

Submission Type: Rule Change

Reference: Accelerating smart meter deployment

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Comments: Firstly, the notification period (5 business days) in the proposed rule change is far too short for reasons being that:

1. Many people now work from home, and for employment reasons I cannot afford to have an electrical disconnection resulting in disruption in home computing and/or NBN access due to a power outage on such short notice. I personally work remotely from home and have board meetings that I need to attend which are often scheduled weeks in advance that cannot be moved or disrupted.
2. Postal delivery services are now less frequent, Australia Post does not deliver each day in some areas, and mail is sometimes not received under a week after it is posted;

Therefore the notification period for an meter disruptions must be increased to 30 days notice for the reasons above.

Secondly, I object to the smart meter replacement being mandatory without ability to opt out for medical reasons. I have a medical condition where my health is adversely affected by radio frequency radiation. Particularly where smart meters are attached to an external wall of a bedroom or living area where persons spend a majority of time whilst indoors, persons with such medical conditions must have the choice to opt out.