

**REPORT TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCACY PANEL
NEM ADVOCATE STAFF FUNDED POSITION
ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 2009 TO JUNE 2009**

Introduction

The Panel provides funding for a staff position within the Energy Users Association of Australia (EUAA) and the funding Agreements provides for regular reports on activities undertaken by the position. This report covers the period March to June 2009.

Work Undertaken in the Period

During the period a range of NEM related advocacy has been undertaken via the arrangements outlined above.

Activities undertaken during the reporting period are set out in the Table below. Outputs and Outcomes are described.

Copies of relevant invoices have been provided separately to the Panel.

Copies of work referred to have been appended to this report as indicated in the table.

Recruitment of New Occupant

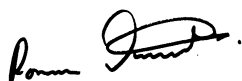
A new occupant, Dr Ariel Liebman, was recruited into the position and commenced work on 4th May. Dr Liebman has 12 years of work experience in the energy sector covering analysis and modelling in the generation and retail sectors, as well as energy sector research in a Co-operative Research Centre and in the Economics Faculty of the University of Queensland.

During the period covered by this report, work was therefore undertaken by Dr Liebman and Mr Bruce Mountain who has been working with us on a retainer whilst the position was vacant.

Final Report & Decision of Panel Not to Continue Funding

As the Panel has decided not to provide further funding for this position, this will be the final report under the agreement with the Panel, which ends on 30th June 2009. The EUAA would like to express its thanks to the Panel for having funded this position over a number of years. This funding has made a significant contribution towards the advocacy efforts of the EUAA, ensuring the continuity of these efforts and building the capacity of end user advocacy in the national energy markets, within the EUAA and more broadly. The EUAA regrets that the position will no longer be funded and wishes to place on record its belief that its advocacy will be adversely affected as a result in terms of the number of issues the EUAA can engage in, the analysis behind those issues and the continuity of its advocacy. The timing of the Panel's decision is also unfortunate given that a new occupant had only recently been recruited into the position.

If the Panel has any questions about this report please contact me.



Roman Domanski
Executive Director
30th June 2009

Project/Activity	Status	Outputs	Outcomes
Federal Energy White Paper	Completed	Submission (attached))	Submission outlines EUAA's views on a range of energy policy and regulatory matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaps in reform process • Malaise in network regulation • Links between energy policy and climate change policy • Importance of technology to future energy challenges
Review of AER Investigation into TIPS Bidding	Completed In Progress In Progress Completed	Internal Assessment Memorandum Letter to AER raising issue Member briefing on our view of investigation Media commentary	Impacts on higher and more volatile prices in SA Determined that AER investigation inadequately addresses user concerns Raise concern at failure of AER investigation to address gaps in bidding rules and structural problems in SA market Inform users on importance of issue and future impacts on prices
Assessment of changes to CPRS and expanded RET proposed legislation	Completed	EUAA Member Briefing	Review the May 09 changes in the proposed CPRS and RET legislation and the impacts on electricity prices
Review impacts of NSW Network service providers Revenue Determination by the AER	In Progress	Internal assessment of impacts and need for further action Member Briefing outlining impacts on electricity costs	Determined that network costs to consumers in NSW will increase significantly in the next 5 years of the 2009-2014 determination period

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Presentation to Brisbane City Council QWESTnet green forum	Completed	Presentation (attached)	Delivered presentation to local and state government and consumers on future outlook for QLD electricity market regarding energy and network prices and policy landscape
LNG Exports	Completed	Powerpoint presentation delivered at <i>Queensland Energy Forum</i> (attached) Advice on strategies for Qld energy users	Better understanding of LNG developments and information to assist in strategic positioning of Queensland energy users and development of further work by EUAA
Analysis of exposure draft legislation on MRET	Completed	Analysis of legislation and calculation of the expected impact to energy users. Advice on questions to be directed to the Government to clarify the working of the proposed arrangements and implications for energy users	Understanding of the proposed arrangements and implications for electricity users of different size and emission intensity Ensure an informed response to Government on the issues affecting energy users, eg price impacts, exemptions