

**NATIONAL ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS
ADVOCACY PANEL**

AUGUST 2006 UPDATE

Summary of funding decisions made during August 2006

1. Application 216: Alternative Technology Association - Participate in "Fundamentals of the Australian Competitive Electricity Industry" training course

Resolved that the application is rejected on the grounds that the Panel has already provided funding for the development of the skills of the applicant's advocate and the advocate is not a new employee in need of training.

2. Application 217: Victorian Farmers Federation - Energy services for intensive agricultural enterprises

Resolved that the application is rejected on the grounds that the Panel does not at this time have budget available to fund the project. The Panel also noted that the project is described in general terms and does not identify a problem on which advocacy of the interests of end-users is required.

3. Application 218: Consumer Action Law Centre - NEM Network coordinator and researcher

Resolved that the application is deferred until additional information is obtained.

4. Application 219: Major Energy Users Inc (EMRF, ECCSA, EUCV & MEG Tasmania) - Submission to Reliability Panel on reliability options and forward capacity markets

Resolved that the application is rejected on the grounds that the Panel has provided sufficient funding on this issue to the applicant.

5. Application 220: Consumer Utilities Advocacy Centre - Master classes for consumer advocacy organisations

Resolved that funding of \$12,000 excl GST be approved.

6. Application 221: Consumer Action Law Centre - Harmonisation of retail codes in the NEM

Resolved that funding of \$10,000.00 excl GST be approved.

7. Application 222: South Australian Council of Social Service - Employ NEM policy officer/advocate

Resolved that funding of \$41,500 excl GST be approved.

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