

Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: Accelerating smart meter deployment

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Comments: To whom it may concern,
I object to this legislation.

There are major problems with this legislation in the form of:

- privacy issues. We have repeatedly seen that Australian providers are hacked and people's personal information has been compromised. Consumers must be able to opt out of Smart Meters and their data collection.
- household security. Wireless meters are hackable. It would be quite easy for hackers to know when people are on holiday and the house is empty, based on electricity usage.
- free choice. Consumers must be able to choose NOT to have a smart meter installed, and suffer no financial or other penalties. There are many reasons a consumer might choose not to have one, including health reasons. We've seen in the past 4 years that Australia has little regard for the health of the overall population, or compensating for injuries due to health regulations imposed.
- health. Wireless smart meters emit radiation that is a class 2B carcinogen according to the IARC.
- control. What guarantees do consumers have that their electricity access won't be adjusted based on their "climate change" effect, or other agendas?
- cost. Who is paying for this? If it's funded by the government, have the taxpayers been asked if they wish to fund this? What justifies the expense?

We saw with the NBN that the promises of faster internet service did not eventuate. Why should we believe there would be any benefit to consumers? All I can see from this is benefit to companies and agencies that collect and share our personal data.