

CLCV NEM CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT

Interim progress report: as at 14 September 2005

Please note that this is not intended to be a formal funding report (the final funding report is not due until the completion of the project in December 2005).

Budget Item	Main Elements	Progress
Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Researching and writing feature article ▪ Approaching authors ▪ Editing ▪ Designing ▪ Distributing 	<p>The 3rd edition of On the Wire for 2005 will be circulated in October, with the final edition to be circulated in December. Tony Jayamaha, formerly of NEMMCO, has been employed in a part-time role to produce these final 2 editions of On the Wire.</p> <p>The October edition of On the Wire will have a strong focus on the NEM, with the feature article a substantial piece on the roles of the AEMC, AER and NEMMCO and future NEM reforms.</p>
Network Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintaining contact list ▪ Maintaining email database ▪ Communicating with the NEM Network ▪ Assisting with information requests 	<p>Anna Stewart is undertaking this task.</p>
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developing training program ▪ Identifying participants, presenters, venues, timetables ▪ Preparing and presenting ▪ Facilitating discussion among training coordinators 	<p>We plan to arrange a half-day training session for Victorian advocates later this year.</p>
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitating telephone conferences ▪ Identifying issues for discussion ▪ Preparing agendas ▪ Identifying representatives ▪ Preparing minutes ▪ Facilitating decisions 	<p>Anna Stewart is undertaking this task.</p> <p>Telephone hook-ups with members of the NEM Network were held on 9 August and 30 August, primarily to discuss funding of consumer advocacy in the NEM, following on from the UPWG report to SCO.</p>
Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Writing submissions ▪ Coordinating/harmonising responses ▪ Lobbying and attending consultations ▪ Identifying need for external consultants 	<p>Anna Stewart and other members of the New Network met with Peter Norton from the Victorian Department of Infrastructure on 18 August 2005 to lobby for the Victorian Government's support of models 3 and 4 from the KPMG report on consumer advocacy in the NEM. This meeting was followed on 8 September 2005 with a meeting with Tom Motherwell in Canberra to advocate for funding of consumer advocacy in the NEM and the preferred model. Lobbying will continue in relation to this issue.</p> <p>As soon as the MCE Issues Paper on National Regulation is released we will undertake to co-ordinate the production of a submission. In addition, we plan to produce a further and final submission before the end of the year, possibly on the topic of interval metering.</p>