

**NATIONAL ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS
ADVOCACY PANEL**

JUNE 2006 UPDATE

Summary of funding decisions from the meeting of 13 June 2006

1. Application 195: Total Environment Centre - Fund NEM advocate and a project manager
Resolved that funding of \$111,653 excl GST be approved.
2. Application 196: Major Energy Users Inc (EMRF, ECCSA, EUCV & MEG Tasmania) - AEMC transmission pricing and revenue review - participate in 2006 pricing review process
Resolved that funding of \$83,680 excl GST be approved.
3. Application 197: Major Energy Users Inc (EMRF, ECCSA, EUCV & MEG Tasmania) - Respond to Reliability Panel May 2006 Comprehensive Reliability Review paper
Application 200: Energy Users Association of Australia and Energy Action Group - Respond to Reliability Panel May 2006 Comprehensive Reliability Review paper
Resolved to reject the applications and to recommend to the MEU and the EUAA that they make a joint application to the Panel for funding for a submission.
4. Application 198: Energy Users Association of Australia and Energy Action Group - Amendment to the National Electricity Law Regulations & Rules
Application 204: Energy Users Association of Australia and Energy Action Group - Review MCE legislative and Rule amendments on end user advocacy
Application 205: Energy Users Association of Australia - Respond to MCE decision to transfer economic regulation of distribution to the AER and AEMC
Resolved that the three applications be rejected due to the lack of detail as to the outcomes to be achieved by them and the overlap between them.
5. Application 199: Energy Users Association of Australia - Input into the MCE Demand Side Response Effectiveness Review
Resolved to reject the application as it is premature. The applicant should await the paper to be issued by the MCE's consultant.
6. Application 201: Energy Users Association of Australia - Review of end user implications of Queensland Government energy reforms
Resolved that the application is rejected as the outcomes are unclear and a review of the sale proposal may be outside the Panel's funding criteria.
7. Application 202: Energy Users Association of Australia - Respond to AEMC imminent draft report on congestion management
Resolved that funding of \$22,100 excl GST be approved.

8. Application 203: Energy Users Association of Australia and Energy Action Group - Impact of Snowy Hydro bidding and other market conduct
Resolved to reject the application as it focuses on the proposed sale which will now not proceed. However, the applicant is invited to re-consider the issue excluding the sale aspect.
9. Application 206: Public Interest Advocacy Centre - Participate in the CUAC Rural Energy Consumers Forum
Resolved that funding of \$2,860 excl GST be approved.
10. Application 207: Consumer Law Centre Victoria - NEM Network capacity building project
Resolved that, subject to a satisfactory resolution to the enquiry to be made about the policy officer salary rate, funding of \$90,890 excl GST be approved.
11. Application 208: Consumer Law Centre Victoria - NEM consumer protection advocacy kit
Resolved that, subject to a satisfactory resolution to the enquiries to be made about the policy officer salary rate and the combination of two projects, funding of \$18,000 excl GST be approved.
12. Application 209: Consumer Utilities Advocacy Centre - NEM capacity building - master classes for consumer advocacy organisations
Resolved that the application be deferred and the applicant be requested to obtain quotations from qualified and experienced trainers so the application can be re-submitted for consideration at the Panel's July 2006 meeting.
13. Application 210: Griffith University Centre for Credit and Consumer Law - Continuation of funding to build research and advocacy capacity
Resolved that funding of \$121,170 excl GST be approved.
14. Application 211: Tasmanian Council of Social Service - Continuation of funding for electricity consumer research and advocacy
Resolved that subject to a satisfactory outcome of the enquiry regarding in-kind costs, funding of \$33,055 excl GST be approved.
15. Application 212: Major Energy Users Inc (EMRF, ECCSA, EUCV & MEG Tasmania) - Develop response to the AEMC Draft Rule on transmission revenue and attend conference
Resolved that funding of \$26,800 excl GST be approved.

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