

**FUNDING REPORT 2 - PROJECT 210: for period 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2006 – May 28th**

<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>OUTCOMES</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Submissions</b>	21/12/2006	National Electricity Consumers Advocacy Panel – Responses to Draft Report on Responses by Interested Parties to the Funding Criteria and Funding Application Guidelines	
	1/12/2006	Joint Submission from various consumer advocates – Energy Reform Implementation Group Discussion Paper	
	5/2/2007	Energy Competition Committee – Chapter 4 of the Queensland Electricity Industry Code	
	16/2/2007	MCE Secretariat Retail Policy Working Group: Working Paper No.3 – National Framework for Distribution and Retail Regulation	
	23/2/2007	Energy Competition Committee Electricity Full Retail Competition: Methodology of Annual Indexation of Notified Prices	
	8/3/2007	Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) Draft Decision: Capital Expenditure Pass-through Application from Energex	

	16/3/2007	QCA Consumer Advisory Committee	
	26/3/2007	Productivity Commission - Oral Submission on Inquiry into Australia's Consumer Policy Framework in conjunction with Nicola Howell, Director CCCL	
	10/4/2007	QCA - Benchmark Retail Cost Index in relation to the regulation of retail electricity prices	
	10/4/2007	AEMC – Review of Effectiveness of competition in the gas and electricity retail markets, Draft Statement of Approach	
	3/5/2007	NEMMCO – Embedded Networks and Retail Competition Paper	
	15/5/2007	Request for comments – assessing effectiveness and including fixed costs in budgets (Nicola Howell)	
<b>Letters of interest</b>	12/1/2007	To the Director-General, Department of Energy	Letter seeking to establish formal consultation process with senior departmental officials.
<b>Advisory Committee Meetings</b>	1/2/2007 & 3/5/2007	FRC/NEM Advisory Committee Meeting (Membership includes Queensland Consumers Association,	This was the second and third meeting this

	15/3/07	<p>Brisbane Consumers Association, Financial Counsellors Association, Tenants Union Queensland, St Vincent de Paul and, up until recently representation from the South East Regional Electricity Council).</p> <p>Rural and Regional/Network Advisory Committee Meeting (Membership includes the Central and North Regional Electricity Councils respectively (with one regional electricity council member also linked to Anglicare and Agforce); Financial Counsellors Association of Queensland and Neighbourhood Centre Roma.</p>	<p>year of this committee.</p> <p>This was the first meeting of this committee this year. It took some time to identify prospective committee members.</p> <p>Both committee's provide an important support for the advocacy position. Members also contribute relevant information and skills.</p>
<p><b>FRC Stakeholder consultations</b> (convened by the Energy Competition Committee)</p>	19/2/2007 & 12/4/2007		<p>The 12/4/2007 meeting was the last of the FRC Stakeholder consultation meetings attended – all in all the researcher/advocate attended at least 10 meetings mostly in conjunction with Ian Jarratt from the Qld Consumers Association. See</p>

			acquittal for project 213 summarising the outcomes of this consultation process
<b>NEM Roundtable</b>	28-29/03/2007	Meeting was held in Melbourne	These meetings continued to prove very worthwhile.
<b><u>Other Meetings</u></b>			
<b>Transitional Energy Ombudsman – Qld</b>	15/01/2007	Clarification of transitional arrangements	
<b>QCOSS</b>	30/01/2007	Update to QCOSS on energy matters and co-ordination of potential funding applications	
<b>Energy Competition Committee with Qld Consumers Association</b> (Teleconference)	16/2/2007	Discussion of Uniform Tariff arrangements.	
<b>AGL Customer Consultative Committee</b>	16/3/2007	See comments column	AGL invited CCCL onto this committee. This was the first meeting that Tenzin had attended
<b>Qld Competition Authority</b>	16/4/2007	Discussion of Benchmark Retail Cost Index	
<b>Ergon</b>	20/4/2007	Discussion of Rural and Regional Electricity Consultation Project	

<b>Senior policy officers – Department of Mines and Energy</b>	30/4/2007		The first of the formal discussions on NEM issues was held including discussion of the Retail Policy Working Group and Interval Meters.
<b>Minister for Mines and Energy</b>	1/5/2007	Discussion with CCCL and NGO's on any consumer concerns on the FRC implementation process	The Minister, Geoff Wilson, has started ongoing consultations with consumer groups about FRC particularly during the introductory phrase.
<b>Commonwealth Retail Policy Working Group Representative</b>	8/5/2007	Met with the representative to discuss the Queensland FRC consultation process.	The representative, Lukas Rajnoch, wanted to discuss the FRC consultation processes in Qld they might find useful for the advancement of RPWG matters.
<b>Managing Consultancy FRC (Project application 213)</b>	Concluded		See Acquittal for this project
<b>Conferences/Classes</b>	18/4/2007	EUAA – Queensland Energy Forum	The EUAA waived the conference fee enabling the advocate to attend.

	4/5/2007	PIAC NGO Workshop with Allan Asher, CEO of EnergyWatch UK (Sydney)	This was an excellent workshop followed by a public seminar at Arthurs Allens Robinson
<b>Presentations</b>	8/3/2007	QPILCH Consumer Law Advice Clinic hosted by Clayton Utz	Advocate discussed the changes occurring around FRC with recent law graduates
<b>Articles</b>	9/3/2007  9/5/2007	Wrote article for 'On The Wire' the Zine for Energy Advocates in Relation to the National Electricity Market  Wrote article for Tenants Union Qld about FRC and Tenants	
<b>Research Project</b>		Research assistant employed  Five rural and regional communities identified for consultation in May/June	This project will be conclude by June 30th

<b>Media</b>	<p>22/2/2007 Interview ABC Radio Brisbane</p> <p>27/2/2007 Channel 9</p> <p>1/3/2007 Gold Coast Bulletin</p> <p>7/3/2007 Channel 10 News</p> <p>9/3/2007 ABC Regional Radio Mackay</p> <p>11/5/07 Channel 9</p>	<p>All interviews were in relation to the introduction of FRC in Queensland</p>	
<b>Other</b>		<p>Accepted invitation from the Qld Competition Authority to participate in the Advisory Committee established under s.53 of the <i>Electricity Act 1994</i>.</p>	