

TGP ALMONDS

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Level 6
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Dear Sir/Ms,

I am in full support the introduction of LGNC's after reading the consultation paper

I own a small orchard in Renmark and am a director of a large orchard in Loxton SA. As irrigators we need to access electricity when our trees require water. We have fine-tuned our water distribution systems to supply water on a "just in time basis" – that leaves no room for delays. Unfortunately, this means that we clash directly with the peak demand periods for electricity consumption.

I strongly believe the introduction of the LGNC's is a great opportunity to allow consumers to have input about capital expenditure on our electricity networks infrastructure.

As a small business owner it is important to make smart, efficient, cost effective financial decisions. I believe the introduction of LGNC's will also allow electricity consumers and generators to do this. LGNC's will assist in the stimulation of smart and efficient expenditure on our electricity network and we will be able to make smart efficient choice with on orchard capital to take out some of the peak demand requirements.

Being based in regional South Australia we are financially disadvantaged through high Network charges that are passed on by the TNSP's and DNSP's as we are distant from centralised generation sources. The introduction of LGNC's would assist local businesses to uptake the installation of their own generation on site with the added benefit of being compensated for supporting the electricity network.

As business managers we welcome the opportunity to reduce or totally abolish our grid power supply if we can spend our own capital efficiently to avoid the massive hikes in charges we are currently suffering (97% jump for contracts renewed in Dec 2015).

It is entirely appropriate that business be offered some of the savings to the grid if large amounts of peak consumption is to be taken offline.

I 100% support the introduction of LGNC's and look forward to the outcome of this rule change.

Yours faithfully,

Tom Martin

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