



ATA Advocacy Report 5; Project 193

For the 3-months from October – December 2006

Advocacy activity undertaken by ATA under funding from the National Consumers Electricity Advocacy Panel funded project #193. This activity was undertaken for the three-month project period commencing October until the end of December 2006.

Advocacy completed:

- Provided input via submissions to the Ministerial Council on Energy 2006 Legislative Package, on the following topics (both attached):
 - Information Disclosure Regulatory Impact Statement
 - Consumer Advocacy Arrangements
- Produced a guide to government subsidies available for renewable energy posted on ATA's website and promoted through ReNew magazine, ATA's 'Sun' newsletter, email bulletins and networks (see http://www.ata.org.au/?page_id=132)
- Produced a co-submission with Total Environment Centre to the Energy Reform Implementation Group (ERIG) market structures, transmission and energy financial markets discussion papers (attached)
- Assisted in the production of a joint Submission with other National Consumers Roundtable members to the same ERIG process (attached)
- Met with the Australian Greenhouse Office to discuss increasing the levels of incentives for small-scale renewable energy, both grid-connected and remote area stand-alone systems
- Attended the National Emissions Trading Scheme stakeholder consultation session on the design of the National emissions Trading Scheme
- Provided a submission to the National Emissions Trading Taskforce on the National Emissions Trading Scheme design discussion paper (attached)
- Attended National Consumers Roundtable on 16th – 17th November 2006, continuing capacity-building, including meetings with Chris Pattas & Fiona Walker (AER), Scott Stacy (AEMC) and Bill Scales, (ERIG), as well as discussion of ongoing joint advocacy for small consumers in the National Electricity Market
- Attended the National Consumers Roundtable capacity building Masterclass on market structures, regulatory structures and consumer protections in the national electricity market
- Produced an article on feed-in laws in Germany, published in ReNew December 2006, advocating for the introduction of a similar incentive for renewable energy in Australia (attached). This article has been distributed to Sustainability Victoria, State and Federal Government Departments and media outlets

- Undertook discussions with Sustainability Victoria for the development of several research projects into both small-scale wind power and community-owned renewable energy projects
- Provided a submission to the Determination of Advocacy Panel Funding Requirement for 2007/08 (attached)
- Hosted a presentation by Hepburn Wind Energy Association and Future Energy on the proposed Hepburn wind facility
- Attended the Department of Infrastructure-hosted presentation on 'smart' and interval meters by Peter D'Uva from Toronto Hydro
- Respond to enquiries from public and ATA members, answering both specific grid- connection related queries from members and installers, as well as providing assistance with broader enquiries related to small-scale renewable generation technologies