

Jemena Determination 2026-31 Submission Objection

The Australian public is being relentlessly exploited by a regulatory system that has utterly failed in its most fundamental duty: to ensure Australians have access to electricity that is affordable, reliable, secure, and sustainable.

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) disingenuously claims:

"It is our role to ensure that consumers pay no more than is necessary for an energy system that delivers safe, reliable, secure energy that contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions."

This assertion has no basis in reality.

On the contrary, the AER and network businesses like Jemena are deliberately violating every principle underpinning the National Electricity Objective.

Their actions are hastening the destruction of a once world-class energy system—replacing it with an unstable, intermittent, foreign-controlled grid, riddled with economic and geopolitical vulnerabilities.

A Regulator Enabling Exploitation

Jemena's 2026–31 Proposal demands a staggering 15% increase in total network revenue while simultaneously claiming "price reductions" based on speculative future loads from data centres.

This is nothing but creative accounting to justify massive capital outlays and price hikes under the false banner of "customer benefit."

This is not a plan for affordable energy.

It is designed to gold-plate the network, create artificial scarcity, and entrench energy poverty in what is an energy-rich country.

Worse still, these upgrades serve a long-term agenda of locking Australians into an unstable energy mix reliant on intermittent renewables, backed by foreign-controlled infrastructure.

Foreign Control of Critical Energy Infrastructure

Jemena is 60% owned by the State Grid Corporation of China—an entity controlled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

It is deeply disturbing that critical Australian infrastructure is beholden to a geopolitical adversary whose strategic interests are completely misaligned with our own.

AusNet: Now under control of Brookfield (Canada), with significant foreign ties.

United Energy: Majority owned by CK Infrastructure Holdings (Hong Kong).

Powercor & Citipower: Controlled by Cheung Kong entities and Spark Infrastructure.

This is not investment; this is infiltration. Every dollar we pay into this system increases CCP-aligned influence over our energy future.

Meanwhile, the AER remains complicit in greenlighting these arrangements.

The ISP is a Failed Document of Propaganda

The Integrated System Plan (ISP), on which all these price hikes and capital expansions are premised, is:

- Not independent

- Fatally compromised
- Not fit for purpose
- A national economic and energy disaster

It is clear that the ISP has been weaponised as a justification tool for ruinous investment in “transition technologies” that do not deliver reliability or cost savings—but do enrich multinational and foreign asset owners.

National Energy Sabotage & Strategic Suicide

We are witnessing nothing short of a deliberate sabotage of our energy security.

The goal appears not to serve Australians, but to dismantle our traditional baseload system and replace it with a fragile, high-cost, weather-dependent model that plays into the hands of geopolitical opponents.

As Patricia Adams wrote in China’s Energy Dream:

“Carbon dioxide reduction only makes sense for those it (China) wishes to harm and supplant.”

The AER and network owners are fulfilling China’s dream—not Australia’s.

We are watching the systematic dismantling of:

Affordable electricity

Industrial competitiveness

Grid reliability

National sovereignty

Australian Power for Australians

We demand the restoration of Australia's energy independence through the immediate pursuit of:

New High-Efficiency Low-Emissions (HELE) Coal Plants

A future Nuclear Power industry with minimal environmental footprint

A Moratorium on all foreign ownership of transmission/distribution assets

A Royal Commission into the all Regulators including AER, the ISP, and network business collusion.

We reject Jemena’s proposal as it is exploitative, ideologically driven, and structurally opposed to the National Electricity Objective.

It serves vested financial interests—not the Australian people.

The Australian people are not blind to the dismantling of our energy system as we are so unjustly suffering from deliberately orchestrated hardship and austerity and will no longer tolerate being forced into unnecessary and treacherous energy deprivation and dependence to enrich globalist investors and foreign states.

Yours Sincerely,

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