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Dear AEMC Team,

Accelerating smart meter deployment rule change

I would like to provide feedback on the draft determination and rules for accelerating smart meter deployment.

I am opposed to the installation of smart electricity meters that emit radiofrequency radiation. This form of radiation has been repeatedly shown to have harmful effects on humans and other living creatures. The International Agency for Research on cancer has classified RF radiation as a Class 2B carcinogen. This rule change would clearly be a very backward step in terms of human health.

Radiation-emitting smart meters are particularly problematic for people with electromagnetic hypersensitivity. These people can experience symptoms at very low level of exposure and these symptoms are consistent with biological changes that scientists have identified. There is science to support this condition and it would be very unjust to subject people to smart meters in homes.

It is not right for electricity companies to be collecting data about personal electricity use and sharing this with third parties. This raises privacy issues and increases security and data hacking risks.

The legislation must be changed to ensure all meters are labelled to advise they emit RF radiation and that this is a Class 2B carcinogen. All companies must be required to roll-out non-radiation emitting smart meters and written consent must be obtained for all data sharing that may occur.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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