2009 my wife and I have taken advantage of the generous solar rebate here in Queensland. Along with a rigorous energy saving regime this has resulted in us being in credit with the energy supplier for the whole of this period. As we are both in our 80s and part pensioners every cent saved means a lot to us. Maybe if the AEMC implements this change we may be able to afford a few luxuries. If the power companies actively engage in encouraging others to go solar and be energy saving conscious then these people, will save between \$120 - \$500 and they too will be able to afford the extras luxuries they are presently denied . Regards John Smith
17/03/2015	Personal		mrs	denise	furner	3851	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers like me. I think it is important for power companies to help people go solar and there fore save our resoures for future generations. we have reduced our energy usage with solar and efficiency measures like the new lights and also water saving devices, rising power bills and fixed charges have affected our familias each time our bill comes in it means we have to go without some type of food or buy out of date stuff just to have the variety of say 2 types of cereal for breakfast. if we could save a few doolars each week we would be able to buy an extra loaf of brd each week that would mean we could have some toast or a sandwhich more than once a week. thankyou Denise
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Roslyn	Yeung	3158	To the AEMC  I personally do not have solar power but I would really love to install solar power one day in the near future. I am sure many if not most other Australians have the same wish. It is of utmost importance that regulations and laws are in place that are supportive of Australian citizens in their right to cost effective renewable energy and to be able to get the correct return once they have made this investment. Already power bills have gone up affecting the lower income people and families. We cannot afford to lag behind the rest of the world in solar development and implementation. Please make decisions that support the right for all to solar energy.  Roslyn Yeung
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Ruth	Adshead	6317	I am keenly interested in seeing the phase out of obsolete methods of generating power such as coal powered stations and an increase in renewable methods of generating power such as wind, solar and wave power. There will be enormous savings in doing this both on a personal level and at state and federal levels as less demand on grid power and its maintenance will lead to lower costs. Let common sense prevail!
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Roz	Pearson	7018	I have installed solar panels on my roof and would like to install more, as well as installing power storage batteries but at the moment the cost is prohibitive. I believe that it is unjust to hit those, like me, who are trying to save the planet from CO2 emissions with increased charges when I am using less grid power. 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 and reduce the impact of serious Climate Change.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Paul	Ryan	2261	I am planning to install battery storage for my solar and disconnect from the grid because solar owners are being screwed. Paul
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	david	joseph	3015	Accept the Demand Management incentive Scheme Rule Change and help people go solar.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Hans	Ekdahl	7307	To the AEMC, I wish to encourage the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and thereby promote the take up of solar power by more Australian home owners. For my part I have enjoyed the benefits of solar generation on our property for a few years and I would like more people to do the same, thereby reducing the use of limited fossil fuel and eliminating the need to build nuclear power stations in this country. Sincerely Yours Hans F Ekdahl
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Marita	McGuirk	3465	I request that the AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Renewable energy is the energy of the future, all over the world countries are converting to renewable energy. Australians must be encouraged to convert to solar energy, and the AEMC can help this to occur. I live with solar energy and it is very cost efficient and reliable. I urge the AEMC to promote the use of renewable energy. yours sincerely Marita McGuirk
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Charlotte	Davis	2541	to whom it may concern,  I would like to urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. It is extremely important for power companies to help people go solar in the face of climate change. it is a moral and economic decision to do so. I have personally a fully solar powered home off the grid and my immediate family members all have solar powered homes that feed back into the grid. Saving money on household power bills of course makes a difference to me and everyone who has made the switch, but it is also morally imperative in the face of climate change. with regards Charlotte Davis
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Kylie	Chan	6162	My family and I have been big supporters of solar power from the start but have been disappointed at the apparent lack of incentive to continue on the clean energy pathway. Make this change to allow better management of climate change for all of our futures.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Allan	McKay	4551	I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. The rule change would also encourage power companies to help people go solar, thus reducing damaging emissions from fossil fuel generation. I have already taken steps to reduce energy usage from the mains grid by installing PV solar generation, and will in the next month be installing state of the art lithium-ion battery storage from LG (which will be a monitored test installation in conjunction with SMA). By far the most costly component of our electricity bills is the fixed connection fees.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Strain	3097	AEMC please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  AEMC we have a 3.8kw solar and we expect power companies to support not penalise people going solar. We have taken steps to reduce your energy usage with solar heat pump hot water, LED lighting, seals on all doors and windows, outside blinds and double glazing.  Savings of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills will help pay for the cost of installing all the above energy reducing actions.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Charles	Adams	3151	Encourage renewable energy, solar, wind, wave, tidal. We need companies motivated to minimize carbon, bring back the carbon tax,
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Robert	Cameron	3083	That incentives be made to encourage home solar usage, and reduce pollution accordingly. Thus reducing power plants causing pollution. Allow early installers of Solar panels to be able to upgrade to newer, better technology, without having their rebates reduced.

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Bernard	Verrall	2536	<p>As one of over 1million Australian consumers who have installed solar electricity and hot water, I have been impressed by the efficiency of this new source of renewable energy.</p> <p>Also I welcome the cost savings that these installations bring.</p> <p>At the same time I have been unimpressed by the high fixed charges that appear on our bills.</p> <p>The AEMC should accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme to provide a fairer system for consumers and to encourage the uptake of household renewables.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	Anthony	Reilly	4211	Submission
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Joseph J	Boin	3352	<p>I make this submission as an Australian who is concerned about my country's inaction in the face of clear evidence of Climate Change. It is clear that our fossil fuel use must be minimised as quickly as possible. Because fossil fuels supply our energy needs, we must maximize our use of renewable energy sources as quickly as possible.</p> <p>The review of the Renewable Energy Target (RET), with a possibility that it will be reduced, has led to a reduction in the uptake of Solar and Wind projects. This shows that incentive schemes have a definite influence on solar uptake.</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>The proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will encourage energy companies to embrace decentralized power. It will require them to invest in helping consumers to save energy/reduce demand. It will give more Australians reason to go solar and reduce our energy-based emissions.</p> <p>For the sake of our future safety, it is important for as many people as possible to go solar. I have done this in my own life, using the sun to produce electricity and to heat my hot water and home. I am very pleased with the decision to go solar and have considerably reduced my energy bills. I notice the increasing stresses that rising power prices have on my friends and neighbours and find I am insulated from that problem.</p> <p>The current experience of many people I meet is that power companies apply disincentives to changing to solar: People find that their electricity charges rise if they have solar panels on the roof; the providers take a long time to start paying for power fed back to the grid.</p> <p>Not only should disincentives stop, but power companies should be helping people go solar. Once the trend is clear, they can work on systems to manage a new pattern of electricity flow and reduce the huge summer demand peaks that are a current problem.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Mary	Dunlop	6230	<p>As educated and forward thinking people well versed in your subject matter, I am presuming you can see that this is a win win situation. We are aged pensioners but took out a huge sum of money to install PV panels on the assumption that the rate would go to 60cents and that it would help the Co2 emission. This, you may be aware did not occur for various reasons.</p> <p>Many people moved on this government initiative and offer for a range of reasons.....to save money, to make a little money [most of which would not even off set the initial installation cost, even with the generous rebates in place at the time] and to help with global warming/Co2 emissions.</p> <p>I had to fight long and hard with my energy supplier for what was rightfully mine [everyone was new to the game and unsure of their facts] but we managed in the end.</p> <p>The biggest take-up of this PV solar system I believe, is in WA.</p> <p>We have people doing the right thing for themselves and global warming, proffered by our government, which seemed to do everything possible to hinder those wishing to take up their offer.</p> <p>The proposed 'sell-off' of public utilities is fraught with problems and added cost to the consumer, regardless of what is told to us.</p> <p>I would strongly urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers and any amount we are able to save would be of great benefit to us all. I appreciate this is a very highly involved science but I believe it is clear that we all would benefit from the DMISRC being proposed.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Mary Dunlop Bunbury 6230 WA</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Pat	Lowe	6725	<p>I strongly support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and ask the AEMC to accept it. The energy market would be fairer for users.</p> <p>Even more importantly, we need to encourage people to switch to solar power in the interests of all of us, to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels.</p> <p>I have a solar water heater and am considering 'going solar' altogether. I have always felt that fixed charges are unfair to those who make efforts to reduce their use of energy.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	RICHARD	GOOCH	4561	<p>Owing to ever power increases we had switched to solar and making savings that has made it worth while investing in solar. However if the fixed charges keep increasing such as the daily rate charge we are seriously looking at battery storage in the future, this would mean that the electricity companies have charged them selves out of the market.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Judy	Hardy-Holden	4562	<p>I am a self funded retiree without huge financial backing, but I do ok, and one of the ways I make my dollars go further is through the use of solar hot water and solar panels. They certainly make a difference over a year of bills.</p> <p>I am appealing for the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change so that more people can have control over their energy bills.</p> <p>Given all we know about Global Warming it is essential that power companies have an incentive to move to ways of curbing fossil fuel use and move to renewable energy sources, of which there are many and varied.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Murray	Chopping	6052	<p>To: The Australian Energy Market Commission Re: Demand Management Incentive Scheme.</p> <p>The proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme is a sensible and simple method of improving energy efficiency. This scheme has been shown to be successful where implemented in other parts of the world and can reduce household power bills by a significant amount.</p> <p>While we and others have reduced our power bills by installing solar, which has reduced the load on the distribution system and increased system efficiency, many others have suffered significantly due to the escalation in power prices.</p> <p>This bill will encourage a more co-operative approach to supply and demand with benefits to both power companies and consumers.</p> <p>This submission recommends implementation of this important bill.</p> <p>Murray Chopping</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Wendy	Gordon	6027	<p>I had panels installed about 2 years ago to help reduce costs. Now I am a widow &amp; an aged pensioner I'm looking for ways to keep my costs down. I need your help &amp; urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Thank you for your time.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Reg	Stevens	2478	<p>We all want cheaper electricity, &amp; one way is to use Solar Power, but why are solar owners hit with extra charges? I unfortunately rent, but if I still had a house, I would install solar panels, My power bills have more than trebled over the past 3 years &amp; I urge the AEMC to use the DMISRC Change. Thank you</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Geraldine	Luker	5159	<p>Solar energy installed, was it a waste of money. Can we continue to save with this incentive.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Barry	Toole	2830	<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 extremely important for power companies to help people go solar. This will help reduce the cost of electrical energy and at the same time reduce air pollution/coal based carbon emissions into the atmosphere.</p> <p>The AEMC should be helping Australians save money and reduce the impact of global warming.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		MR	Paul	East	6069	<p>I feel this is a great idea for many reasons firstly the power companies need to make money obviously there a business. So in the past people installing solar Systems is not in their best interest.. I also believe that currently the power companies put a lot of pressure on the government to reduce solar installations because it reduces their revenue... With this new idea in place the Power produces would be happy also the environment would be helped by many more people going solar which in turn would rapidly help Australia hit the renewable energy target laydown by the government many years ago.. I can only see positives in this idea it would also really stimulate the solar installation industry which in turn would mean thousands more jobs.. Go green Australia...Paul</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Holland	6031	<p>I am a self funded retiree and installed a solar energy system to safe-guard against rising costs in the years ahead.</p> <p>I am also aware of the huge costs to build new power stations to cater for the growing population and the negative effect these power stations have on the environment. While the installation of solar panels does have an impact on the revenue stream, this is far outweighed by the savings in CAPEX for new power stations.</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>Do the sensible thing, look after the solar industry, it will be your energy savior in the future.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Tony	Young	4306	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>Although the home of my wife and I has never been connected to the power grid, we are horrified at the escalating costs of electrical power as it is currently supplied to Australian homes.</p> <p>We opted out of mains connection in 1985 when our inquiry revealed that to be connected would cost us approx \$19,000, paid up front and possibly not put in place for two years. Further, we were told by the representative when we expressed our dismay that: if we gave him any trouble, our application would be put on the bottom of his pile. We walked out and invested in solar power which we still run today.</p> <p>I am only too well aware of the gold plating that has occurred with respect to power distribution networks and this has totally unbalanced both supply and demand - in my opinion due to sheer greed on the part of the network owners. This over-kill has got to be stopped and the networks to be constructed should take note that power demand from homes is falling and will continue to fall even further because more and more households are installing solar arrays to reduce their home power consumption.</p> <p>I would like the AEMC to grasp the nettle and take action to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It will help the householders of Australia.....and they are a very big customer.</p> <p>Sincerely</p> <p>Dr Tony Young</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Dominic	Gilligan	3996	<p>Whilst Australia still has a national electricity system , Australians need an electricity system that gives clear and sustained incentives to conserve electricity - conservation is crucial to the pursuit of lower Carbon air pollution.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr Storey	Trevor	Storey	4350	<p>This proposal sounds like common sense!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Natalia	Chodelski	3057	<p>Hello, i'm a 25 year old student. Energy bills are a major impact on my budget, which is limited as i work part time while studying. I also care strongly about the environment and the future of our country....right now i'm worried about having children one day in a world that is increasingly threatened by global warming.</p> <p>I would like to ask you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers, like me. It would also help tackle global warming by reducing the portion of domestic energy that needs to be produced from coal....hopefully reducing the overall use of coal.</p> <p>I try to conserve energy, use a smart meter monitor to track my usage, and use other power saving tools like a high efficiency heater. One day i hope to be able to install solar panels on my house (when no longer renting).</p> <p>I feel it is important power companies to help people go solar, and support this positive change in power generation!</p> <p>Rising power bills have meant I have had to live farther from my school in the city, in order to afford both rent, and my bills. Yet i feel that bills ought to be dropping as more and more people start using solar and contribute toward the grid, reducing the work the government has to do to generate power.</p> <p>If i could save \$150 or more a year on household power bills, it would make a big difference to my life. Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change - for citizens like me.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Noel	Bird	4565	<p>Please ensure that the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is implemented. If we are to have any hope of keeping global warming within acceptable and liveable limits it is essential that governments provide every incentive to all power users to reduce and manage their electricity consumption, switching to renewable energy sources wherever possible. We have just replaced the majority of our CF light bulbs with LEDs in order to reduce our own electricity usage, but the insidious and unwarranted increases in the fixed charge for service make this an almost meaningless gesture.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Ian	Herbert	3673	<p>I've taken the time to read up about this scheme. My rural community are totally unaware of the DMIS proposal, as was I until recently. We really are at a cross-roads for the future of our country and indeed the planet. We must choose the path that encourages local solar based generation and efficient use of grid power, not the reverse.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	david	lyons	5125	<p>Any saving helps the underpressure household budget.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		MR	Barry	Thompson	2064	<p>I'm keen to see the rules covering Australia's energy markets assist to make the system fair and efficient to all customers. So, I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ross	Honniball	4220	<p>For the future of our way of life, its critical that Australia's energy systems :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Embrace non-polluting technologies</li> <li>2. Encourage energy efficiency (in part by rewarding customers who make an effort to use less electricity)</li> </ol> <p>Under the present model, the more energy is used, the more money energy companies make. It's pretty obvious that this does not serve our collective long term environmental interest.</p> <p>I am told that there is a new proposal called the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and that the benefits of this new rule include :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The rule will reward power companies for encouraging customers to save energy</li> <li>- The rule will provide incentives for power companies to support the installation of more solar with storage</li> <li>- Has potential to reduce household bills by \$120 - \$500 a year. This is an easy one to vote for. Rising power costs have effected everyone over the last 5 years.</li> <li>- Provide a fairer model than the present one</li> </ul> <p>Will the AEMC be accepting this rule change?</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Chris	Johansen	6149	<p>To rationalize our electricity supply system I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. As you are aware, the business model for centralized power provision is rapidly and irreversibly changing. It is my hope that the AEMC can keep abreast of these changes, and indeed take the lead in facilitating them.</p> <p>Sincerely, Chris Johansen</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Miss	Patricia	Church	3196	<p>Although a pensioner with very restricted finances I feel it my responsibility to help ensure that later generations inhabit a non-toxic environment. So, I have foregone all trips for four years to afford solar panels on my roof. If I had to pay full power and gas accounts I would struggle just in day to day living so I need continued support for power I supply to the grid.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Kitka	Hiltula	3183	I would urge you strongly to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer, and more importantly help people transition to a sustainable energy system. I believe this is absolutely crucial at this time.  Yours sincerely Kitka Hiltula
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Judith	Gamper	2902	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It makes so much more sense to reward us all for using energy more efficiently. Our future but even more the future of our children and grandchildren depends on us maintaining balances between availability, use and the resulting pollution in our energy consumption.
17/03/2015	Organisational	Brightstar Ener	Mr	Edward	Blackley	6162	I have been involved in solar energy and residential demand side management for over 20 years. In that time I have seen the responses of utilities across Australia to the implementation of such measures vary from apathetic to hostile. It is no surprise though, given the legislative environment in which these companies operate. Improving the energy market through implementation of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is essential to making the electricity market fairer for consumers.  I have been lucky to use a solar energy system to reduce the impact of rising energy costs to my family, however I am concerned by the possibility of having the savings I make stripped away by increasing fixed costs on my power bills.  I believe it is essential for power companies to encourage homeowners to continue to reduce their electricity consumption through solar PV and demand management while providing incentives to shift loads away from peak periods, using emerging technologies and / or price signals. The electricity network can be better optimised and should not require the same level of costly upgrades if this approach is taken.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Quentin	Schneider	2429	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 invested heavily in 10kW solar trackers and they generate more electricity when it matters (not just in the middle of the day).  Any incentives for individual customers should be shared across all connections/accounts in their name and not just the same NMI. Solar trackers will usually be in the middle of a paddock, and it cannot rationally be expected that the electricity be used there as there may be nothing there to use the electricity.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	David	Blundell	4560	To ensure that we use our Personal & National resources economically, it is essential to utilise & encourage the use of renewable energy sources
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Yeates	4068	To Whom It May Concern at AEMC  For years it has been very difficult to justify using solar power for electricity and for an even longer period, solar hot water, primarily because the suppliers are able to simply change the cost structure in particular, the cost penalty on minimum and small consumers who pay a whole lot more unit cost than 'big' users. This works against minimising consumption - just what the profit orientated companies want as an outcome. Any change in incentives and disincentives will help make the electricity suppliers more responsive as long as that is the intention ie to reduce demand, esp peak demand. Please therefore accept and adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Directly related to that, the electricity suppliers have wasted an enormous amount of funds on advertising and promoting bigger and better consumers of more not less power eg air conditioning without any consideration other than profits plus the benefits of expanding and/or replacing the supply grid. To date it has not been in the interests of the electricity suppliers to promote anything that might reduce rather than increase electricity consumption from the suppliers. Clearly solar water heating and solar electricity are going to reduce consumption from the grid but in particular, there must also be remote controls (as with electric hot water) on when peak load electricity for air conditioning can be used if from the grid. An example would be to mandate ONLY solar electricity to run residential and day-time commercial and industrial air conditioners such that the extra peak load demand is reduced when the air conditioning is used. THEREFORE it is essential for the AEMC and for power companies to help people go solar indeed that should be mandatory in new suburban and industrial developments. Despite the benefits, we have long considered but rejected solar primarily because in my experience, governments and other authorities can too easily change the cost structures in order to support the coal/gas generated electricity suppliers while refusing or reducing support and incentives for solar. That disincentive must be replaced with strict and committed policy certainty favouring solar. The current cost disincentive which has recently threatened to further discourage solar could so easily be replaced by
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Sandra	Hawkins	3350	Dear AEMC, As an electricity consumer and a person concerned about greenhouse gas emissions I have been actively embracing energy efficiency measures in my home and workplaces. I have installed solar at a previous address and hope to do so again at my current residence. When living without a solar installation I have been paying premium prices for renewable energy. If energy prices continue to go up due to expenditure on poles and wires, I and many others will be sorely tempted to off grid options. Personally I feel this would cause too many problems for other grid connected consumers. I believe the energy market needs to be made fairer for consumers and that energy supply companies need to be able to invest in localised smart grids rather than extending the inefficient large centralised grid model. Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change and make the market fairer. Yours Sincerely, Sandra Hawkins.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Martin	Beseler	6020	Why can't our governments get their heads out of old ideas and forcing everyone to pay for their lack of embracing newer and better power delivery. Single power stations supplying huge grids is hideously pricey with WA government trying to punish Solar users while for ever increasing network charges and fees.  Australia has suffered decades of under performing - think ahead governments - the damage already done will cost everyone dearly. Try and help the planet and lower one's own useage by investing in Solar and we get attacked.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	NOEL	BUTLER	2758	With the State and Federal Governments keen to sell off the power systems they have a vested interest to keep the value of these dying assets up to attract buying entities to invest in them. This means the deals while be sugar coated by putting barriers to the advance of solar energy as it is a real threat to their value. We must act now to lock in as many protections as possible to ensure the advance of renewable energy.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Albert	Filippa	3350	Please provide incentives for more sustainable energy sources like solar power and not provide incentives for dirty planet destroying coal.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Dale	Brown	4216	I believe common sense not only needs to but has to come back to the industry sector. Including energy/solar, water, agriculture and more. Companies and corporations have too much control and the government is miles off the mark when it comes to what the people want and need. People are the power.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Melodie	Downey	4173	Our family care very much for the environment. We do our best to reduce energy consumption by NOT installing Air Con even though SE QLD temps soar up to 39 degree+. We use ceiling fans, run only 1 frig and often listened to my wind up coil radio until it finally perished from overwinding.  Please consider Solar/power incentives and decrease in charges (such as Car Insurers do for household, orgs and businesses that demonstrate conservation practices and reduced power usage.  Kind Regards Melodie Downey
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Brian	Munday	2087	I strongly urge AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I believe that it, if adopted, would make the playing field fairer for consumers as well as encouraging energy saving measures, which must be in the Nation's interest. It has lately become apparent that the major energy retailers have finally accepted that household solar is here to stay, and in fact are moving to ensure that they have a stake in this market, including battery storage technology. The adoption of the rule change will encourage this trend. I should declare that I have a 3KW rooftop solar system, which has performed very well for the last eight or so years.

17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Pauline	Dikmans	2620	<p>Dear AEMC</p> <p>I would like to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I have recently installed a 3 Kw solar system on my house, as I was finding it crippling paying the inflated electricity prices. I have also opted for a battery-ready system so I can install batteries as soon as they reach an affordable price for me.</p> <p>I have consciously made an effort (and it was an effort for me) to save power and would welcome a benefit or saving for doing this. A saving of \$120-\$500 would definitely help my budget, which is under pressure with the higher power costs.</p> <p>Please help people like me who genuinely are making an effort to save on energy usage.</p> <p>Thank you ... cheers Pauline Dikmans</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ray	Lane	6025	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I have installed solar power to my home and fear that I am not receiving the full financial, social and ecological benefits from my decision.</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>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Tim	Knight	835	<p>The Australian Energy Market Commission must be seen to be acting on behalf of all stakeholders not just the utilities and I Urge 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	Personal		Dr	Robert	Teunisse	4810	<p>It has been a long time since we heard some common sense from the electricity market. The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change allows companies to profit from reduced or spread energy usage.</p> <p>From a medical perspective it is required we change the current means of electricity generation for the health of coming generations whether through air quality directly or climate change indirectly. Maybe this rule change is in truth a game changer and a first step in decarbonising our energy consumption</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	William	Heiner	4868	<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 for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I have installed \$16,000 worth of solar panels to reduce my costs.</p> <p>Rising power costs are reducing investment and I will end up with higher bills.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	MARGARET	SAINSBURY	2605	<p>I have had solar panels installed on my roof, and while reducing consumption significantly, there are still hefty charges I must have to pay my electricity company.</p> <p>In a country such as Australia, with abundant sunshine, it is unwise for us not to provide more incentive to householders and businesses to use solar power.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, for the sake of households under increasing financial pressure, for the environment, and for the principle of a fair go.</p> <p>Sincerely Margaret Sainsbury</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Norman	Strangeway	6112	<p>I urge all who are involved in energy infrastructure and in the whole energy industry to be aware that the public is becoming better informed of all aspects of your industry. There will be no where to hide if you get it wrong.</p> <p>It is therefore in your interest to look for solid and sound solutions to the industry. Lining the pockets of the few - will back fire on all who contribute to the wrong decisions made by AEMC.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Alex	R	2044	<p>Dear Sirs - I have invested in solar power to reduce my impact on the climate by reducing my reliance on coal fired power. But we are being hindered by electrical utilities &amp; retailers increasing the fixed proportion of our power bills, thus making my power saving less relevant (and pushing me to consider going off grid altogether, not ideal for anyone). I believe we should be encouraging people to reduce their power usage, and that you can assist this by rewarding utilities who encourage consumers to reduce their consumption. To that end, I'm supportive of the Demand Management Incentive scheme rule change, and encourage you to adopt the proposed changes.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	michael	Bull	2074	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Rules should be set to be fair to both consumers and suppliers. The current system is biased towards suppliers at the expense of consumers.</p> <p>It is vital that power companies help people go solar should they wish to do so.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference to my family.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Christopher	Eastman-Nagle	3079	<p>I am very much supportive of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will enable me to control and reduce my power use more proactively. I feel it is counter-productive to attempt to defeat this by sanctioning fixed charges to compensate for reduced usage of power</p> <p>It seems to me that in a carbon constrained world, power companies should be facilitating and supporting any attempt to reduce CO2 production, by going solar; not thwarting it.</p> <p>As part of doing my bit to reduce energy usage, I am converting all my lighting to LED within the next two weeks.</p> <p>I am very frustrated, after having been promised by the Abbott government that electricity prices would fall with the removal of the carbon trading system, that power company 'gold plating' has led to very noticeable power price rises that have eaten into our family budget.</p> <p>I feel that I should be getting the benefit of a reduction in my power bills by investing in co-generation and demand reduction. I should be reducing my annual power bill between \$100-\$500 a year, so where is it?</p> <p>I want the rule change and I want it now.</p> <p>Christopher Eastman-Nagle</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Lode	van Grootel	2073	<p>Please introduce the: Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	Personal	Mr.	Leonard	Eaton	2250	<p>Please change the rule to allow us cheaper electricity</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Maureen	Allen	5162	<p>Why am I paying a companies debt through bad management, and misuse of funds because of overcharging to pay it. I have solar panels, which I hoped would give me freedom from large bills, but the positive is being eroded. To all power and gas companies, give us in Australia, a belief that you have our welfare as your main concern, not just clawing back money, from us that you should not be spending in the first place</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		MR	Greg	Trent	4306	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I believe the 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change' is a step in the right direction for increasing the use/impact and acceptance of renewable energies. I support this initiative whole heartedly.</p> <p>Regards Greg Trent</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Spira	2515	<p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, to help drive down consumer costs for electricity and to continue the transition to renewable energy sources.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Clive	Edmead	3155	<p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is important for power companies to help consumers to go solar and reduce the demand on the grid and therefore the need to expand it at great cost which is passed on by rising supply charges.</p> <p>This will make a big difference to pensioners especially if current efforts to tie our pension to CPI instead of average weekly earnings get through the Senate.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Stephen	Edwards	6065	<p>Hi</p> <p>I am a family man with my wife and 2 children. My goal in life and career is to build a better future where my children can grow to there full potential and enjoy the lifelong benefits of nature and natural resources. It is with that in mind that I got into solar system installations and can see the full benefits of them which outweigh the negatives. I am passionate about solar and would love to see a future where my children can enjoy to true benefits of its creation.</p>



17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs.	Avis	Jeffares	2500	As a retiree I am very aware of the cost of electricity, so four years ago I installed solar panels on my roof. I passionately believe that Solar Power is the way we should be going (along with wind, and wave power). I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. It also has the added benefit of creating new jobs.
17/03/2015	Personal	MatrixIP	Dr	Darron	Passlow	2127	Please help bring the power companies in line with consumer (the public's) wishes and requirements so they are helping not hindering lower energy prices and better energy and environmental management.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Nick	Baiardo	6059	I can't believe that as a solar owner , who is helping the environment and reducing the need to burn fossil fuels that we are hit with such expensive charges from electrical supplies . These costs keep rising and rising yet they are not offering us real value . My home uses energy efficient Tv's , Aircon , Fridges , Led Lighting . So I'm reducing my impact on the World . We need the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Changes and we need this now !
17/03/2015	Personal	Tamar Technol	Mr	eric	ollier	7250	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. Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected Australian families and saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference.  Eric Ollier
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Sean	Williams	4105	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 installed 16 solar panels, my roof is insulated and I run a ducted air con system and yet my quarterly power bill has climbed from about \$440 a quarter to over \$800 and I get stuff all credit on my feed in to the system.  I am retired and will actively seek a means of getting off the system - see what that does to your fixed costs boyo!
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	Dennis	Nickell	2577	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. It is very important for power companies to help people go solar. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for you. Thanks for your considerations, Dennis Nickell
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Szacsvey	2350	Dear AEMC,  I am writing in support of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, which I understand will ensure that when users decrease their electricity consumption their bill will go down accordingly, a change which in a rational world would be obvious.  In a world of increasingly constrained resources, growing pollution and now inevitable global warming we must do everything possible to encourage the move to the use of renewable energy - I believe this rule change will be a step in the right direction.  Sincerely Peter Szacsvey Armidale NSW
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Roger	Shelton	3463	I have solar panels on my roof as I am concerned with power consumption and greenhouse gas levels. I believe this system offers positive incentives to reduce energy consumption and should be effective to assist our reduction of greenhouse gas
17/03/2015	Organisational	Bendigo Sustai	Mr	Keith	Reynard	3551	I have been running energy education programs in central Victoria for many years now and it is clear the regulatory system is designed to support the energy industries to the point of protecting their viability. This is very frustrating for consumers who feel helpless and trapped in a centralised power network. With recent innovations in technology, there is now far greater potential for consumers to have more control over their energy management. The Demand Management Incentive Scheme is a crucial element of providing consumers with greater control. However if the benefits are to be offset by the power companies simply profiteering in other ways such as increasing the fixed charges and service fees, then this takes away any incentive for people to take control of their energy.  It is important to provide incentive for the consumers and therefore to support the proposed Rule Changes where all charges on an electricity bill are reduced as the consumer adopts a more efficient usage pattern.
17/03/2015	Organisational	Solar Citesens	Mr	Owen	Goodchild	6163	Stop moving the goal posts and take control of the situation and do what is best for the country and the people not what is best for the government of the day. spend our money well and do what needs to be done not what you need to do to increase revenue for other countries and things we do not need
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Evelyn	Williams	4520	The increase in daily connection charges has meant that I am being charged more for connection than for electricity use. I don't feel that this is discouraging high usage of power which should surely be an important aim. I would like to see more effort made to reduce power consumption and less money spent on infrastructure which is not needed.
17/03/2015	Personal		ms	linelle	griffiths	6149	we have had sola 3k for 4 years at at great cost we are a one person bread winner but we forked out the money to help us in our retirement. my husband is in retirement now and I have to keep on working to pay the bills.. I will be retiring soon.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ronald J	van Velzen	6035	I am advised that there is consideration occurring to increase fixed charges for energy supply to households. I urge you to adopt the Demand Management Scheme Rule Change because it is a fairer way of distributing costs between consumers. We have a solar system installed and would be disappointed if rule changes are adopted that make that decision to do so are aggressively adopted to our detriment.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Anita	Beuthien	2037	To the AEMC I have put up solar panels and have noticed a real difference in our power bills, and a good feeling knowing that I am making a small difference to my carbon footprint. I urge you to accept the Demand management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, as it is important for power companies to help people go solar and to make the energy market fairer for all consumers. There are so many roof-tops that could be utilized, and the more use they are made of, the more real difference we can all make for a cleaner environment. A net lowering of power bills would be a real bonus too. Yours sincerely Anita
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Winchester	2311	Thank you for the opportunity to make my submission:  I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will encourage consumers to use energy from renewable sources as another step in reducing the detrimental ecological effects of carbon emissions from the use of fossil fuels.  I spent \$20,000 on solar panels ten years ago for my household to reduce my use of grid supplied energy and as a step in my personal commitment and contribution to our environment. I urge AEMC as an authority to follow my lead and the lead of thousands of other citizens in their attempts to do their bit for the environment and thus our global community. I suggest hundreds of thousands of other Australians would follow suit if the economic cost to using renewable energy was reduced.  Rising power bills and fixed charges are my family's second biggest cost (behind insurance premiums) and are a huge (and unnecessary) burden on my family and business. The savings incurred with this rule change would free up our household income to allow for investment in other activities that would be ethically and ecologically sustainable such as my organic beef farm - my primary source of income.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Michelle	Connors	6556	I believe Australians are paying far too much for electricity and therefore urge you to accept the Demand Incentive Management Scheme Rule Change. My family struggles to pay our power bills despite having solar panels and minimizing our use as much as possible. It also makes sense to me that giving people an incentive to install or upgrade their solar systems is a good thing for the environment and the alternative energy industry.

17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Janine	Richards	3065	We went solar a year ago in the interests of reducing our ever growing power bill, but also contributing in our own small way to saving our environment by using a clean and very available power source - solar. We truly believe the growing use of solar will have only positive contributions to our country. Thankfully our power bills have reduced which has taken a lot of pressure off our household budget. However, it's a sad indictment on our society that growing numbers of vulnerable people are opting to cut off their power in order to have money to pay for items such as food, etc. This is unacceptable in a country like Australia where the sun should be used as the one of main sources of energy. You now have the power to change this absolutely ludicrous situation, and I urge you to seriously consider the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Thank you.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Anthony	Tucker	2040	Dear AEMC, please accept the Demand Energy Incentive Scheme as it will make the energy market fairer for consumers. power companies need to pay a fair price for power contributed by solar producers, commercial and domestic. I have reduced my energy consumption with a 4 Kw on-roof solar, to the point where I produce more than I consume, yet still pay a substantial energy bill. this shows the absurdity of the current energy market.  Please ensure the DMISRC is accepted.  A.F. Tucker
17/03/2015	Personal		ms	anne	orr	6064	any chance of reducing Bills is good,we installed solar so we could save money and also do our part for the environment . I think every house should have solar ,it seems such a waste not to use the sun when we have so much of it .
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	GAVIN	HARRISON	4036	A change to the rules is common sense, Consumers are being ripped off and things need to change. My 16 panel system does little to help the rising costs of power. pretty soon my entire pension will go on just paying the amenities bills. What happened to cheaper power with privatization, more political BS as usual.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Kevin	Goldspink	5162	Please ! Urge you AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage with solar Panels, but electricity charges are still over the top, not just for me, but for those who can not afford to go solar, it need's to be a fairer system for all consumers.
17/03/2015	Organisational	ecoenviro pty l	Dr	Richard	Finlay-Jones	2291	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I wish to tell the AEMC how important it is for power companies to help people go solar. We have installed a 4kW system on our family home and it is reducing our bills by more than 50% Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected our family by forcing us into energy efficiency measures. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a real difference for us.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Paul	Duncombe	7005	At last some common sense in a proposal about power billing. Rewarding customers who save power (and the planet!) makes so much sense. I have a rooftop generator along with thousands of other customers. We are contributing to an overall reduction in the demand for power. This should be supported.
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	kurt	van wijck	3770	Hi, I am asking you to support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change As our government continues to put coal firms against strong evidence that it is a dying industry in battle to keep their heads above the water. With ever increasing evidence that solar is now cheaper than new coal it is time for you to stand up against our weak government and support, in this case solar, renewable energy in every way you can. Please do the right thing by the Australian people, the environment, by financial common sense and avoid embarrassment for our contry on the international stage. Thank you.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Tom	Maxwell	6150	It is essential that you accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change. I have spent thousands of dollars to install solar in a bid to CONSERVE energy. Rising electricity costs have a compounding effect on the family budget.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Alan	Pritchard	3280	I am writing to urge the AEMC to accept the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.  Two years ago I moved from country Victoria to a 6-Star energy rated house in Warrnambool that has double glazing, LED lighting, rainwater collection, generous insulation and other passive energy-saving design features. I would very much like to instal a PV array to offset my electricity charges but as a single 77 year old retiree on a full age pension, this is not a viable option under the present system of reduced feed-in tariffs, rising power bills and ever increasing fixed charges.  I deplore the coalition Government's negative policy toward renewable energy, the proposed cuts to the RET and their support for the coal and gas lobbies. However, given some real incentive to instal solar panels, I would jump at the chance to benefit from utilising renewable energy sources.  Please support this proposed rule change.  Alan Prichard.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Aaron	Parsons	3029	In days gone by where single point of origin generation plants built near resources was a necessity, it made sense to charge lots for distribution as networks cost lots. it also made sense in a supply and demand system that high volume users get discounts and low volume users pay a premium for supply.  Times have changed.  Resources are now limited. Consequences of environmental and social health and well-being from dirty power has taken a toll and now has a price that needs to be considered. Clean, renewable energy has been discovered and is almost as affordable. Again, supply and demand would make it more affordable than dirty power and the consequences that come with it. The renewable energy sector doesn't need government funding, it needs dirty power suppliers to stop stifling its growth and development.  Common sense indicates that in a user pays system, high volume users should pay more, and those prepared to invest in infrastructure to offset their consumption should be rewarded. How is it fair for me to generate excess solar power, offset my own use, feed in to my neighbor who pays 30c, but only receive 8c myself and still have to pay network/transmission costs? there is little network infrastructure in use for this transfer of power between neighbours... And why should my cost per kw/h increase because my use has decreased? we need a fairer system. a system that rewards personal investment and waste reduction. a system that protects the environment. a system that prolongs the planet so we don't kill it before nature runs it's course. there is too much self interest in government and business. Too many people looking out for themselves and their financial reward.  Times have changed. Government and rule makers need to change with them, or be run over by progress. People are waking up and thinking for themselves. It's just a matter of time before the next revolution.  Please reveiw and accept accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Helen	Killeen	4552	Our household has had solar panels on our roof for the last 8 years. We now generate more energy than we use, and want other Australians to have the same opportunity. For too long our governments have been subsidising the energy companies at the expense of consumers.  I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I know many people whose living costs are rising faster than their income, and would benefit greatly if there were savings on their power bills.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Eisenblatter	5070	With regard to the proposed demand management rules for the electricity distributors, please accept my support for such a change, and the resultant incentives to distributors to exploit (excess) solar capacity within networks, to ameliorate peak load demands on network infrastructure thereby reducing network capital expenditure and delivering potential consumer savings in the hundreds of dollars p.a. I have invested in such SEG infrastructure and believe network micromanagement is feasible, and more economical, to better utilise rooftop energy production and in turn ease network loads. A rethink of the network and SEG customers' interaction with it requires more research to unlock the obvious benefits that are there but not yet exploited.
17/03/2015	Personal		mrs	sally	roberts	6074	Dear Sir, I took the time and finances to help our society by providing the means to collect solar energy which at the time your government encouraged, I now find that the costs are ever-increasing and hopefully if you accept the demand management incentive scheme all will benefit in the long term regards sally roberts

17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Judy	Schrever	3146	<p>Like many Australians, we have installed solar and have taken steps to make our home energy efficient. We do this to reduce pollution and green house gas emissions for a safer world for our grandchildren and to combat ever escalating electricity bills.</p> <p>However our power company has created obstacles which mean we are not yet paid any feed in tariff for energy we supply to the grid, while increasing fixed charges can only be interpreted as an industry not committed to, in fact hindering, the uptake of clean energy production.</p> <p>We therefore urge AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Unless a fairer system is introduced consumers will exit the grid</p>
17/03/2015	Organisational	Innovative Trai	CEO	Vic	Susinetti	6029	I strongly urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Merrick	Ekins	4069	<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>TTI is for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>I have reduced my energy usage with solar and efficiency measures.</p> <p>The fixed charges have increased 400% in the last 6 years, wow I wished my salary had increased by 400% to keep pace with the bills.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Roger	Adamson	5125	<p>I would urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to encourage consumers to lower their energy usage and also save money. It is my understanding that people react better to rewards for doing things than being threatened.</p> <p>We have had a small solar system installed on our home in our retirement village to try and keep the ESSENTIAL Power we use at an affordable cost, seeing we are now heavily reliant on the Aged Pension. I believe if people make an effort to help save our planet they deserve to be rewarded and energy suppliers who do this will be strongly supported by people such as myself as we are finding it increasingly difficult to meet the rising costs of power and gas, even though we have taken steps to try and reduce our usage.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Peter	Schaffner	3340	I am always surprised how the power companies are trying to stop solar energy. Solar Power is helping our environment from pollution. Every owner of solar panel is helping the power industry to use less brown coal, maintenance of Power poles and wiring. We should increase the use of solar power and create an understanding to the public how important solar power can be for every household. But sadly the mining Industry is very powerful and the Government is very weak and has not enough knowledge about the importunes.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Anna	Campbell	3460	<p>Dear AEMC, I urge you to accept 'the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change' to allow fairness for consumers in the energy market. For the sake of our future generations' ability to survive on this world we need to be caring for the environment and working WITH the environment, not against it. Solar power is one way in which we can do this.</p> <p>I have solar panels on my residence and would like to add more (to aid with water heating), but it is expensive up-front to do this. People with limited cash flow need to be able to access sustainable energy. The public also looks to a government for guidance; and we are looking for a government who shows it genuinely cares about our future.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges means to my family that we have less money to work sustainably - e.g. to buy a water tank, good bicycles or a more efficient car.</p> <p>Savings of \$120 to \$500 a year would all help with this. It is important to get the priorities of the world in balance and not to see essentials such as providing energy to households purely as a business to make as much money profit as possible. The profit should be seen as a healthy Earth, able to sustain the human and fauna and flora populations far into the future.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	David	Tuff	6151	Please dopt this new rule to stop power companies from spending money on nthe network unnecessarily. Give solar power in private homes a real chance.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Wright	3580	Please make it fair for those who, not being well off, made the financial investment to make this planet cleaner. I really thought that this was what it was all about. We should not be disadvantaged for doing our bit for a better earth.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ashley	Cooper	3106	For the sake of the planet, let alone our hip pockets, your must accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make all our lives fairer and richer
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Don	BARBER	4552	<p>I am urging the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change making our energy market fairer</p> <p>It is important that power companies assist people to go solar</p> <p>I have already taken steps in this regard to reduce energy with solar efficiency measures</p> <p>A saving of \$120-\$500a year on my household power bill will make my pensioner life much easier</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Hon	David	Harper AM	3135	It is in my opinion imperative that reliance on fossil fuels be replaced by reliance on renewable energy as a source of electricity generation. Of course practicalities prevent immediate total conversion, but our duty to future generations cannot be fulfilled unless we do as soon as possible as much as possible to reduce the risk of catastrophic climate warming. Reduction of the demand for electricity is a core aspect of this. I urge the taking of every action designed to achieve this goal.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ken	Benson	4500	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	Personal	Mount Lofty Di	Mr	Rod	Kemp	5152	Like many others, we installed a solar power system to help reduce our energy bills and to support the concept of a future free of polluting energy sources. Over time the rise in fixed network fees and the drop in FIT have seriously eroded our benefit so that we now expect to take 15 years to recoup our investment. The price we pay for imported power has risen substantially, while the price we receive for exported power has decreased; this cannot be justified. We support any move which makes the energy market fairer for consumers.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Steve	Saunders	2132	<p>I support introducing The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It will provide the correct direction for changing to more efficient energy system. The big energy companies need rules like this to give them reason to invest correctly in renewable energy.</p> <p>It will give incentive to consumers like myself to manage our energy use. I already have PV installed to assist with my energy costs and as I am about to retire I am vitally concerned about managing my household expenses into the future on a limited income. Thank you.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Elizabeth	Kennedy	2745	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make our market fairer. we live in Australia solar is the new and safe clean way for the future but we must start NOW. We need to stop being lazy stop digging up the ground solar panels on every roof top. Australia could be truly great make the world go WOW look at them go solar.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Greg	Flattley	3156	This rule will not only provide significant savings on our power bill but also provide incentive for the community at large to seek energy savings through thrift and alternative sources.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Warwick	Hempel	2251	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make the energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I have installed solar panels on my roof, LED lights in my house and installed an efficient energy pump to heat my hot water. I would like a power billing system that gives me a reasonable monetary saving for my power saving efforts.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Gray	2479	<p>It is vitally important to future of Australia's energy supplies for people to become energy conscious and thereby may efforts become efficient and to reduce consumption. Whilst it is not in the interests of power companies, we consumers need the supply rules to allow consumers to have this right. If the supply companies had their way electricity would be ridiculously expensive, consumers need every break they can to control their costs.</p> <p>Solar is an important part of this solution. I have 3 solar systems already, I intend to use battery storage for load limiting and time of use management. Many others want the same.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to make these rule changes to allow consumers the ability to manage costs, put in place use reduction measures, and reduce the size of their electricity bills.</p>
17/03/2015	Organisational	Arizona Boatin	Mr	Jim	Buckland	2263	Hi, we installed solar panels four or five years ago with the intention of reducing our carbon footprint as well as the power bills. We succeeded with the former but because of the extremely high SAC charges our bills have risen. With the price of batteries rapidly decreasing a stand-alone power system is the logical next step, that would hurt the utility companies immensely so what is needed is an onsite storage system which rewards its owner by paying a fair rate for power stored and sold back to the grid at times of peak demand. Jim Buckland.
17/03/2015	Personal		MR	PAUL	MALICK	4710	Just raise the RET and keep the power companies honest

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mark	Walker	3450	<p>To Whom it may concern,</p> <p>I write to express my support for the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>It is clear that in the last 7 years electricity prices have gone up significantly as has spending on infrastructure by the electricity suppliers. This has occurred while a scheme that supports infrastructure spending in a climate of reduced demand has held sway.</p> <p>Your own research suggests that consumer savings of between 4 and 12 \$billion could occur if a demand management style rule change was put in place.</p> <p>This is not trail blazing stuff - all over the world there are similar schemes, both industry initiated and government mandated.</p> <p>Rooftop solar and other small decentralised power generation systems should be supported as they lower demand on old dirty centralised power generators.</p> <p>I fully support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and urge you to adopt the proposed change.</p> <p>Regards, Mark Walker</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	George	Ettershank	7178	We installed solar for sound ecological reasons as well as economic expectations. I support the proposed changes.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Leon	Beattie	4280	<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>Power companies need to help encourage people go solar, not discriminate against those who have solar power, with silly charges.</p> <p>I have personally reduced my dependence on the grid by installing my own solar system. Saving me money and helping our environment at the same time.</p> <p>I also work in the solar industry and speak personally with a lot of families and see the impact the increasing power costs have had on them and their lifestyles. Increasing power prices have made solar a 'must have' for some families, just to try and combat the price rises.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a huge difference to me personally.</p> <p>So AEMC, take a stand for the "little guy" and please adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, for the good of all consumers.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Gillian	Hayter	6056	<p>We installed a good quality solar electricity generation system 3 years ago, not to make money but because it is the right way to go for power generation.</p> <p>However, the whole system of generation and reimbursement needs to be overhauled to make it more equitable for all. The laws should encourage home owners, new to the market, to generate power from solar not just those who were able to take advantage of the scheme when it was first introduced.</p> <p>Rising fixed costs and charges for supply of power currently reward and subsidise out-dated, inefficient and environmentally damaging power resources like coal.</p> <p>New legislation needs to look to a cleaner future and support fair and efficient infrastructure.</p> <p>I support the changes which will lead to this outcome.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Tanya	Maxwell	7150	<p>We chose to have a simple home with Minimal running costs so that we could both work part time and care for our children. We have been very disappointed with the recent legislation which disadvantages families like us.</p> <p>With a fair tariff buy back energy companies and consumers could all win.</p> <p>Please support solar energy investors when legislating.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Simon	Thompson	4870	<p>Please accept the the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>As a citizen of a regional area I find it frustrating that there are so many hindrances to installing solar energy. If we are to do what is required to stop catastrophic climate change then all of these hindrances need to be removed and a lot of incentives put in place. This rule change is the first step and hopefully will encourage large numbers of consumers like me to install larger solar systems with storage that could balance out demand. The faster we can get people on solar the sooner we can get carbon neutral for our children's sake.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Tony	Routledge	5607	<p>re: Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I would like to submit a submission re; the above mentioned rule change.</p> <p>I believe it is important that power companies are encouraged to help people go solar. I have installed solar on my roof top and done so for two important reasons, firstly to help reduce greenhouse gases thus helping to combat global warming and hopefully to provide an environment that my two teenage children can lead a happy and comfortable life. Secondly to reduce my ever escalating energy bill.</p> <p>Having installed solar I now believe I will and have been discriminated against by energy retailer and in South Australia by ESCOSA by increasing supply to property charges and the reduction in feedin tariffs for green energy that retailers resell at a premium (I may have the last point wrong as I am not sure whether household green energy can be sold at premium prices.</p> <p>I believe that people should be encouraged to install solar and/or small wind turbines to help in our fight to combat global warming. I also believe that fair feedin tariffs should be given to current and future solar energy households.</p> <p>With the above in mind 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>Yours Sincerely</p> <p>Tony Routledge</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Gordon	Featherstone	4055	<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 would like to tell the AEMC how important it is 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 have affected both me and my family.</p> <p>€The saving of \$120 to \$500 a year on my household power bill would make a difference for me and my family.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Misha	Blair	7250	Tariff should be at least one for one
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Chris	Laver	3194	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as will make our energy market fairer for consumers. With the amount of solar power in this country we should be taking advantage of this as many other countries have done.</p> <p>Let's put the brakes on rising power prices and become a world leader in environmentally friendly power supplies.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	St Vincents Hos	Dr	Ric	Day	2070	<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. We use solar hot water heating and have reduced our energy usage. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would be welcome, but protecting the environment is also important to us - we have grandchildren.</p> <p>sincerely</p> <p>ric day</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Briser	3672	<p>G'day,</p> <p>I'm writing to support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>It's about time that we began to make the technological realities of generating electricity match with the costing methods levied on consumers.</p> <p>We're part of this change as we've invested in solar generation. Projection of present charges, especially those for poles and wires, suggests that we ought to go off-grid. It wouldn't take many with like minds to make the problems of the generators, distributors and their customers much, much worse. Demand would continue to fall and the costs would have to be spread over a smaller base - a death spiral.</p> <p>We're focused on reducing our electricity costs and have recently moved to retailer Powershop because there's some help with estimating usage and reducing costs . . . and because our old retailer thumped us with a 15% rise in peak energy.</p> <p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change will, it appears, help in this aim and the Australian community will be grateful.</p> <p>Regards - John Briser</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Laurie	Biddle	6169	<p>I would 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 very important for people to go solar, as global warming is becoming more evident. I have solar power and as a pensioner it has helped me to survive during winter and summer. Many of my friends will not use their heating or cooling appliances owing to the cost of power and suffer health problems during the very hot or cold weather.</p> <p>As pensioners we do take cost saving measures to enable us to eke out our living costs so any saving to us would be of tremendous benefit as it would be for all families.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	gary	bennell	2040	<p>Power companies should support the move into solar. It is good for Australia. Innovation is the way to a better future for us all.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Rod	Thomas	4034	<p>Whilst I agree that premises all premises should contribute to the cost of the grid, I think the current situation has gone too far in that the Fixed daily charge has risen from about 20c per day to now near \$1 per day over a period of 10 years, something like a 17% increase each year. As I understand, the Demand Management Incentive scheme will change the charge from being a time connected fee to a how much used fee. This is much fairer and I support its acceptance. I believe the installation of Solar PV systems should be encouraged, if only for the fact that it makes people think about Energy and that most of what we are currently using is not from renewable resources.</p> <p>In this spirit, we installed a Solar PV system some years ago and it has helped us reduce how much we non renewable energy we use, though we are still out of pocket taking into account the capital cost of the PV System.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Rod Thomas</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	PETER	PAULL	4130	<p>Attention:AEMC</p> <p>With regard to the future of the planet we urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for all consumers and help restore a clean environment. To help achieve this we stress to the AEMC how important it is for power companies to help people go solar.</p> <p>To this end we have taken steps to reduce your energy usage with solar hot water and power generation and are progressively replacing lights with LED BULBS as efficiency measures.</p> <p>We remind the AEMC that the virtually continually rising power charges and the outrageous fixed charges are stressing family budgets.</p> <p>The AEMC indicated savings of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills will make a big difference for us and particularly those on the minimum wage or less.</p> <p>Regards Peter Paull</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		MRS	LYN	REID	2473	<p>I use solar power and wish to install more solar cells in the near future as solar is free and generation maintenance free (except panel maintenance).</p> <p>I wish to be able to encourage other users to install solar. This cannot happen if solar users are penalised with fees and do not receive sufficient rebates when they supply into the already established grid.</p> <p>Escalating electrical fees and supply charges should be decreasing with increased solar use.</p> <p>Are they? NO! Common sense must prevail instead of profiteering.</p> <p>What is of COMMON good for the country will lead to a prosperous country.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Dean	Cording	4211	<p>As a family with limited income, we have worked very hard to reduce our costs by implementing energy saving measures and producing our own power by installing solar panels. Although we have reduced our grid electricity consumption by nearly 50%, our electricity bills have continued to rise, mainly due to increased fixed supply charges.</p> <p>We feel that it is very unfair that we are forced to pay for network upgrades through increased fixed charges when we are actually reducing our use of the electricity network. The need for network upgrades does not reflect our changing electricity use.</p> <p>We urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will encourage sensible investment and energy use choices. This will make our energy market fairer for all consumers.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Keith	Dare	3166	<p>Since going solar in 2011 I have noticed a 50% decrease in my consumption of electricity. More than 50% of my usage now is off-peak due to the family becoming aware of savings that can be made during the morning before the solar generation starts up. Most of my energy requirements from 9am till 6pm are provided by the solar panel generation. I have a 2KW solar array which faces west, so this really helps cover the late afternoon power requirements of the house. I am fortunate enough to be on the Premium feed-in tariff, but since installing the panels, I have noticed the fixed daily charge has crept up significantly to the point where one hour of solar generation is required just to pay the daily charge. I still recommend solar panel installation to my friends, however, discussion is always needed to ascertain their pattern of electricity usage to establish the benefit to those people who want to install them.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Kenneth	Reid	3240	<p>My name is Kenny Reid and I support any change in regard to increasing the uptake of solar systems with storage it's common sense economical sense.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Ramona	O'Rourke	4680	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change to encourage use of solar and saving our resources.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Kathleen	Parker	6058	<p>As a single parent I urge 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	Personal		Mrs	Merilyn	Howorth	3036	<p>I ask you to consider seriously the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and accept it so that the energy market becomes fairer for consumers.</p> <p>We have been a solar powered household since 2008. Despite the fact that we have consistently reduced our power consumption in that time our power bill has increased so that we are now required to top up with a monetary payment on at least two of the quarterly bills each time. If the current billing system remains unchanged there will no longer be an incentive for consumers to invest in solar panels, a shameful situation when we all know that climate change is real and is affecting us every day and that turning to solar as a source of domestic power can work to reduce electricity generation emissions. So I plead with you as the regulating authority to take up the chance this gives you to improve rather than increase the problems from increased power generation and to do it promptly.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ben	Andersen	2478	<p>My family home has Solar, the decrease in cost that electricity has given us allows us to continue to eat as other costs have risen, but wages have not. It's not just this, if Australia discourages solar then we will continue to fall behind the rest of the world in not only the use of renewable energies but also in our innovation and technology contributions.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Gary	Webb	4216	<p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change must be accepted because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I installed a 6kwh PV system but get no help from power company other than a ten cent FIT, they charge this out at three times what it cost them. Solar power is clean energy &amp; should be promoted and subsidised as much as possible. As soon as feasible I will be installing battery storage. All savings would be helpful.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Heather	Bray	2429	As a university Science graduate with 3 decades of successful, personal solar power involvement, I support the implementation of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It is obvious that in our current world climate crisis, the reduction of fossil fuel emissions in the course of power production needs urgently to be curtailed and this mechanism has a great track record overseas for encouraging and incentivising both solar energy with storage installation and reductions of energy usage. It will make our energy market fairer to all consumers.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Bruce D	Pearce	6070	The WA Government is contemplating imposing a tax on solar users because they don't use enough electricity. Surely, we must be the only country in the world to contemplate such lunacy. For every kWh, solar users generate that represents a quantity of coal, oil or gas that isn't burned and thus saves the pollution that is destroying our planet. For God's sake, stop this bloody madness and get some logical thinking in place to take the policies of energy away from the power companies and authorities who are so blinkered in their thinking.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Ute	Mueller	7325	To the AEMC I urge you to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Rule Change as it would make our energy market fairer to consumers and would not contort it by penalising low energy consumption financially. Many people feel like doing their share for climate change which would help our whole nation and beyond, but why should they pay for conserving energy or using alternative one? This would be an extremely positive step to becoming a good corporate citizen.  Ute Mueller
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Colin	Carpenter	6012	I encourage the Government to support any proposal to reduce the cost of electricity to consumers.  It is insane that the suppliers make money by installing more infrastructure in a situation of reducing demand.  I fully support any action that increases the supply of renewable power.  I currently run my home on solar power and am a net exporter to the grid with only a 2kW system.  It is the big user that needs to be penalised as it is them that increase the peak loads with large air conditioners and swimming pools.  A large percentage of those installing solar are lower users of power and wanting to use renewable energy as well as save money on electricity bills.  Colin Carpenter
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Dass	2481	I very much support the new rule proposed for the AEMC: the Demand Management Incentive Scheme. Australia's sunny climate lends itself for renewable energy systems, and particularly solar. If households were encouraged and rewarded to make use of solar power systems, not only would Australia be able to substantially contribute to global efforts to reduce carbon emissions, individual families would be much better off financially. I live on a rural property where I need to run a septic system, swimming pool and have tanked rain water pumped into the house. My power bills were often over \$1,200.00 a quarter. Since installing a 5KW solar system my power bills are reduced by more than 40%. At current market rates, this means that my solar system will have been paid for in savings in less than 3 years.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Lee	Stewart	2068	Dear AEMC I am writing to you to ask that you accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  Power companies need to help people go solar for our long term future. A saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for me personally.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	David	Greaves	6105	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will benefit consumers in the long term, and make for a fairer market.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Best	2206	Please smooth the way to an alternative-powered nation by rewarding those who use less coal-derived energy. The current rules, giving companies the incentive to pointlessly over-invest in soon-to-be outmoded infrastructure, need to be brought in touch with reality.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Garry	Holmes	5108	Please allow the demand management incentive scheme rule change be accepted. This country needs to stop our reliance on coal and make the shift to solar and wind. It just makes sense to everybody that cares about the generations to come. This rule change can make all the difference.
17/03/2015	Personal		MR	RAYMOND	MOORE	6022	AEMC, please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change to make it fairer for consumers. Australia needs clean solar energy to improve the environment by cutting our greenhouse gas output rather than increasing it by conventional means. Our WA State Government were seriously promoting Solar power granting incentives to consumers; rather having to build another expensive Power Station. So far this has been achieved but, the incentives are being eroded and have become less attractive for newcomers to invest in solar. It won't be long until a new Power Station will be necessary and at a significant higher cost.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Sean	Davis	6163	We have solar panels fed directly into the grid system and need a fairer market system please look at changing the demand market system
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Peter	Abbott	2600	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. It will also make electricity cheaper for everyone.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Lachlan	Garland	2782	I believe the AEMC should accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. For too long people, like us, who have installed solar panels are being discriminated against. We did not do it only to save money, but to help improve our environment. Just because we have Governments who think climate change is rubbish doesn't mean that those who try to do the right thing are penalised.  It is also important that those who haven't installed solar be encouraged to do so. We cannot keep relying on coal to provide our energy.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	McAfee	4122	As an individual and a consumer I believe I have a choice on what I buy and how I choose to use it. As far as I am concerned, I applied this same principal to when I purchased a solar unit for my household to lessen our generation of green house gases from the power generators by using solar to provide for my family's needs.  I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as I believe it will be a great boost for consumers to go solar and lessen the burden on our natural resources for our descendants.  As an example of the savings solar power has helped me, every account I have received since going over to solar energy I am receiving a credit due to the energy my solar system produces over my usage... What a wonderful thing this is when everywhere else prices seem to be ever increasing.  Solar energy once set up is a cost free boost to consumers and those who choose to go solar should not be penalized by the power companies for doing the right thing.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Brian	Reddin	6029	It is unethical for the Govt to continue receiving energy from us without recompense or reduction in our energy account which we set up to assist us in our senior years .
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jenny	Cottle	2225	Why are companies investing in more and more network infrastructure - even though electricity demand is falling? This has simply caused power prices to double since 2007 - and it is criminal that these same companies also got federal government grants to do so. The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change could stop this.  Further, with Climate Change such a major issue which is already having catastrophic global effects, it is vitally important for power companies to help people go solar. The rule change could greatly contribute to this.  The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change would be a saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills which could help so many people who are struggling in the current economic climate.  Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers and will be better for our environment.

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Richard	van Dyk	4154	<p>We strongly urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change for the following reasons:</p> <p>We wish to install battery storage so as to utilize the surplus electricity that our 9.35kW rooftop Solar PV system generates however under Energen's archaic rules we would be forced to give up the feed in tariff that we currently receive to offset the cost of our Solar PV and future battery upgrade and would then also be forced to waste or give away for free any surplus electricity that we generate above that which would no doubt be on-sold by the retailers to fatten their profits at our expense.</p> <p>It also does nothing to reduce peak demand in the evenings when solar is no longer capable of generating electricity and in turn encourages companies like Energen to force up electricity bills to pay for them to build a network capable of handling this peak load.</p> <p>Furthermore, energy companies should be assisting Australians to reduce demand on the network by encouraging the switch from incandescent (and for that matter mercury filled and breakable glass CFL globes) to far superior and safer LED globes. We have replaced nearly all incandescent globes with LEDs in our typical two story house which has resulted in our lighting wattage being reduced from a total of 4,939W down to a mere 1,041W! All with LEDs that mimic the warmth of incandescent globes whilst also providing instantaneous light with no warm-up period unlike dodgy CFLs.</p> <p>Energy companies should also encourage distributed micro generation via rooftop solar and wind power as well as support peak demand reduction through battery storage by introducing incentives and even allowing export from battery systems to the grid during periods of extreme demand. Renewable energy can be made more reliable and network friendly with the introduction of storage systems and in turn would encourage growth in this industry in light of the shrinking mining industry. We need to preserve this planet for our childrens futures not just our own and this is why we are strongly in favour of the DMIS rule change and would very much like to see it accepted by the AEMC.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Cade	Law	4670	<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. Does this not seem to make a lot more sense? Cade Law</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Siggy	Nowak	4208	<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>It is vitally important for power companies to be more responsible and help people go solar.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Kirsten	Mitchell	4551	<p>Australia needs to incentivise energy saving. Saving energy means saving our precious resources and reducing our environmental damage. Consumers should be rewarded for it. There is a worrying trend for solar owners to be hit with discriminatory charges for doing the right thing. Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Lee	Belbin	7173	<p>The proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is one of the wisest changes I can remember in recent decades in Australia.</p> <p>Climate change is a reality and therefore everyone aware of the implications should be acting to reduce their carbon footprint. This is PARTICULARLY true of rich countries like Australia where alternative energy options are widely affordable and where cost reductions should be the reward.</p> <p>The coal lobby is however a major concern for those of us that want to see the rest left in the ground. Australia has done far too much damage.</p> <p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change would be one of the best investments into Australia's future. It attempts to aim us toward a more intelligent future, one not dependent on digging it up and selling it overseas to the detriment of all.</p> <p>Please make it happen. Lee</p>
17/03/2015	Organisational	Tweed CAN	Mr	Greg	Reid	2484	<p>Members of our group have installed solar capacity, reduced electricity consumption and in many cases added storage backup.</p> <p>We urge adoption of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change.</p> <p>Rapidly increasing fixed charges on power are eroding incentives for power saving and increasing incentives to disconnect from the grid.</p> <p>Gross solar rebates end in NSW next year and the feedback we receive is that many people will choose to disconnect. In this region new grid connections cost more than stand alone power systems and many new homes are no longer connected to the grid.</p> <p>Current pricing policies are undermining the potential for distributed solar production and the benefits of efficiency and resilience it offers to the grid.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	stephen	brown	4114	<p>Beating a solar user I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for all.It will bring down the price.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	lalitha	chelliah	3070	<p>I would like the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>The lead taken by the power companies to help people go solar will eventuate in less carbon pollution.</p> <p>I have installed solar power for all household use and a solar hot water system; The gains for me a enormous; My power bills are so much less which means that I can spend it on other necessary items.</p> <p>The rising power bills and fixed charges have affected my bills in the past and only because of the installation of solar power we can breathe easy on managing our household budget. My family can now eat better food and can saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would that makes a difference for all of us. It teaches the kids to use electricity wisely and minimise use of power utensils and utilities. Teaches them to save as opposed to waste electricity. Teaches them about future plans of saving the planet.</p>
17/03/2015	Organisational	Cooloom and N	President	Leigh	Warneminde	4573	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme, rewarding consumers to save energy. Australian citizens are showing that they want cleaner greener energy as is seen by the uptake of solar panels in the community. Industry and government policy are lagging behind and are not reflecting the need for clean power. Steps to reduce consumption by supporting the community to adopt solar power, should not be thwarted by failing to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Jayne	Murdoch	4053	<p>It seems crazy with the decrease in electricity demand that companies are still building infrastructure and keeping electricity prices high because of wires and poles. The future is local production solar, gas trigenerational power plants so stop wasting money on unnecessary infrastructure. Please change the rules to encourage less use of energy.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Micvhael	Murray	4020	<p>I strongly urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>I have reduced my energy bills by going solar and I think it is important that consumers are given the opportunity to continue to do this and that power companies have the incentive to encourage this.</p>
17/03/2015	Organisational	Sc Sustainable	Mr	DAVID	HALFORD	3658	<p>In my work I meet many consumers who are unhappy with the way that energy is priced in general and in particular the way renewable energy is treated. Because the electricity industry has had no incentive to seriously integrate household solar electricity into the total supply system its potential benefits both in savings to consumers and in generating efficiency are not being realised. Anything that rewards the industry for encouraging savings rather than encouraging additional usage will help them to consider future generation and distribution systems in a more realistic way.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Penelope	Gebhardt	3926	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>As a power consumer I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make the energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is also vital from a climate change perspective. As an economy we must end our dependency on fossil fuels and embrace our renewable energy industries. It is important then that power companies assist people going solar. People should be rewarded and not penalised with hidden levies and taxes for choosing solar.</p> <p>We are building a house this year and we plan to install solar panels but it would help a great deal if we had more incentive from government and industry to do so.</p> <p>Yours Faithfully, Penelope Gebhardt</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Bernard	Terry	6036	<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 wish to tell AEMC how important it is for power companies to help people go solar. I have installed solar panels to reduce my energy usage. The most important issue never considered when discussing solar power is that solar removes the need to construct new power stations. According to research from the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC), the body who makes the rules which govern power companies, this rule change would reduce household bills by an estimated \$120 to \$500 a year*.</p> <p>The fact is, the way our energy market operates currently goes against every notion of common sense. Why are companies investing in more and more network infrastructure - that's the grid that delivers us power - even though electricity demand is falling? The same reason power prices have doubled since 2007. It's in the rules. As things stand, the AEMC rules reward companies for investing in unnecessary infrastructure, and consumers are left to foot the bill.</p> <p>If accepted, this rule change will see common sense restored. It would mean that when consumers reduce their energy usage by going solar or using efficiency measures, their power bills would actually go down accordingly.</p> <p>We're at a turning point. If this rule change is accepted, our energy sector could finally be ready to embrace a sun-powered future. If it's 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	Personal		Mr	Harry	Elliffe	2096	<p>I wish to support the change to the Demand Management Incentive Scheme that will encourage electricity suppliers to support customers who can reduce their energy demand. I have PV panels and feel that the current practice of charging for supply at a high rate and crediting customers at a very low rate for power supplied from PV panels.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Barbara	Levick	2340	<p>It's time we had a government which looks to the future and encouraged a move away from a centralised fossil-fuel focused energy generation system. We urgently need a sensible plan for the inevitable transition to distributed renewables and the DMIS rule change is a logical step in the right direction.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Nixon	2620	<p>I support introduction of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. The large companies that generate electricity and control the distribution grid must be given financial incentives to encourage small-scale distributed power generation. Under current rules, it seems that the opposite is occurring. Paltry prices offered for surplus energy fed into the grid and rapidly escalating fixed grid connection charges are discouraging to private solar electricity owners. I have a 3kW rooftop solar system on our home, sufficient for our average annual needs, and use the grid as a storage battery. I am seriously considering disconnecting from the grid and installing my own battery storage system - this is almost financially viable with present grid electricity costs. However, from a community point of view, it is illogical! Please change the rules so that the whole community can benefit from a more sustainable system of electricity generation.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Penelope	McGaughran	4551	<p>To the AEMC,</p> <p>I am asking that you implement the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>This would allow power companies to be rewarded for encouraging customers to save energy. In turn, this provides incentives for power companies to support the installation of more solar with storage, helping to lower energy bills.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>Penelope</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Attwood	2340	<p>I believe that it is criminal that the power generators continue to burn coal to generate power that could much more sustainably be created by solar installations. It is also insulting to the intelligence of the nation's consumers that grid development is rewarded while sustainable infrastructure building is not. Please ensure that the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is accepted, and that the generators are rewarded for encouraging more and more consumers to install solar with storage.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	john	russell	4306	<p>I invested in a rooftop pv system to reduce my energy costs, I could have spent the cash on a big screen tv or a holiday, but I elected to forego these in favour of long term savings and less stress on the environment. I am not a wealthy person so the pv system meant I had to do without something in order to acquire it. Since purchasing the system I have had to suffer an endless stream of BS from politicians and energy company executives. These people want to punish me for buying a pv system, they blame me and others like me for pushing up energy costs. In reality they simply want to increase their profits and justify privatising the energy industry. No State owned enterprise that has been privatised has resulted in lower costs to the consumer, by its nature, a privately owned entity will seek to maximise returns for its owners. Any rule which will restrain the greed of private (and state) owned enterprises deserves to be supported. I urge the AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to help keep the energy companies honest. (Apologies to Don Chipp AO)</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Glennon	4069	<p>The current legislation is nonsensical for both consumers' pockets and for the future of our environment. The government should be doing everything in its powers to reduce retail energy costs and to encourage usage of solar power and other renewables.</p> <p>The governments' role is not to simply enable corporate rent-seeking behavior at the expense of the voters that keep it in power.</p> <p>John Glennon</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Katherine	Lloyd	3844	<p>Please increase solar energy usage so that power bills go down,</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	andrew	rufus	5158	<p>power companies should invest in local (rooftop) power production to reduce the demand on the entire electricity network. As less stress on the network occurs through reduced demand (efficiency and solar power) power companies should reduce investment on the network. developing cost effective solar storage and paying reasonable rates for exported solar power is a way to invest in local solar power production instead of increasing capability across the national grid for demand that is dissipating. Invest and encourage solar powered homes stop penalising them with increased fixed fees and negligible export prices</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Stephen	Chaplin	3108	<p>I spent a fortune to install solar panels and low voltage lights inside my house to reduce the amount of power we use only to find the power supplier has charged me a higher KWH rate than my neighbour because I have installed solar power panels. I cannot understand how they are allowed to charge less per KWH for a house if it doesn't have solar. E.G. Without solar .204900 per KWH With solar .26400 per KWH Same company same charging zone. This is a blatant rip off.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Diane	Poole	2905	<p>Dear AEMC Can you please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because I think it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I think any steps that encourage more people to use solar energy and other sustainable energy efficient measures is very important and I strongly support this. I myself have put 6 solar panels on my roof and I would like to do more but cannot afford it. I am on a low income, single parent and anything that can be done to bring our energy costs down would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>I hope you can support the change.</p> <p>Regards Diane</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Phillip	Tulip	5113	<p>Encouraging Solar is the right thing to do for the planet. It is common-sense, ethical, and environmentally the right thing to do. Stop thinking about today's profit and imagine tomorrow's planet, will we be worse off or better off? Will we even survive climate change? I think we will but the cost will be devastating and not everyone alive today will be able to survive; probably only the rich. However, if a rich enclave does survive, how long will it take for the massed, starving, diseased hordes will break down your barricades and murder you for your food and lodgings? I imagine a sort of Zombie Apocalypse where the massed and hungry 'have nots' will totally revolt and in the end the Earth will be unlucky enough to have a small population of hunter-gathers who will likely eventually evolve enough to repeat this whole damn cycle..</p>



17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Margot	Oliver	2044	<p>To the Australian Energy Management Commission - I urge the Commission to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>This will also (hopefully!) act to increase the incentive for Power Companies to help consumers go solar - an important step towards greenhouse gas reduction.</p> <p>Yours in hope, Margot Oliver</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Graeme	Harrison	2034	<p>I won the Thesis Award in Electrical Engineering at Usyd for my work on Electricity Demand Forecasting Techniques; am published in this particular sub-field (IEAust Nat'l Power Conference 1977); served as a Harvard Consultant to The White House; worked as a Deloitte-Touche consultant on Alternative Energies to US Dept of Energy; am a backer of Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE); and actively use PV panels for domestic needs.</p> <p>California's utility regulatory authority determined in the 1970s that a PRE-REQUISITE for any alternative energy was for the regulator of such utilities to REQUIRE BY REGULATION that power generators must buy-back consumer-generated power (feed-in tariff) on terms comparable to peak/daytime small-customer retail rates.</p> <p>Forty years later, Australia effectively ditched that sound advice in recent years, leading to a reversal in our move to more sustainable power generation.</p> <p>We need to actively re-establish that principle - that customer-installed solar must be treated favourably. Regulators need to stand-back and see themselves as answering to the society's needs and not the needs of the particular large players with whom the regulator engages most often. Judges must deal with criminals all day, but must remain 'entirely true' to the needs of the society at large - nothing less is expected from a regulator.</p> <p>We need to encourage as many kWh as is possible from renewables, and see dirty fossil fuel sources as the 'stop-gap' supplier of last resort, until we achieve a network along the lines of that proposed by BZE's Baseload Report.</p> <p>The normal excuses of power-factor correction (PFC) etc. are all able to be over-come with a smart network. We need to work towards ever-higher levels of solar, and if post-2017 solar installations will require IP-addressing, so as to adjust PFC by shifting phase (relative to the network), then this can be achieved by a simple upgrade to new types of solar inverters that have a wifi capability. Existing constraints cannot allow existing industry majors to work against Australia meeting its moral and international treaty obligations.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs.	Cathleen	Meggitt	4575	<p>Please do something to control the greed of the Power Companies. After the rescinding of the carbon tax my Power Supplier AGL raised the price of supplying MY electricity -garnered by my solar panels coming back to me, from 50 cents per DAY! to 83 cents per DAY without a peep of intent or giving a reason (over the same already existent power lines.) And so far as I know, nobody has made the slightest effort to justify this bare-faced robbery. The savings coming to me from my investment in solar panels dropped slowly but steadily from hundreds of dollars to just \$18 for one three month period. These companies can do as they like and there is no Body willing to rein in their greed.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Carol	McGuire	2473	<p>It would seem the logical thing to do, to keep power bills down for consumers, and to keep emissions down for the environment.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Grahame	Maund	4213	<p>I think it is very unfair to punish people who have shown initiative &amp; environmental responsibility &amp; have outlaid large sums of hard-earned cash to instal solar power in their homes. Because our electricity bills have reduced considerably, they greatly increase the Supply Charges to make it more equitable/less disadvantageous for those who haven't shown the same initiative. What chance have we got to save Planet Earth?</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	David	Humphrey	6171	<p>I installed solar panels so as to reduce my power bills and help the inviroment. I would have thought that getting people to install panels to help with climate change would be No 1 priority! But it seems that at first you get as many people as you can to buy panels Save Money and the inviroment by going solar then in the next breath it's Lets screw them and change everything! It is about time that the people that try to help and do the right thing are rewarded and not hung out to dry. The power bills are ridiculous now and the people high up in the chain do not care because they can afford it with the money they are on, They should try and survive on a pension or a basic wage with a family, mortgage or rent to pay, they would soon change there minds. I think we need someone from the real world running the show and stop paying the top knobs there extortionate wages there is no need to pay people that type of money and maybe that would help there bottom line?</p> <p>I could go on for ever but it would not make any difference but I hope you can.</p> <p>David Humphrey</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Alan	McEwing	6280	<p>Solar energy is the power of the future, power companies should embrace this, not place hurdles in our way. I have moved house recently and went from a FIT of 47 cents to 8 cents. That is extremely cheap power for the power companies. Rather than making life difficult for people who choose the solar path they should be more encouraging to people who choose solar, as I said it is cheap power for them too.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Israel	Smith	2518	<p>Energy provision and consumption is one of the biggest challenges facing the sustainability of our society in Australia in the 21st Century.</p> <p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is the first initiative that will encourage sensible allocation of resources - both financial, and energy-related.</p> <p>Please accept the DMISRC to make the energy market fairer for consumers, better for Australia as a whole, and better for the planet.</p> <p>Kind regards, Israel.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	robert	quigg	2262	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>As a concerned energy user I would like the AEMC to endorse the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and allow the power companies to provide incentives that would support people that regularly save energy and encourage more consumers to save power on a regular basis and this bring a better result for the environment and the community at large.</p> <p>thanks for your consideration</p> <p>Robert J Quigg</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Bevin	Boyd	6030	<p>I am writing to confirm my support for the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change. Increasing fixed charges on power bills is currently being considered by the Barnett Government. This will increase the already high cost of power in W.A. This will also act as a disincentive to increase renewable energy component at a time when it is clearly the most economically and environmentally desirable in the long term.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ray	Cowling	3003	<p>For too long the rules have created a ridiculous waste of Australia's resources and significant cost to householders, and manufacturers.</p> <p>We need all our leaders (whether elected or selected) to make more thoughtful decisions for the future.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Paula	Samson	6153	<p>The United Nations supports the need for rapid expansion of renewable energy working towards 100% Renewable Energy by 2050 and states that approximately 80% of known fossil fuel reserves must stay in the ground.</p> <p>Working backwards from this target of 100% by 2050:</p> <p>2050 100% Renewable Energy 2040 80% Renewable Energy 2030 60% Renewable Energy 2020 40% Renewable Energy</p> <p>The Solar Citizens doorknocked in my area and found that 89% of residence wanted the RET to be the retained. Also, people are aware that the system and rules regarding the electricity sector must be changed because the rules go against common sense.</p> <p>Why are companies investing in more and more network infrastructure, even though electricity demand is falling? The same reason power prices have doubled since 2007. It's in the rules. As things stand, the AEMC rules reward companies for investing in unnecessary infrastructure, and consumers are left to foot the bill.</p> <p>The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is a sensible rule change and needs to be implemented to help Australia reach the United Nation's target and keep the global warming under 2 degrees.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Lawrence	Cahill	4060	<p>In 2014 our family installed a solar PV and a solar hot water system; with two teenagers our electricity and gas bills were financially crippling. It also seemed that the new Federal and the Queensland Governments were sadly out of step with broad world wide consensus on climate change and the promotion of renewable energy sources.</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it is time our energy market was fairer for consumers. A fairer return for consumer produced solar electricity would certainly help reduce our power bills further.</p> <p>It is time for Australia to do much more to promote consumer produced solar power and contribute fairly to the global carbon dioxide emissions reduction schemes adopted by many countries around the world. Let's not saddle future generations with this consumer and climate mess!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Martin	Chape	6056	<p>As the operator of grid connect solar PV I am assisting the grid by supplying power at a price one third of what the guy next door with the big air conditioner that uses it is charged. In addition the external plant (pole transformer) doesn't have to be upgraded in order for him to use his air conditioner thereby providing savings to the utility. Don't hit me with unfair fixed charges just to recover you costs because you are selling less power from your own generation. You are making a profit from me! If you do increase fixed charges I will disconnect and go it alone.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Gavin	McKenna	4300	<p>My service fee (daily fee) that my retailer charges, has more than tripled over the past 2 years, which is the number of years I have had solar panels installed and operating. This service fee apparently pays for new infrastructure. I have reduced my dependence on my retailers product but continue to be increasingly charged. Surely this is wrong. I would be saving over \$200 per year if this service charge remained at a sustainable cost.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Tim	Winter	3133	<p>Dear Sir or Madam</p> <p>I have had solar panels on my roof since July 2007. My main motivation for installing solar panels was to reduce the carbon footprint of my family home.</p> <p>Since installation of the solar panels, I have watched with dismay the steady increase in both the supply charge and the cost of electricity as the electricity network businesses have invested in infrastructure and the costs been passed on to the consumer. Today, the cost of electricity is about twice what it was in 2007. As a retiree with no prospect of increasing my income, this hurts.</p> <p>I urge the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) to adopt the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. This would require the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) to give network businesses incentives to cut electricity demand. This would lead to a fairer outcome for all consumers. There would be a greater incentive for individuals and businesses to invest in solar energy and a subsequent reduction in carbon emissions.</p> <p>In the interests of the global environment, please adopt the proposed Rule Change.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Tim Winter</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Cleary	4030	<p>Government has a responsibility to make the energy market fairer for consumers. The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change can assist that objective.</p> <p>Because Governments have privatised energy, consumers now find power companies unhelpful and resistant to assisting those converting to solar because of the impact on their profitability and business model.</p> <p>Its time effective energy solutions were embraced in the interest of consumers, communities and the planet.</p> <p>Renewable energy is an obvious way forward</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges make major inroads into a families budget and reduce disposable family income.</p> <p>Fair and equitable pricing can fix that.</p> <p>AEMC can assist but supporting community education programs which reduce energy consumption and assist consumers to identify how to do that effectively.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Bob	Brown	4114	<p>To Whom it may concern</p> <p>I have read the Intergenerational report &amp; better ways of producing power are one of the subjects we need to be paying attention to right now , Solar is the easiest way that I can see for consumers to lower their power bills now and into the future , I have invested in Solar &amp; various other ways of lowering my electricity bills &amp; it is working , however being blamed for higher power bills for those that don't have Solar is not Fair , a fairer way of pricing energy &amp; rebates &amp; Incentives to Power Companies to increase Solar on roofs.</p> <p>Therefore I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Thank You Bob</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Max	Bourke AM	2612	<p>I strongly support this rule change as a matter of simple equity.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		ms	hetty	schaafsma	2480	<p>I have taken steps to reduce my energybill.One reason is the climate change ,the other is that I donot like to use elctricity from sources not good for the environment</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Warwick	Buckingham	2640	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I strongly urge you to introduce any rule change that makes Domestic Solar Electricity Production more financially viable.</p> <p>I am a domestic solar producer and have calculated that my solar system is a net financial loss. But since I am producing solar electricity for the sake of everybody's children and grandchildren I do not mind this affordable loss. But many people are not in a financial condition where they can afford to take a financial loss by installing solar panels. Paying Domestic solar Producers a break even, or profitable, rate we enable many more people to install Solar. This would not be a subsidy, or a cost to non-solar consumers!</p> <p>As Australia's population has expanded rapidly in recent years billions of dollars would have had to be spent on expanding Generation and Transmission capacity. But because of the surge in Decentralised Domestic Solar production this vast expenditure was not required.</p> <p>Domestic Solar Producers have been given no credit, and no money, for this huge contribution to keeping power prices for everyone to a lower level than they otherwise would have been.</p> <p>Instead, solar producers have been paid a pittance for their Solar Feed-Ins, and higher service Availability charges, and are accused of making power costs higher for other consumers when they have actually been keeping charges lower! If the AEMC cares anything for Financial Justice, and the future survival of life on Earth, it will make fair payment to Solar Producers a priority.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Joel	Dignam	2602	<p>I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as a way of encouraging households to reduce their power consumption and save money.</p> <p>If we are to have a robust electricity grid, we want to encourage efficiency and decentralized generation. Solar and conservation measures are part of this, yet utilities currently have an incentive to encourage people to consume more power.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Craig	Sajben	7173	<p>To put it simply, if you dont allow these changes &amp; allow us solar investors to reap the benefit from OUR!! investment, people like me will simply go off grid over the next 12 months when Tesla release to the market their solar battery storage system, they have already developed &amp; released the first batch of prototypes that work perfectly.</p> <p>You love the power we feed into the grid that you pay a pittance for &amp; sell on at a massive markup, what are you going to do when all that power vanishes, you will lose not only the massive greedy profits you make out of us, but you will also lose the power we generate. As a main power generator electrician I know how much it cost to produce the power that you sell &amp; I'm disgusted in the way you treat us solar generators.</p> <p>Do what is right or you will place yourselves on the road to financial oblivion as we have had a gut full of your unconscionable financial behaviour, I'm in the process of starting up a business specifically designed to aid &amp; inform people how to go off grid ASAP using Tesla's battery storage system. Coal powered generation is dead in the water, you just don't realise it yet. I'll have great amusement watching your business model come crashing down around your ears as it will happen so fast that you will be wondering what the hell happened, your days of ripping us off are over, or at least numbered, that number is very small too. So at least for your own sakes do what is RIGHT allow these changes.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Patricia	Kirkham	6210	I urge the AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. Like many thousands of householders we have cut our energy use to just four or five units per day from the grid. Our 2kw of panels provide for all our energy needs in daylight hours and have made a huge difference to our ability to live on an old age pension. We export to the grid and if it becomes economically possible to store energy in the future, we would do so. We have invested our savings in a passive solar energy efficient home and increasingly builders are being forced to build more energy efficient homes which will again help to reduce the amount of power taken from the grid.
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	John	jaffe	4068	solar is in the interest of the country and community ,though may not produce the bribes for politians coal dose. you are meant to act in the communitys interest,now would be a good time.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Alan	Strickland	5062	To encourage solar uptake and reduce costs for electricity consumers will you please support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change?
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Alex	Mortensen	2580	In the interests of common sense and lower prices to consumers I expect the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. It is extremely important to the environment and to consumers for power companies to help people go solar. I have solar panels on my hose and these produce about the same amount of electricity as I use in a 3 month period. Currently they save me money as I get the 60c payment for my electricity production, but once the 7 year period expires the amount I will be paid will be insufficient to cover costs for me. The power companies should pay solar producers the same as what they charge us for electricity usage... Being on a partial age pension every dollar really counts for me so saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would help me to pay other bills..
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Dennis & Mem	Taberner	3280	We have been committed solar users for approximately 8 years (having borne the costs associated with 2 grid connected systems in our long term and recently downsized residences). Australian citizens have 2 huge resources available to them - space and sunlight. It seems illogical not to use these relatively free resources to help alleviate the CO2 problems directly attributable to coal based power. While there may be a lack of recognition at current policy making levels of the link between our dominant power generation methods and the scientific evidence for global warming, I would urge the AEMC to take a risk minimisation approach to their decisions. Opt for increased use of solar generation and reduced coal fired power.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ben	Abraham	2750	As a young person concerned with the future of Australian carbon emissions, and our contribution to global climate change, I wish to see Australian households take up solar in greater numbers. As a result, I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change if it encourages people to lower their power consumption and to install more solar and other renewables locally in and around the home.
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	michael	grincer	6012	Solar and storage will have the same effect on the energy industry as the smartphone had had on the telecommunications industry. The transition to a distributed energy system will be highly disruptive unless the regulations spins the industry are changed. The Demand Management Incentive Scheme will be a great first step in allowing for a smooth transition that will benefit both customers and the power companies.
17/03/2015	Personal		Miss	Joanne	Atkin	2203	The Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change is the most sensible option for so many reasons. It is incredibly important for people to be able to use renewable energy, particularly in the form of solar power (Australia is a rather sunny place), and to encourage people to save electricity. Not only will this save people money, but it will help lower Australia's carbon emissions, which is the best way to tackle climate change. Wouldn't it be great to see the public and the power companies on the same side for a change, and increase our trust in the industry at the same time? Please accept the rule change, as denying it simply doesn't make sense.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Rosemary	Baird	3130	Dear AEMC, Can I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change which will help make the energy market fairer for consumers. It is important to encourage consumers to adopt solar to help reduce demand on infrastructure. Rising power bills and fixed charges have the largest impact on those who can least afford it. It is in the best interests of all Australians to adopt this new rule. Kind regards, Rosemary
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Adrian	Garner	2297	If infrastructure costs continue to increase, the educated wealthy will see that we are paying for a system that is grossly inefficient (60% loss of power from station to home) and move towards energy independence. Resulting in infrastructure costs being lumped on a decreasing pool of people with decreasing wealth.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mark	Landmann	3128	Dear Sir / Madam,  I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. how important it is for power companies to help people go solar.  I have installed solar panels & a solar hot water system at my home.  Nevertheless, rising power bills and fixed charges have affected our family.  I am very concerned about energy security & the importance of clean energy.  For us to save money on our household power bills would make a significant difference to our family.  Yours sincerely, Mark Landmann, Box Hill.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Joachim	Roxin	2289	It is inevitable that we need to become more sustainable if we care about the planet and future generations, so start doing it now.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Robert	Stynes	4556	AEMC should 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, as a savings of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills will make a difference to consumers.. We have taken this step so are able to confirm that these and more can be saved on power bills.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Gerry	Ruffa	3300	I would strongly urge AEMC to support the introduction of the DMISRC. The resultant outcome would be a lowering of greenhouse gases, a win/win result for both suppliers and users in reduced costs and most importantly, a cleaner Australia. Please give this Demand Management Incentive Scheme a chance to prove itself.  Regards Gerry Ruffa
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Graham	Bagwill	2284	Please AEMC accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for us consumers. AEMC it is very important for power companies to help people go solar. We have taken steps to reduce our energy usage with solar and efficiency measures. AEMC the rising power bills and fixed charges have affected me and my family. AEMC saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills will make a big difference to you. Most important AEMC by consumers taking these steps they are helping the environment.
17/03/2015	Personal		John	P	Nievaart	7256	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	Personal	Stickyweb Pty L	Mr	John	Poynton	3355	It's a foregone conclusion that Australia's reliance & support for 'dirty' power production is finite but infinitely destructive to our beautiful country. Everything should be done to urge companies to harness the abundant renewable resources available and try to reverse the damage done to our environment and ecology. I have installed 5 KW of solar at a large cost to myself, but receive little for the power I feed-back to the grid and there's the threat of higher 'supply charges'. Every summer our power companies complain that they cannot cope with peak demand & yet, those of us relieving the strain are threatened rather than rewarded. Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change to change this inequality & encourage others to reduce reliance on pollution-driven power.

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Christopher	Bath	2565	<p>As a senior citizen concerned about the environment and the exorbitant power bills, I would strongly urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>As I write, we are in the process of having solar PV installed in our building at Macquarie Links(Ingleburn).</p> <p>We live in a unique country with an abundance of free energy from the sun let's embrace solar PV.</p> <p>Energy companies would discourage us to go solar to prop up the coal industry to fill the pockets of their shareholders-enough of that.</p> <p>It is vitally important, therefore, to vigorously support the Australian solar industry to save our environment and to reduce our power bills.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Christopher Bath</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Demand Mana	Clare	Holdaway	6530	<p>Energy costs to householders are rising all the time. This is because of the huge costs of inefficient and nonsustainable energy production and the constant renewal and building of new infrastructure, by energy companies, to attract Government subsidies. In a vast sunny country this is all wrong.</p> <p>I want to go solar yet the Government seems to make it harder and harder and of less benefit to do so. Solar users face ever rising fixed charges when they should be charged lower rates for using less energy. In effect Australians are being discouraged from going solar.</p> <p>What the Government should be doing is encouraging energy providers to support people like me, in their conversion to more sustainable energy means. And we consumers should be paying less once we make the change and use less.</p> <p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and make it fairer for all of us who wish to do the right thing by our planet, while also saving on our household energy costs. It's a situation where everyone wins.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	John	Blair	2090	<p>I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers and probably a lot cheaper. Indeed, I'd be very interested in cutting 15-30% of my future power bills through this rule change.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>John Blair</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mrs	michele	rozenberg	3204	<p>There is a new economy that can be achieved, and it is not one of mass wasteful consumption of gadgets and energy, but of conservation and up-skilling and providing superior service and products. Get on the revolution wagon and hitch another great initiative that compliments a new economy.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Richard	Arnot	2479	<p>To AEMC I would like to add my support to the suggested changes to the legislation concerning electricity use and supply in Australia</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Des	Griffin	2086	<p>I strongly urge adoption of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is essential that every reasonable encouragement be given to households to take advantage of renewable energy and conserve the use of energy. The consequences of business as usual are severe in the extreme.</p> <p>Installation of solar panels has saved thousands of dollars on our power bills over the last three years. For us as a retired couple this saving is important.</p> <p>Demand management is an important element of the strategy to reduce energy consumption and so reduce costs and lower power bills to consumers. That has been shown in many countries over many years.</p> <p>The profligacy of the last several years involving outlays of some 40 billion dollars on unnecessary infrastructure must not continue. Reducing energy demand reduces borrowing costs.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Evelyn	Elek	6081	<p>Please assist humanity to reduce consumptions via self sufficiency. Please support the solar industry to reduce the carbon footprints.</p>
17/03/2015	Organisational	Bremer Waters	Mrs	Claire	Maclure	4305	<p>On behalf of 315 residents leaving at Bremer Waters, it is important the AECM ensure changes to safe guard these residents. Due to the age group with in our village being an average of 70 years old of which many residents are on fixed benefits with the majority at the lower income scale, a savings of between \$120 to \$500 would make an incredible difference. Many residents have solar installed on their homes as a benefit to allow them to keep costs low, but with the ongoing increases in power costs and the removal of incentives it is making it more difficult for residents to be financially secure. Please help our Residents get a better deal.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Julie	Bailey	2046	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It is vital for the future of the country that we go solar. I have had a solar panel since 1984.</p> <p>I am rebuilding and want to add more solar panels to reduce my power bills which are getting out of hand. So please support this bill. Thank you</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	anthony	ryan	4551	<p>I wish to support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>I understand that this would reward power companies for encouraging consumers to save energy.</p> <p>I have solar panels and am alarmed by the trend towards higher fixed costs not related to my power usage.</p> <p>I invested considerable funds to install my system so that in my retirement, I would have lower expenditure for power bills.</p> <p>The fixed cost arrangement tends to reduce the savings I have tried to get from my investment.</p> <p>I urge you to introduce the DMISR change.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	Mount Alexand	Ms	Grace	McCaughey	3450	<p>The new rule on Demand Management will make a huge difference in reducing peak demand and relieve the need for more costly infrastructure.</p> <p>This seems to be an easily understood idea, certainly of me as a 78 year old with solar panels on my small house. If I can understand it, surely the energy companies can. If the energy companies operate in the interests of their customers then they must accept this new rule.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Givan	Ismail	6164	<p>Please accept DMISRC.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Jenita	Jenita	Enevoldsen	6011	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I'm writing to you to advocate for the adoption of the 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change'.</p> <p>I am looking at buying solar panels for my new home which my partner and I are looking to build.</p> <p>In a growing world of change towards sustainability and energy reduction - it only makes sense that if you reduce your energy consumption that your bills would reduce as well.</p> <p>We are blessed with an abundance of sunshine in Australia, and could be making our communities more robust by adopting the 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change'.</p> <p>Denmark and Germany have made commitments to run on completely clean energy (fossil fuel free) by 2050.</p> <p>I am strongly advocating for our adaption to a carbon neutral economy by 2030, and make steps towards the same targets as Denmark and Germany have. It is possible and here's how we can do it: <a href="http://climateworks.com.au/project/current-project/pathways-deep-decarbonisation-2050-how-australia-can-prosper-low-carbon">http://climateworks.com.au/project/current-project/pathways-deep-decarbonisation-2050-how-australia-can-prosper-low-carbon</a></p> <p>Yours for a clean energy future,</p> <p>Jenita Enevoldsen</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Lenny	Burgess	2420	<p>To AEMC,</p> <p>The ever growing fixed charges are contrary to the commonsense principle of decentralised, passive energy production.</p> <p>Apart from the financial disincentive it's encouraging destruction of the planet. Most irresponsible!</p> <p>Let's make a change for the good of all our grand children and the world we live in.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Lenny Burgess</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Peter	Driscoll	4554	The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is necessary to reflect the strong trend of increasing use of decentralised power. Less investment in unnecessary power infrastructure given the ability of households and industry to use locally produced renewable energy is a game changer in modern society. This rule change will help serve the community with efficient power supply without the ever increasing costs of environmental damage. New and innovative electricity production systems and use of electricity for transportation driven by smart systems all needs the support of a forward thinking Australian Energy Market Commission. I strong urge the adoption of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.
17/03/2015	Personal		A/Prof.	Einar	Thorsteinnsson	2350	Dear AEMC,  Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the Demand Management Incentive Scheme (DMIS). I think that the DMIS sounds like a good idea that will hopefully benefit power companies, consumers, and Australians as a whole. My family 'went solar' many years ago and we have never regretted it as it has reduced our energy bill and paid for itself. Thus helping others 'go solar' would be a good move to reduce peoples' bills and to make energy use in Australia more sustainable.  Sincerely, E. B. Thorsteinnsson
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Greg	Smith	5048	Electricity prices and the use of electricity seem to have an inverse relationship at present and this trend will continue no matter what model the electricity suppliers and infrastructure suppliers adopt. This is because the intersection of the cost of supplied electricity and the cost of solar cells with battery banks will also soon intersect, and the traditional business models for the major suppliers will be seen to be defunct. For ALL of the reasons spelled out on line and by solar advocates, the demand management incentive scheme must be implemented NOW in order for the traditional businesses to have any business left at all. I commend the new scheme to you.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Kevin	Oakley	2284	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it is common sense to encourage people to use less power and not be penalised for doing so
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Rob	Phillips	6065	It is essential that Australia reduces its demand on fossil fuels for energy production, both through increasing use of renewable energy sources and by reducing energy usage. That is why the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change is so important. I urge the AEMC to accept this rule change. While I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage, and installed rooftop solar panel, incentives are needed for others to do the same. Power companies should encourage energy saving and non-fossil power generation, and this rule change will encourage that.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	James	Lindsay	3024	To whom it may concern,  I would encourage you to support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme, as it is a sensible move to a system of more equality and fairness for consumers.  We personally have installed solar primarily for the savings and the comfort of knowing it helps reduce carbon emission. I personally find it mesmerising that the system is so unfairly squed towards power companies, in so much as the power they have to add charges and increase rates whilst lobbying to reduce feed in tariff fees. This I believe makes a mockery of the whole renewable energy debate in supporting an industry on the decline much like our auto industry. Finally as a nation, why not keep our eye on the prize of a cleaner Australia and do what ever it takes to achieve it. Regards. James Lindsay
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Linda	Goupillot-Linds	3756	I am writing to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. This will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I have already taken steps to reduce my energy usage with solar power and efficiency measures. However rising charges do affect me as I am an aged pensioner. Any further savings on future energy bills will be an absolute boon. Thank you
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Gerhard	Diedericks	2075	Hi  I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. The principles of consumer driven demand and supply should be applied to the energy markets and we should prevent situations where private organisations can effect regulatory conditions that effectively protect revenue and even profit margins from movements in consumer demand - if this situations is left to continue then effectively the AEMC sanctions a private tax that is immune to consumer demand and market efficiencies. We cannot let this situation continue.  Thank you Gerhard Diedericks
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Steven	Patterson	4053	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. As a family of four our daily usage is below 5kWh per day and this is before taking into account our solar production. Don't penalise efficient households and businesses, make the rule change.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Derril	Kay	7315	I am a solar householder and I would urge the AEMC to accept the rule change that would make our energy market fairer for consumers. My children are finding it hard to cope with rising power bills and fixed charges, and any reductions in these areas would be much appreciated. We are doing all we can to reduce our energy usage and I have been able install panels to try and cut our costs.  Derril Kay
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Julie	Bains	2160	We have had solar energy since 2011. We produce a lot more energy than we consume and AGL has been getting our energy for 8c per kWh and charging us 28c per kWh for energy we use at night. The Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change would restore some fairness in the system as we feel like we are being gouged by a giant monopoly. To increase the fixed rate costs and not address the unfairness of different costs for the same electricity goes against all the principles of the free market and leaves people like us at the mercy of oligopolies.
17/03/2015	Personal	Kapunda Busin	Mr	Brenton	Wight	5373	Please apply some common sense and encourage locally generated solar power.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Kon	Evans	4152	The whole world is going solar. It is time to leave the coal where it belongs, do it for the future of our kids.
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	manfred	siebrecht	4516	I want a better deal, solar feed in price a RIP OFF. I get 6 Cents, my feed in goes next door he gets charged approx 30 Cents and Orogin does nothing.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	David	Furphy	3206	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme so that consumers will be treated fairly.  Power companies must be encouraged to assist people to invest in solar energy.
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	Paul	Muir	4660	We have a 1.41kw solar system installed that has made a large difference to our disposable income. This can then be spent in other areas. This rule change can only help our overall economy and anything that encourages that has to be good for the country. With the wealth of renewable energy Australia has at it, disposal it is sheer madness not to encourage as many people as possible to install systems.  Regards Paul
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Gary	Smith	4064	I am writing in support of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change, and want this to be implemented. There are a number of reasons for this: Firstly we need to reduce our use of fossil fuel generated electricity because it is bad for the environment - contributing to global warming. Secondly the current scheme motivates energy suppliers to increase consumption and the gold plating of infrastructure, to the detriment of the consumer. The astronomical increase in electricity prices over the last decade is testament to this even though the actual cost of producing the power has not changed much.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Dennis	Murphy	4121	We have invested in solar power and hot water primarily to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and secondarily to minimize price increases on our domestic budget. With the previous QLD state government removing the 8c/kwh feed in tariff it would be harder for other persons to go solar with a view to mitigate greenhouse affects which I have no doubt have lead to a recent spate of cyclones some with category 5 severity. Marcia was the FURTHEST SOUTH a cat 5 has EVER STRUCK in history in Australia. And look at the wipeout in Vanuatu one of the most SEVERE ever in the Pacific region...

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mark	Enders	4810	<p>I live in an apartment building in Townsville and am a part of the body corporate committee. Rooftop solar makes sense in the tropics, there is plenty of sun especially in summer and at the same time there is huge demand on power for cooling. Creating incentives to encourage more solar makes sense in our part of the world to flatten out demand and to keep power affordable for people.</p> <p>We have installed rooftop solar and have reaped the benefits, allowing our savings to be spent in the local economy rather than having to quarantine large sections of our income to meet large utility bills.</p> <p>Our building has been implementing energy saving measures - increasing insulation, progressively switching over to LED lighting, reducing the number of tubes in our fluorescent lighting (before eventually transitioning to LEDs). The savings for our building are in the thousands per annum, and have allowed us to spend more money on building improvements, which in turn flows through to employment for local tradespeople.</p> <p>We have moved slowly (too slowly in my opinion) on these changes because we are in an environment where the incentives for these very simple changes are not there, or not there in big enough proportions.</p> <p>Reducing cost and demand have economic benefits for our region, they reduce pollution and CO2 emissions which in turn affect climate change. We have seen a number of highly destructive cyclones this season but have been lucky not to have been hit in Townsville. Acting on CO2 emissions helps protect our community without just relying on luck.</p> <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, it will help boost employment in our local economy (which we badly need), and it will play a small but important part in our transition to a clean energy future.</p> <p>We can see these kind of changes happening nationwide, at a great pace, and at a time when we need an economic boost, we need to reduce financial stress for Australian families, and we need to act on climate change.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Nanette	Nicholson	2480	<p>I support the introduction of Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p> <p>As a society we need any measure which will encourage consumers to reduce energy consumption through efficiency measures and through installing solar.</p> <p>I have installed a 1.5KW system and I go to great lengths to minimise my power consumption.</p> <p>However I continue to be hit by increasing fixed charges. Surely I should be rewarded not penalised for acting in the public interest, that is, reducing my emissions.</p> <p>I am in a very low income bracket but I installed solar power because I believe we should all do what we can. A reduction in my power bills would be highly significant for us.</p> <p>Yours, Nan Nicholson</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	alan	thomas	2785	<p>I believe that there is at the moment a madness in the Electricity supply industry in Australia. At the moment Energy Supply companies have no incentive to encourage the installation of Solar Power and so they do their best to discourage it.</p> <p>For example, I attempted to purchase some extra solar panels through mt electricity supply company company - Energy Australia - and after 4 months of inactivity on their part, even though I had paid them a deposit for the installation, I was forced to go to a local supplier, and withing 2 weeks the panels were installed and operating on my roof. Electricity supply companies need the DIMS rule change to force them to work WITH the consumer to help bring about the sensible use of Solar Panels and so lower power costs, rather than work against consumers and thereby keeping power costs ever higher and higher.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Heinz-Joachim	Muller	2256	<p>I appreciate the discussion about new rules our energy distribution.</p> <p>It makes common sense rewarding power companies for encouraging customers to save energy.</p> <p>This is also the only chance for power companies surviving on the long term and for avoiding everybody leaving the grid and producing and wasting on average more energy than required.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Emma	Menzies	4573	<p>When you reduce your energy usage, your bills should go down accordingly. It's just common sense. I put solar on my roof years ago, I changed my lights to LED's and CFL's as I wanted to reduce my energy consumption and reduce my carbon emission's. Saving \$120-\$500 a year is a huge amount to my family. I think that its very important for the power companies to assist people to use renewable energy.</p> <p>Thanks Emma Menzies</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Lisa	Baynes	4737	<p>Solar power generated by households and fed back into the grid is understandably a major change to the way power is managed. It does however provide a fantastic alternative to coal fire power stations as the mainstay to meet our energy needs. This valuable growing asset should be fully supported by government through policy and incentives.</p> <p>Pressure to move infrastructure to accommodate these changes in consumer demand and cultural norms are a must to increase our sustainability. I suggest that making this easier rather than less viable is the mandate of the people.</p> <p>Making changes that reduce the amount of power that can be fed back into the system to me also seems madness and just props up an industry that is becoming less and less viable and acceptable as other option arise. I know there are challenges with meeting peak demand but these surely can be overcome.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	peter	innes	2765	<p>Hi,</p> <p>My concern is that fossil fuel usage decrease, it is almost certain continued burning of fossil fuels will degrade the future life of our kids and grand kids, let alone generations after that. The consequences of what we are doing now may make the planet unlivable in the short space of a hundred years or so.</p> <p>So we must reduce electricity usage if it is based on fossil fuels and increase our usage of renewables, it's as simple as that.</p> <p>Please ensure any new rules address this issue first and foremost. If price is an issue then renewables should be subsidised.</p> <p>regards, Peter</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Colin	Lambie	3550	<p>Any change that encourages energy consumers to use energy more efficiently is worth while - from an economic point of view, ie cost per unit of production, etc; but also from a greenhouse gas emissions point of view, ie less emissions per unit of production. Hence the energy industry should be required to encourage energy efficiency (and decentralised generation) not simply keep building capacity of centralised generation and distribution and passing on the cost.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Stef	Hayward	6008	<p>To the AEMC... please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change it will make the energy market a fairer place! We have to move forward to cleaner energy so help the power companies to help people to go solar. We have gone solar because we saw it as a way to help us in our retirement when we are on a fix income!\$120- \$500 a year means a lot to those on a fixed or low income so please don't let this opportunity go! Helping the solar industry also means long term jobs for are young people too.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	Michael	Green	2112	<p>I urge AEMC acceptance of the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>It is vital for power companies to help people go solar given the fact of climate change and Australia's abundant sunlight.</p> <p>I installed 8X190W panels in October 2010 and haven't paid anything since. At the last reading I am \$588 in credit.</p> <p>My neighbours constantly complain about the rising cost and I have noticed the increase in fixed charges.</p> <p>My neighbours with children and other family members living at home find it especially difficult to meet the rising costs and also to afford to install panels.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Rick	Morris	3678	<p>Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	David	Myer	3205	<p>I already have pv solar on my roof. But anything that provides an incentive for power companies to support customers in efforts to save energy usage, has to be a good thing.</p> <p>The next step is economic storage. And that move needs to be supported if not facilitated by the power companies.</p> <p>Pleased accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Elizabeth	Frayne	6566	<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>My husband and I added solar panels to the FRONT roof of our heritage house because we believe this was the right thing to do as global citizens in an ailing world.</p> <p>So it is very important that our power companies help people go solar. It will save money and effort for everyone in the long run.</p> <p>Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected us, as we are both retired and on reduced incomes.</p> <p>Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for us.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Linda	Watson	4561	<p>As an older woman i have witnessed uncontrolled decision making by energy companies abt our limited finite resources be usurped in the name of profiteering. For the sake of out beautiful unique planet earth and all of our future souls both human and animal we need to provide strats that are affordable and rewardable to individual citizens to urgently regain our resources both as a nation and where ownership should belong for the betterment of all Australians. Alternative non coal based strategies meed govt funding urgently whilst immediately reigning back energy corporates that are being rewarded with huge amts of tax payers money to build infrastructure.</p> <p>Urgent action politically and economically is expected by myself and millions of Australians.</p> <p>Tha</p> <p>Thankyou for taking this to your determination.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Jill	Garsden	2480	<p>I am writing to urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change and to encourage people to convert to renewable energy resources such as rooftop solar panels.</p> <p>As someone who has participated for a number of years in our local water authority's project reference group with regard to the future water supply, I am very much aware of how well demand management strategies can work to reduce the demand of our valuable resources, having had first-hand experience of the relevant statistics.</p> <p>As someone who, with my partner, installed rooftop solar panels several years ago, and taken other steps to reduce our electricity consumption (solar hot water, energy-efficient appliances, turning off power points when not in use, etc), I have been made powerfully aware of the impact on our power bills of taking such measures. Admittedly we have benefitted from the subsidies that were offered at the time we installed our solar power, but even without those, our investment in solar energy has rewarded us handsomely. This reward not only takes the form of greatly reduced electricity bills, but also the satisfaction of knowing that we are not contributing to the environmental and health problems associated with coal-fired power.</p> <p>It hurts me deeply to watch younger members of my family, who do not have the financial resources to install solar at this time, struggle with their escalating power bills. They would benefit greatly from better schemes to encourage the use of solar power and from any steps that could be taken to further reduce their demand for power, particularly as even a small saving such as \$120 would allow them to afford better medical care (my daughter has multiple medical issues and struggles to pay her specialists' bills) and better support their family.</p> <p>It also hurts me deeply to observe the wasteful consumption of energy by neighbours who remain unaware of, or unmotivated to make, simple changes in their habits that could reduce their own expenditure on power. Better demand management incentives could not only directly benefit them, but would be of value to the whole of our society as our collective carbon footprint is reduced - so important to do as we stare down the impacts of climate change which are making life so uncomfortable for so many of us!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Elizabeth	Bragg	2463	<p>Dear AEMC</p> <p>My family and I urge you to support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. This rule change appears to be a sensible strategy to protect our future and our children's futures in relation to rising economic costs of living AND climate change.</p> <p>We have installed a 3KW solar system, which powers our family home and exports to the grid. With ever increasing costs passed onto us by the power companies, this investment is becoming less financially viable and we feel that the energy market has become unfair, discriminating against those of us who have 'gone solar'. In the interests of all humanity and ecosystems, encouraging every household to use less energy and to source their energy from renewable sources is SENSIBLE. We need the power companies to HELP not hinder households through financial incentives to use less fossils fuels.</p> <p>As Australians, we need to take our head out of the sand and take responsibility for one of the highest per capita usage of fossil fuels, and this Rule Change is one step in the right direction in this regard.</p> <p>The extra money that our household would save on electricity per year currently spent on 'poles and wires' would enable us to invest in further solar infrastructure, contributing further to the solar powered network.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dr Elizabeth Bragg</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	Interlated Pty	Mr	John	Robens	2040	<p>Hi, I'd like to see the demand management rule implemented in order to encourage decarbonisation of our electricity grid and thereby save the environment.</p> <p>We used to strive for being the 'smart country' and this rule would enable more innovation, provide people with more options to control their own impacts and incentive to manage their own impact. No longer do we have to be powerless consumers.</p> <p>I see the AEMC, like other regulators having the role of ensuring the best deal for consumers against monopolists. This rule would send a strong statement that the AEMC will support consumers initiatives searching for energy and decarbonisation options.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Andrew	Hunt	2519	<p>I believe that it is important for energy companies to be encouraged in every way possible to maximize the use of renewable energy and to reduce their reliance on coal and other fossil fuels. Local generation and storage of energy reduces the need for expensive, high capacity distribution networks - all that is needed is sufficient capacity to synchronize the network.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Margaret	Humphrey	4881	<p>I have invested thousands of dollars in a solar grid system to lower my power bills and reduce emissions. However it is unfair to penalise me, and others like me, with increased fixed power charges which negate our investment. It is also unfair to those who have adopted efficiency measures to lower their energy usage.</p> <p>It is important that the AEMC accepts the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change so that frugal users can benefit from their actions.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Nathan	Wales	2785	<p>Dear AEMC,</p> <p>I believe that the proposed Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change should be implemented. There must be incentives for Australians to go solar. The change will make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Regards, Nathan Wales</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Susan	Gehrig	2207	<p>As a private citizen with grave concerns about global warming and a passion for renewable energy in our country, 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. There is a huge tide of support for solar energy in Australia and power companies need to recognise this support and let people go solar. Since installing solar panels on my house roof, I have had great benefit with reduced electricity bills as well as knowing I am contributing vital power to the grid. The savings on power bills have made a big difference to my savings.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Lincoln	Yeo	2749	<p>Lower usage should mean lower costs. Please accept the new proposal, as lower usage is important, not only for the budget of the household, but the quality of our environment.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Chris	Brosch	3046	<p>It took us a few years to save the money in order to install a solar system on our roof. This had a big impact on our energy awareness and how we use it. We definitely managed to reduce our electricity consumption but with some help I believe we would be able to lower our consumption even further. We are strongly supporting the Demand Management Incentive Scheme and looking forward for potential more savings on the ever price rising electricity bill.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Edward	Claydon	4301	<p>Please help to stop penalizing people that are trying to do the right thing for the environment. The fixed charges that i see on my power bill lately are a scam and it is just not fair, i am a pensioner and it cost me a lot to put panels on my roof, i did it because i was hoping to reduce my power bills and help lessen the pollution that the coal powered generators are causing but my 3.5Kw system has not made any difference to my power bills now there is extra charges stacked on top. Just not fair!!! I was duped by the previous government into thinking that i could save some money long term but it has backfired on me..</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Graham	Palmer	3134	<p>Australia - and the rest of the world - need us to cut our CO2 emissions urgently. Schemes like this will encourage power companies to shift to sustainable sources of energy. Please consider this proposal.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Craig	Lambie	3184	<p>Please do what is the right thing to do for consumers and long term the grid. Enable demand incentive management.</p>

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Jon	Behrens	6053	I support the new incentive for power companies to encourage users to use less energy. The 'Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change' makes sense. I have had solar power for about 7-8 years and have challenged myself to break even with less energy use. The bug bear for me is the fixed charges that go with the bill. By generating my own energy, I save approximately \$50 a month on power expenses. Not only does this help me financially, but I rest easy knowing that my footprint is less. Thank you Jon Behrens
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Eric	van Beurden	2471	I Urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. It is hugely important for power companies to help people go solar. We personally have taken steps to reduce our energy usage by installing our own grid interactive system at great initial cost. But rising power bills and fixed charges have made it very difficult for us and our family to make ends meet. Saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make it much easier for us to survive rather than being penalised for trying to help us all.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Rognvald	MacNeill	6159	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 incredibly important for power companies to help people go solar. Coal burning for electricity generation is old, outmoded technology that causes global warming. I have taken steps to reduce my energy usage by installing a PV system. This is the future. Coupled with storage and electric cars, the future of energy generation and use will be so much cleaner, greener and healthier than it is now. Enable this inevitable change.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Clare	Dooley	4171	I urge the AEMC to be forward-thinking by accepting the demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.  We cannot afford to waste anymore time or money on infrastructure to support 'dirty power'. Australia is sadly lagging behind other countries when it comes to switching from coal powered electricity to clean energy.  We have invested in solar power and we would like power companies to make it easy for other consumers to make the switch to clean energy. Generating electricity from solar power and other clean sources should be the 'norm' not the exception.  Yours sincerely, Clare Dooley
17/03/2015	Organisational	Infinite Lighting	Ms	Stacy	Nichols	4209	As a business owner and Australian citizen, I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I feel it is very important for power companies to help people go solar. I am a purchaser of green energy from my gas and electricity providers, so I have personally taken steps to reduce my energy usage with efficiency measures available. Rising power bills and fixed charges have affected many Australian families. A saving of \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for me and many other Australian families. 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	Personal		Ms	Lorraine	Khan	3037	Dear Sir/Madam, We decided to go solar to help save on our energy bills and also because of global warming. If we are to give our children a future then going solar is just a small step in the right direction against climate change. I also feel that the energy companies have no right in charging higher tariff fees and high service fees to offset their profits on to solar owners who are trying to do their bit in helping the environment. Your help in this matter would be much appreciated.
17/03/2015	Personal		MR	CHRISTOPHER	MCMAHON	4211	We definitely require lower electricity prices, as high prices destroys ability to produce goods for sale, and effectively lowers GDP of the Country. I am in Japan at present, they have both Nuclear and solar, with large solar farms being built all over the Country as well as wind turbines. What a backward Country Australia is!
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Roy	Gray	2906	I believe that it is important that the power companies should help consumers go solar. I have taken steps and installed double glazed doors and windows, installed 22 energy efficient LED lights, and 29 solar panels. My savings in total power is well in excess of \$500pa.  I also get rebated from the solar panel scheme over \$2,500pa.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	McIntyre	4217	I am in favour of the Demand Management incentive Scheme Rule Change that places the incentive for the demand for infrastructure costs on actual demands, adaptable to the changing technologies in the electricity market place.  This makes sense. The way that energy is produced in this world is changing and a policy needs to be adaptable to change.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Brendan	Pratt	4280	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers, as it removes the need to keep on upgrading the network infrastructure, which whilst it will never become redundant, the demand for grid power is continuing to reduce, not just with Solar PV, but with energy saving devices such as LED lighting and smarter A/C and TVs.  It is important for power companies to help people go solar as it reduces infrastructure costs, which reduces the need to increase to consumers whilst keeping grid power on demand.  With the ever increasing cost of electricity, there will become a breaking point where people will find it financially viable to go offgrid, which means less income for the power generating companies, which will effect their bottom line financially.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Pete	Ripley	6162	Hi. 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 it is for power companies to help people go solar. This will reduce the burning of fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse emissions- something our kids will thank us for that we actually made the effort!  About 5 years ago we installed a pv system on our roof. through being careful with what we consume, we produce more than we use meaning that we actually export power. This was not expensive to instal or hard to keep usage to a sensible level.  We made the decision to install based on two factors. One- the cost increase of power, and that we would not rely on coal or gas to be burnt to power our house. That is just dumb given solar is such a simple solution. As mentioned, as we export power, we do not have a power bill however we have friends who keep complaining about the rising costs. by making the system fair, consumers can reduce their bills and reduce their carbon footprint- basically a no brainer...
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr.	Klaas	Woldring	2256	The Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change should be introduced as soon as possible.  It is quite ridiculous that we are investing more in poles and wires and even, in SA, are having a Royal Commission happening to look again at nuclear power!  Australia has an average of 270 days of sunshine. The obvious, common sense answer is to encourage solar power to the maximum possible. Given that the UNSW science team has found a way to produce solar panels that can extract more energy from silicon than previously the future supply of energy from the sun looks good.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	David	Edds	4179	Please accept the rule change to the Demand Management incentive scheme, to reduce fixed costs being passed on to consumers.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Julian	May	2122	I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. With ongoing climate change, every household has a responsibility to minimise their impact, and should have every opportunity to reduce energy use and reduce reliance on fossil fuel. Household solar panels work well on the second count, but unfair charges can penalise people for being efficient and cutting their energy use. This rule change will make the energy market fairer for consumers, and allow more people to take advantage of renewable solar energy.



17/03/2015	Personal		mr	brian	Hunt	2486	It is important that any new legislation that helps to keep our Electricity costs down, be supported, as a pensioner it is vital, B Hunt.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Julie	Braden	3677	I am urging the Australian Energy Market Commission to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule changes to make the energy market fairer for consumers.  I have done everything to reduce power consumption in my home, my next step is saving vigorously for solar power. I do struggle with the increase in power prices that have occurred over the last 2 years particularly.  Any savings that could be afforded to my household would make a huge difference to our quality of life.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Brian	Coote	2347	I have had solar installed for 2.5 years. I always export a minimum of twice the energy I get from the grid. This costs me more all the time. The way it's going I am seeking to get off the grid as soon as feasible. Once I'm off I won't be coming back.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Simon	Miskin	6170	I strongly urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for all consumers. Australia should be leading the world in renewables, particularly solar but sadly this is not the case. With bills rising across the board and confidence in the market very low now is the time to ensure we have a fairer more equitable scheme in place for all Australians. The rule change would boost the solar industry, creating jobs and would fuel enterprise and invention in a sector which will be one of the largest in the world in years to come. Please help Australia to take the first steps towards a fairer and cleverer future.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	mary	holt	6450	I am unhappy about how long it took our power supplier to connect our solar to the grid, 9 months!! They said they would back pay us but did not, we want to add more panels, but are not allowed. The power prices in Esperance are ridiculous, we have a wind farm, but it is only allowed to supply a small portion of our power, which is sheer stupidity, instead the major supply is from fossil fuels! It is so wrong, it is obviously about big Corporations and money. We should have the right to add more solar panels to our home, doing the right thing by the environment. Something needs to be done, those involved need to wake up!!!!
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Tolhurst	6006	We must give power companies the incentive to bring about a new model of power consumption based on the adoption of renewable energy technology.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Kelvin	Anderson	3300	Please protect solar users as we are being ripped off with excessive daily usage charges and higher energy charges . Much higher than people who don't have solar . It's discrimination at its worse . We also have a dispicable feed in Tariff of only 6.2 c per KW/H then have to buy it back at around 32 c . . . Regards Kelvin Anderson
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Merridy	McPherson	2487	I hope the AEMC accepts the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. As a Grandmother of 6, I am concerned about the future for my Grandchildren (in every respect) and the future costs of power is of a major concern. Therefore it is important for power companies to help people go solar. Power companies must recognise that they have a huge responsibility to assist consumers to go solar.
17/03/2015	Personal		ms	Hazel	Francis	5165	I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. It is vitally important for power companies to help people go solar as it is the future of Australia and the world. Most Australians are struggling with rising power bills and should be assisted and given incentive to reduce their usage and install solar.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Ian	Wallace	2795	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 installed a solar system on my home to reduce costs and consumption and a further saving of \$120-\$500 a year would be greatly helpful as we are about to become part pensioners sincerely IBW
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Colin	Edwards	6008	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. As things stand, the AEMC rules reward companies for investing in unnecessary infrastructure, and consumers are left to foot the bill. The AEMC should promote intelligent network capabilities to allow highly granular network management, including smart meters, full use of inverters as well as the behind/through-the- meter possibilities from smart appliances and fixtures. Such a demand management service model would also give the utilities an incentive to increase the energy efficiency of buildings.
17/03/2015	Personal		MS	Amanda	King	2204	I am writing this submission to urge the Australian Energy Market Commission to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I feel that it is important that the power companies encourage consumers to take up wind and solar options. This will benefit the whole community and it takes leadership from organisations such as the AEMC to play a significant part. I have taken installed solar panels in my residence and feel there is much greater scope for government and business to play its part. Interestingly its a foreign company, Ikea, that has shown its strong commitment so far. Rising power bills are impacting greatly on consumers and this will only decrease once renewable options are endorsed and encouraged, thus reducing energy consumption.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Brian	Woodward	2325	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. Particularly in Australia it is important for power companies to help people go solar and to reduce dependence on fossil fuels. It is also important that power companies either pay reasonable rates for solar power fed into the grid or encourage people who produce solar power to install storage facilities. Our household has been providing all our power needs from solar for the past 35 years in an attempt to be more sustainable. Signed Brian Woodward
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr.	peter	Kariotis	3195	Commercial orgs. make money, in part, by increasing sales. With energy, this paradigm MUST change! Renewables, especially solar and wind, must be encouraged in light of climate change. Please adopt the DMIS rule change to make the energy market fairer for consumers and encourage people to go solar.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Robert	Macintosh	5063	I urge the AEMC to accept the proposed Demand Management incentive scheme rule change as soon as possible. This will help in the fight against global warming by reducing demand for electricity. I have had solar panels on my roof for several years and am contemplating solar storage to help reduce my energy use during peak demand periods. Please stop rewarding companies for building unnecessary poles and wires at government expense
17/03/2015	Personal		mrs	Julie	D'Alcorn	2579	We took money out of our future superannuation to install a 4 kw solar system. We live in the country. No gas is available or town water or sewerage. We use an electric water pump to supply water every time we turn on a tap or flush a toilet. Our sewerage system requires two pumps which run constantly. So you can see our electricity useage is high just to live. Please bring in all legal changes possible to assist us and many other solar panel system owners lower our costs.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	casey	schutter	3156	I support the Demand management incentive scheme rule change as at the moment solar users especially are being discriminated against just for having the gall to get solar panels installed
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mick	Burns	2261	Please consider the rule changes in the interest of fair play. Not only to the Australian citizens who have outlaid money investing in a solar system but for our environment. We can't buy that that back once we ruin it. Thank you
17/03/2015	Organisational	Renewable Energy	Dr	Mark	Glickman	3165	Please accept the change.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Bill	Grove	4064	It is imperative that we reduce our carbon emissions. Every encouragement we can give to get individuals to move to renewable energy and to reduce their energy use is very important. This is not just about power companies, it is about the future of our planet.
17/03/2015	Personal	Bordo Internat	Mr	James	Brown	3179	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  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.  Thanks,  James.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Annie	Morris Wieland	2780	Hi I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change so that users of electricity are encouraged to save power and switch to renewables. The system we have now is unsustainable.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Laurie	Hodge	2627	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers, it's important for power companies to help people go solar.  The series of increases to power bills and fixed charges have affected us and our household budgets and saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference for us.  Please be fair about this and help Australia move forward.

17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Graham	Davies	5062	I wish to show my support for measure to reduce energy, and in particular the Demand Incentive Scheme Rule Change I would also like to see that generators pay for their own costs - in particular externalities. In addition, measures that encourage electric transport - and thus displacing fossil fuels would be welcome. This would in turn increase electricity demand.
17/03/2015	Personal	Eagle Spirit Me	Mr	Michael	Ney	2000	There is no doubt in my mind, and my friends too, that Solar is the best energy alternative we have and it should be supported by our Government in any way possible. Look at the many successful examples of countries around the world! I strongly urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Nicole	Chrisanthis	4218	I think it is very important for the AEMC to realise how important it is for power companies to help people go solar.  We have solar on our home and it has made a massive difference to our electricity bill and we are saving over \$1000 a year, worth talking about!  Please consider this, it is time for Australia to grow up!
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Trevor	Smith	2546	Dear AEMC,  Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme rule change.  It will make the energy market fairer for all customers.  I believe it is important for energy companies to help people go solar both for the sake of the environment and to lower their bills.  The rising cost of electricity has hit household budgets extremely hard and a reduction in the electricity bill of approximately \$200 a year will help a lot of people.  I already have 18 solar panels on my roof and believe many other people would also benefit if this rule change was accepted.  Regards, Trevor Smith
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Tougher	2219	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	Personal		ms	Joy	Forrest	5172	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it will make our energy market fairer. Solar is new technology of the future and should be encouraged. Coal is old & out of date as well as being harmful. The power companies could be the Solar Power Companies of the future.
17/03/2015	Personal		Doctor	Vernie	Everett	2617	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make the Australian energy market fairer for all consumers, and in particular those who contribute to distributed generation and lowering grid demand through the installation of small-scale solar systems.  Also, the proposed change will make charges more equitable for those who are reducing demand through efficiency measures. At present, these users are actually penalised through higher proportional supply charges. This is both ludicrous and counter-productive. For example, our household has effectively halved its electricity consumption over the last four years, but our bills remain almost the same, primarily through increased supply charges.  I commend the proposed changes as they will provide a sound and equitable basis for moving to a solar-powered renewable energy future. Australia has the best solar resource of any developed country in the world. The Government and the electricity industry has a moral obligation to ensure this is wisely used.
17/03/2015	Personal	N/A	mr	sam	van der Kooi	7310	help to turn the tide on global warming before it is too late, this planet is the only home we have
17/03/2015	Personal		MS	Susan	Russell	7173	I urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change - it will make our energy market fairer for consumers - especially those who have spent a large amount of money (like me - I'm on the age pension & had to withdraw from my meagre superannuation to pay for solar)& put solar on their roof. I figure it will take about 6 years to pay off the system - after which I'll be paying 1/3 less power than before. This makes a difference to my purse and the planet.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Mark	Wittervan	5034	Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers. I have gone solar and it has been the best thing for my family and for the environment that I could do. You should support this.
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Catherine	Laudine	2297	I am writing to urge the AEMC to bring some sanity to bear by supporting the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It should not even be necessary to have this discussion as there has been good scientific evidence since late last century that the world needs to move towards sustainable energy use. We now know that this is an urgent requirement and ANY action taken to make it easier for energy companies and consumers to move towards sustainability is a step in the right direction.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Brian	Reed	3892	I support the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. I have already taken measures to reduce my energy demand, but am disturbed by the continually rising 'daily service charges' which reflect the un-necessary 'gold-plating' of the grid infrastructure.
17/03/2015	Personal	Jason	Mr	Jason	Moon	4217	Sounds good to me cheers
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	John	Monaghan	6162	I and my family urge the AEMC to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change because it will make our energy market fairer for consumers.  It is very important it is for power companies to help people go solar.  We must ultimately leave a large quantity of coal etc and oil etc in the ground and find new ways to power our economies.  The vast quantities of carbon from coal, oil, gas etc mined over hundreds of years have ended up in the atmosphere and is fuelling climate change and sea level rise. This threatens our well being and that of the other species on the planet.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Peter	Cutcliffe	3088	I have solar panels but I still have power bills and they are going up astronomically. Please accept the AEMC so that we can better manage our power usage.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Trudy-Anne	Doyle	5290	I encourage the AEMC to consider the rule change that will provide incentive for energy corporations to help consumers save energy. I installed a 1kWh system on my roof many years ago when the cost was \$13k and the rebate \$8k. It has been a source of great joy to us - i remember turning all appliances off and watching the newly installed meter going backwards! Rather than investing in more pipes and line infrastructure (unnecessary) we need to encourage more rooftop solar. It is fabulous, simple, clean, and it works! Change the incentives, to support common sense.
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Sharne	Vogt	4271	I urge you to accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule change. We have solar power, but have also done everything we could in the house to reduce electricity usage. We had two lots of government funded people go through the house to give recommendations and we have implemented all of those. This rule seems to make sense so that people are rewarded for thinking about their electricity use the same as droughts make people think about their water use. Savings on our power bill will allow us to invest more into our solar as eventually we want battery storage to be off the grid. We can then control our own power. This rule makes sense and I urge you to accept it.
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Dale	Curtis	2350	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 very important to me that governments and power companies help people go solar. It's good for family economics and it's good for our threatened environment. I have installed solar panels (2.2kW) on our residence, and (1.6kW) on a flat that we own that is rented to our daughter and her family. These initiatives have reduced our quarterly bill to zero most times, and that of our daughter sufficiently to write off the costs of the panels in 4 years.  Both my daughters and their families struggle to make ends meet each week, and the power bill is greeted with dread. They desperately need certainty that their power bills can be reduced and the environment made cleaner.  For them and many others, saving \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills would make a difference. This difference could be putting food on the table for another week.

17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	M	Roan	3058	<p>Dear people, your responsibility is to regulate in the public interest and the Common Wealth. Changes to the rules that make shifts to renewable energy easier, promote shifts to renewables, discourage further investment in carbon intensive energy, promote local grids and rational distribution networks, ensure solar producers get fair returns and fair treatment from huge companies, and prevent profiteering or gaming the system by multinationals, should all be on your agenda.</p> <p>There are plenty of creative solutions available to you. Please consider them. Do not be dominated by PR, pressure, misinformation, lies or bullying from key beneficial stakeholders. You are there to protect and advance our interests, not theirs.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Dr	Nick	Thieberger	3057	<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. It is important for power companies to help people go solar. I have installed solar photovoltaic cells and will install more in future, and this has protected our household from the excessive cost rises associated with privatisation of the electricity supply. It makes good sense to stop these companies profiteering by installing subsidised infrastructure and then billing consumers for the costs. For most consumers, a change to these rules would mean a saving of between \$120 to \$500 a year on household power bills.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal	418408944	Dr	Peter	Kuestler	2032	<p>If capitalism is to have any chance of making the necessary changes to our economy in time for meaningful climate change mitigation it will need rules such as the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		MR	andy	good	4562	<p>Australian electricity prices have gone up in recent years not because of the red herring carbon price (we need a market based signal here too) but because of structural industry incentives to invest in poles and lines. There is a clear over-investment and this asset issue is reflected in our prices. Time for a market based approach to incentive saving. This scheme is a good one and I urge you to reconfigure the countrywide rule so that retailers play their part for a low carbon future.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Ms	Meewun	Lee	4122	<p>Hello AEMC,</p> <p>I am part of a big number of Australians who believe in reducing my energy usage by converting to renewables and as such we have installed solar panels and solar hot water. I believe renewables are the way to go to combat climate change and it is really important for energy companies to convert to renewables as it makes economic sense.</p> <p>Another reason we installed solar was because of the rising cost of electricity. We are prepared to pay a fair price on fixed charges, but not ever increasing costs, and we believe most consumers would support this stance. Please accept the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change as it would make our energy market fairer for consumers.</p> <p>Saving on energy bills have allowed us to better support our child who goes to University.</p> <p>best, Meewun Lee</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mrs	Bronwyn	Edney	2153	<p>I think rules need to be changed so that energy companies are rewarded for their customers using less power - this means they are actually able to pass savings on to their customers, rather than charging customers for things they are not using so much. At the moment it is hard to reduce your power bill, even with solar panels etc and rule changes are needed!</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		mr	Derek	Smith	6016	<p>you make a contract and a commitment if you don't keep it most people go to jail so that is what you will deserve.</p>
17/03/2015	Personal		Mr	Michael	Pollitt	3191	<p>Dear Sir or Madam,</p> <p>I urge the AEMC to adopt the Demand Management Incentive Scheme Rule Change. It is important that the electricity industry be structured in such a way as to encourage, not discourage the growth of rooftop solar and energy efficiency.</p> <p>Rising power bills have had a significant impact on me and my family. We have already taken steps to reduce our power usage through the use of energy-efficient lighting. Our next step will be to install rooftop solar, but we don't want to go down this route only to be hit with unfair charges. We should be rewarded for installing solar, not penalised.</p> <p>A saving of up to \$500 a year on our power bills would make an enormous difference to us. It would enable us to spend more on supporting our children's education, for example.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my submission.</p> <p>Regards, Mike Pollitt.</p>