

NATIONAL ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS ADVOCACY PANEL

Summary of funding decisions made by the Panel during January 2008

1. Application 280: Total Environment Centre - Price Caps, Total Productivity Factor, Building Blocks and Revenue Caps - which better encourages more efficient use of electricity in the long term interests of electricity consumers

The application was approved for funding of \$42,500 excl GST subject to the applicant providing an explanation of how the reduction in consultant's costs will be achieved.

2. Application 264: Energy Users Association of Australia – the future for gas-fired generation and impacts on energy users

The application was approved in principle subject to the applicant providing additional information as to the outputs and outcomes for the project that is acceptable to the Panel.

3. Application 284: Energy Users Association of Australia - Research a competitive market structure for retail and generation in New South Wales

The application was approved for funding of \$25,500 excl GST subject to the applicant confirming that the project report will be provided to the NSW government within six weeks and in time for it to consider before settling on the structure of the asset sale.

4. Application 291: Australian Council of Social Service – national energy consumers conference August 2008

The application was rejected on the grounds that the project would duplicate the work of the domestic advocate Roundtable meetings and funding for the project would come from the Panel's capacity building budget which is already fully committed and therefore the project would need to be prioritised in relation to other demands on the capacity building budget.

5. Application 294: Major Energy Users Inc (EMRF, ECCSA, EUCV & MEG Tasmania) - AER review of price spikes in South Australia in January 2008

The application was approved for funding of \$19,152 excl GST.

6. Application 295: Queensland Consumers Association - Queensland Competition Authority's Draft Decision on calculation of the Electricity Benchmark Retail Cost Index for 2008/9

The application was approved for funding of \$3,600 excl GST.

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