

## **Submission to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) re Their Proposed Rule Change To Accelerate Smart Meter Deployment**

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Dear AEMC

You have stated that one of the benefits will be increased data sharing.

I cannot comprehend how sharing my personal data is of any benefit to me. How is this? Is it of more benefit to others? I one hundred percent object to any of my personal data being shared with others. In the last eighteen months, there have been huge data breaches at numerous large corporations. What would prevent that happening here and would you guarantee that it would not happen?

You also state a faster replacement of legacy meters would enable customers to have quicker access to the benefits of smart meters. However, these benefits are not stated. Why not and what are they?

Following extensive reading and from personal experience, I know full well that Smart Meters emit dangerous electromagnetic and radiofrequency or WFI. One was installed at my residence in 2020 and I was told it would be an upgrade and an improvement. However, I was not told about the radiation I would be exposed to – I found that out the hard way!

Some years ago, I received intense radiation for breast cancer, which affected the bone density of my ribs – confirmed by doctors. Following the installation of the smart meter, I noticed my health was affected and this was increasing with time and further exposure.

I finally had the 'Smart' portion of the meter removed earlier this year and, thankfully, my health is now improving. There is no way I will ever have another Smart Meter!

Radiofrequency radiation, as from Smart Meters, has been proven to be a Class 2B Carcinogen and found to affect both humans, animals and the environment. Apart from increasing the risk of cancer, it causes cellular stress, an increase in harmful free radicals, genetic damage and structural and harmful changes to the reproductive system, plus numerous other effects detrimental to us.

Electromagnetic hypersensitivity causes allergic-type reactions in those who are sensitive. This results in symptoms ranging from mild to extreme, obviously depending on the level of sensitivity and can include: nausea, tinnitus, fatigue and problems sleeping, along with depression, anxiety and irritability. These problems can result in people being unable to work where there is WiFi, access services in public buildings, public transport or businesses, again if these have WiFi. Would you be happy to suffer, or have any of your family suffer, any of these effects unnecessarily? I certainly wouldn't.

Any changes to the legislation must ensure that all customers are given the choice as to which meter they have and if they choose a non-radiating meter, as I had previously, there should not be any financial, or other, penalty. They also must be given full details as to what data of theirs would be shared and have the right to agree or disagree with this. The legislation must also advise that the smart meters can cause cancer, along with other illnesses in those sensitive to RF radiation.

I also firmly believe that any who suffer any adverse effects from smart meters should be adequately compensated for these by their electricity providers and the makers of the smart meters. I'm sure you would expect compensation in these circumstances?

Given the current, economic situation, which is rapidly deteriorating, and the obvious detrimental health effects to susceptible people, can we, as a nation, afford the expense of unnecessarily replacing working meters and having more sick people requiring medical attention? Definitely not.

I look forward to your response to the above.

Thank you

Sincerely



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