

Powercor Determination 2026-31 Submission Objection

Powercor's Regulatory Proposal 2026–31 is a betrayal of the Australian people and a calculated assault on the affordability, reliability, and sovereignty of our once world-class electricity system.

The AER has utterly failed in its statutory duty under the National Electricity Law to ensure consumers pay no more than necessary for a secure, reliable and environmentally responsible energy supply.

Instead, it has become a passive enabler of corporate excess, foreign ownership exploitation, and ideological policy experiments that are driving up costs, weakening system resilience, and exposing Australia's critical infrastructure to foreign influence—particularly from hostile actors like the Chinese Communist Party.

1. A Complicit Regulator Enabling Network Rent-Seeking

The AER's acceptance of Powercor's 25% revenue increase under the guise of a "just \$3 per year" bill rise is a mathematical insult and a manipulative public relations lie.

A 46% capital expenditure uplift—while claiming "modest impacts"—is regulatory malpractice.

It is not the role of a regulator to accept exaggerated growth projections and speculative future technologies as justifications for gouging consumers.

Powercor's repeated reference to "customer engagement" is a fig leaf. Community forums run by consultants and selectively quoted focus groups do not amount to democratic consent or justification for plundering billions in additional revenue from already struggling households.

2. Foreign Ownership and National Security Risk

Our electricity network is now riddled with foreign interests, many with direct or indirect ties to the Chinese Communist Party, including:

Jemena – 60% owned by State Grid Corporation of China.

United Energy – 66% owned by CK Infrastructure and 34% by SGSP (State Grid).

Powercor/CitiPower – Majority owned by Hong Kong-based CK Infrastructure, with a structure designed to obscure accountability.

This is not merely economic mismanagement—it is a National Security Disaster.

Energy is Critical Infrastructure.

Making our grid dependent on adversarial state-linked entities is beyond irresponsible—it's akin to sabotage.

3. Transitioning to Intermittent, Weather-Dependent Junk

Powercor and the AER's embrace of so-called "clean energy transition" is a euphemism for systemic degradation. Replacing dispatchable, sovereign-controlled, base-load generation (like coal) with foreign-manufactured, intermittent solar and wind imports is an ideological crusade that prioritises globalist climate dogma over Australian energy security.

Obviously, 'renewables' are not "clean". The toxic PFOS coated, heavy-metal leaching solar panels flooding rooftops and our food bowls are manufactured in China using slave labour supply chains.

Toxic Bisphenol A shedding Wind Turbines are imported, land-intensive monstrosities that degrade the environment and butcher regional landscapes.

Filthy, Fire hazardous BESS BOMBS are toxic chemical disasters with Bis-FASI contaminants.

This is NOT sustainability—it is ECOCIDAL environmental vandalism and imperialism, enriching China while impoverishing Australians.

4. Australian Power for Australians

We strongly oppose this delusional trajectory and instead support a rational, sovereign energy future grounded in:

- New High-Efficiency, Low-Emission (HELE) Coal Plants – to restore dispatchable generation.
- A responsible, Australian-owned Nuclear industry – with a far smaller land and environmental footprint.
- An Immediate Moratorium and Royal Commission into all aspects of the 'Renewable' Swindle/Interconnector Nightmare as the current energy direction—endorsed by the AER and Powercor—is one where Australians are forced into energy deprivation and price shock, while CCP-owned corporations and global financiers profit off our suffering.

There must not be anymore AER approvals for network revenue increases tied to speculative electrification or renewable integration as the Australian people have been sold a pup!

Promises of cheap, reliable, clean, sustainable, secure 'renewable' power are all absolutely false!

Thorough scrutiny including a comprehensive audit of foreign-owned energy companies & associates linked to Australia's Electricity Grid is required - including energy system costs, ownership, and reliability impacts, as well as the systemic regulatory failures of the AER, and the glaring risks to National Security and consumer protection.

It's completely unacceptable that Australia was once the envy of the world for its cheap, stable power - yet now we teeter on the brink of engineered scarcity, economic sabotage, and foreign-controlled infrastructure.

Powercor's AER enabled proposal for 2026–31 is not just unjustified—it is an existential threat to the sovereignty, prosperity and security of our nation.

Yours Sincerely,

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