

FUNDING REPORT 3: ADVOCACY PANEL SEPTEMBER [Insert Date] 2006

| MILESTONES | DATES | OUTCOMES | COMMENTS |
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| Submissions | 20/06/06 | Submission on Electricity Industry Code in relation to Consultation Paper No.5 | See attachments for all these Submissions |
| | 03/07/06 | Submission on Chapter 6 (Electricity Customer Transfer and Consent Code) and Chapter 7 (Retail Marketing Code of Conduct) in relation to the proposed Electricity Industry Code | |
| | 15/08/06 | Letter of Support/Submission re ERIG Issue Paper | |
| | 01/09/06 | Letter of Support/Submission on MCE Consultation Paper: Draft Effective Competition Criteria. | |
| Committee | 31/05/06 | Committee Meeting | Managing such a large committee – (the original committee comprised 13 members) has required significant secretarial and administrative work. As a result of committee discussions and review the committee in its current form |
| | 26/07/06 | Committee Meeting | |

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| | | | <p>was dissolved and two smaller committees will be established – one to address the needs of SE Queenslanders, the issue of FRC and the NEM and another to address the needs of non-contestable customers in rural and regional Queensland and networking, supply and transmission issues. In addition networking and liaison will continue with key community organisations such as QCOSS who do not have capacity at this time to participate in the committee.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Individual consultation with board members has been very beneficial in terms of support for the research/advocacy position and has included regular contact with Karen Chalmers-Scott and Ian Jarratt from the Queensland Consumers Association. Committee members have attended the Rural and Regional Consumers forum in Victoria and the FRC Seminar in Brisbane.</p> |
| Meetings | 01/05/06 | CUAC, Melbourne | |
| | 02-03/06/06 | Roundtable Meeting | |
| | 16/05/06 | QCOSS | |
| | 06/06/06 | Energex Retail with Queensland Consumers | |

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| | <p>5/06/06 & 07/06/06 & 29/08/06 & 30/08/06</p> <p>24/07/06 & 07/08/06</p> <p>26/07/06</p> <p>03/08/06</p> <p>07/08/06</p> <p>22/08/06</p> | <p>Association</p> <p>FRC Energy Competition Committee Workshop/Forum</p> <p>Energy and Water Ombudsman (Victoria)</p> <p>Consumer Committee Advisory Groups</p> <p>ACOSS, QCOSS and Queensland Consumers Association</p> <p>Essential Services Commission Victoria</p> <p>Ergon</p> | <p>An ECC workshop forum specifically for community groups, and hosted by our Centre, to allow consumers to make oral responses to the draft legislation, code and regulations was cancelled due to a lack of interest. This lack of interest also reflects a lack of capacity at the current time in Queensland for substantive community group participation and consumer advocacy participation including QCOSS.</p> |
| <p>Managing Consultancy FRC 'Advocacy on behalf of small</p> | <p>July-August 2006:</p> | <p>A significant amount of time in July and August has been</p> | <p>There will be a separate funding report to the Advocacy Panel once the FRC</p> |

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| consumers on the implementation of FRC for electricity in Queensland’. | ongoing | concerned with applying for funding and establishing and managing this consultancy. | consultancy project is completed |
| Conferences | 13-14/07/06 | Rural and Regional Energy Consumers Forum (Ballarat, Victoria) | |
| | 27/07/06 | ACCC Conference (Gold Coast) | |
| | 02/08/06 | Presentation to the Electricity Matters Seminar, CCCL, Brisbane | |
| | 08/09/06 | Roundtable conference of energy advocates, Melbourne | |
| Organisation FRC CCCL Seminar ‘Electricity Matters: The potential impact of full retail competition on Queensland Consumers’ | 02/08/06 | This seminar took a number of months and significant resources to organise. It was attended by 45 participants mostly consumer advocacy participants. Industry and Government representatives also attended. Speakers included Daryl Somerville from the Energy Competition Committee, Ian Jarratt from the Queensland Consumers Association, Denis Nelthorpe, Jim Wellsmore and Tenzin Jane Bathgate. Karen Chalmers-Scott facilitated the | I have attached my presentation which summarises the research. The other presentations are available on our website at www.griffith.edu.au/centre/cccl This seminar builds on the release of the FRC Issues paper printed in April 2006. This report was launched at the Seminar by Dr Justin Malbon. |

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| | | afternoon issues and solutions workshop. | |
| Articles | 05/08/06 | Article for 'On the Wire' | Article summarises recent events in Queensland in relation to the NEM particular in relation to FRC. |
| Research completion | 7-10/05/06 | All the focus group interviews were completed in May | The results of the research indicate very little knowledge among consumers and advocates about the introduction of full retail competition and/what it actually is. Key issues and strategies were discussed. See attached presentation given at the FRC Seminar. As discussed in the covering letter there has been a delay to the completion time of this document largely as a result of responding to the FRC implementation process. |
| | 16/05/06 | One remaining outstanding interview with a consumer was also completed in May. | |
| | June | Transcriptions available and finalised in June | |
| | Final Report | To be completed in October | |
| Media | June/July | Various media interviews with ABC Regional Radio and youth radio Brisbane on full retail competition | |