

**NATIONAL CONSUMERS ELECTRICITY
ADVOCACY PANEL**

DECEMBER 2005 UPDATE

Summary of funding decisions from the meeting of 5 December 2005

Application 58: Energy Consumers Coalition of South Australia and Energy Users Coalition of Victoria - Fund attendance on ACCC working group.

Resolved that:

- Funding of \$1,200 excl GST per sitting day be approved;
- A summary report be provided to the Panel following each meeting; and
- This approval does not extend beyond 30 June 2006.

Application 162: Major Energy Users Inc - Funding of NEM specialist for three years

The application was withdrawn by the applicant.

Application 163: Total Environment Centre - Environmental interface project

The application was withdrawn by the applicant.

Application 164: Centre for Credit and Consumer Law - Capacity building for the panel-funded advocate through attendance at energy conference

Resolved that funding of \$3,495.00 excl GST be granted provided that following the conference the applicant provides a summary report on the National Electricity Rules affected by FRC in Queensland.

Application 166: Queensland Consumers Association - Research consumer issues involved in FRC in the Queensland electricity market

Resolved that funding of \$10,709 excl GST be granted provided the consultant engaged is one of the three consultants listed in the application or another suitable consultant whose name is advised to the executive officer of the Panel prior to the consultant being engaged.

Application 167: Energy Users Association of Australia - Submission to AEMC on its review of the regulatory test principles

Resolved that funding of \$36,000 excl GST be granted plus up to \$2,500 excl GST for consultant's expenses.

Application 168: Energy Users Association of Australia - Powerlink revenue determination by AER

Resolved that funding be granted of up to \$61,920 excl GST for the consultant plus up to a further \$3,600 excl GST for travel expenses.

Application 169: Energy Users Association of Australia - Tasmania's entry to the NEM and capacity building among business users in Tasmania

Resolved that the application was rejected on the grounds that:

- The project is not focused on advocacy of the interests of end-users; its prime focus is on the education of end-users and the raising of awareness of the NEM;
- The project is described in general terms and lacks specificity;
- The work proposed is a service the EUAA should be providing to its members; and
- The amount requested appears excessive;

Application 126: Consumer Utilities Advocacy Centre and the Centre for Regulatory Studies - Where is the consumer? The implications of legislative and regulatory reforms in the NEM for consumers

Resolved that funding of \$62,571 be granted provided that:

- The project is completed within 2006;
- Appropriate consultation takes place with business user groups on the issues, especially EUAA and MEU;
- Attendance and presentation costs be reduced to cover only one person;
- Subject to appropriate funding being available to the Panel after 30 June 2006.

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12 December 2005