

Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: Accelerating smart meter deployment

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Comments: Smart meters DO NOT WORK in areas without connection. Many rural properties DO NOT HAVE mobile communication signals.

I disagree with replacing perfectly good (i.e. working) mechanical or electronic meters with smart meters - this adds an extra cost burden to the electricity market and an expectation of suppliers that meters can be read and controlled remotely.

I disagree with the consumer potentially not being able to refuse their existing meter be replaced by a smart meter.

I disagree with the supplier or network operator being able to remotely remove a consumer's access to electricity.

I disagree with a supplier or network operator being potentially able to access and draw down from installed solar and batteries without specific permission (a signed document) and that the agreement to such action can be refused by the consumer.