

**National Consumers Electricity
ADVOCACY PANEL**

January 2005 UPDATE

1. Summary of funding decisions at meeting of 20 December 2004

No 82 – **Energy Intensive Industries Alliance** – To provide input to the Ministerial Council On Energy's Market Reform Program. Approval granted for Stage1 (\$4,500) and Stage 2 (\$68,000) subject to final to be reported, in writing, to all panel members.

No 90 – **Moreland Energy Foundation - Community Empowerment** – This application deferred to enable Moreland's existing project (no 41 – Improving DM choices for small consumers) to be assessed and to ascertain the nature of the work proposed as to peak energy usage, pricing and remote technology.

No 91 – **EUAA – Reliability standards submission** – Approved for \$25,000 given that the advocacy is to include all the necessary work in response to the April 2005 draft report of the Reliability Panel.

No 92 – **EUAA – Transgrid/EA capex submission** - Application to approved for the sum of \$21,280 for the Preparation of a submission to the ACCC based on Transgrid and Energex revised CAPEX proposals and to present findings to members on proposals and issues.

No 93 – **EUAA – consumer advocacy in the NEM** – The project will review end user advocacy arrangements with a view to preparing a report in time for commenting on the SC Options Paper on End User Advocacy Arrangements, due for public comment in March 2005. Approved for \$13,000

No 94 – **EUAA – industry structure/generator competition /end user prices** – Examines the effect of industry structure on generator competition and end-user prices in the NEM. The project is to be completed within five months.

No 95 – **Institute for Sustainable Futures – social justice/DM** – The application be rejected on the basis that there has already been considerable work undertaken in this area.

No 97 – **SACoSS – Vulnerable consumers** – The application was rejected because it falls outside the funding criteria.

No 98 – **SACoSS – Funding to support an Advocacy Officer** – this application will be deferred for the moment while details of the Advocacy Officer are worked out between the applicant and the Panel.

No 99 - **Centre for Credit and Consumer Law, Qld - Research Salary and Cost** – Application deferred until a draft funding agreement is settled by the Panel

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