

**NATIONAL ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS
ADVOCACY PANEL**

OCTOBER 2006 UPDATE

Summary of funding decisions from the meeting of 10 October 2006

1. Previous approvals now cancelled
Resolved to cancel the approvals previously given for projects 110, 155 and 158 as the projects have not been undertaken.
2. Application 218: Consumer Action Law Centre - NEM Network co-ordinator and researcher
Resolved that funding of \$30,660.00 excl GST be approved.
3. Application 223: Alternative Technology Association - Continued representation and advocacy for small-scale renewable energy in the NEM
Resolved that funding of \$22,464.00 excl GST be approved.
4. Application 224: Energy Users Association of Australia - Re-funding of NEM specialist staff position
Resolved that funding of \$87,711.00 excl GST be approved.
5. Application 225: Energy Users Association of Australia - COAG Energy Reform Implementation Group review of the energy market - assistance with further submissions
Resolved to reject the section of the application that related to the provision of additional information on the grounds that the Panel has provided sufficient funding on this issue to the applicant. The section of the application that related to responding to the impending ERIG paper is deferred. When the ERIG paper is issued and the applicant has been able to identify any matters about which it has a concern and to quantify what, if any, external assistance is needed to respond to the paper, the applicant may if it wishes submit an abridged applicant that identifies the issues on which it wishes to advocate and the budget for any external assistance. The Panel notes the short period allowed by ERIG for responses and undertakes to consider any such application within two working days following its receipt.
6. Application 226: Energy Users Association of Australia - Amendments to the National Electricity Law, Regulations and Rules
Resolved that the application is rejected as it is premature and therefore lacking in detail as to the issues that the applicant wishes to address.
7. Application 227: Energy Users Association of Australia - Transgrid development of supply to the Newcastle-Wollongong area
Resolved that the application is rejected as it is premature and no problem has been identified that requires advocacy.

David J L Bremner
Executive Officer

