

## **United Energy Determination 2026-31 Submission Objection**

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) has fundamentally failed in its statutory duty to ensure electricity consumers “pay no more than is necessary” for a system that is safe, reliable, secure, and genuinely contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

The AER has, by its own non-independence and complicity, become a facilitator of a monopolised, politically manipulated, and foreign-influenced destruction of Australia’s once world-class electricity system.

The Regulator has enabled an unstable, intermittent, weather-dependent grid that is utterly unfit for a developed nation.

Escalating costs burdening households and businesses, in stark defiance of affordability promises.

A foreign-owned network monopoly cartel—enabled by a regulator that serves lobbyist and ideological interests rather than public duty.

A so-called “energy transition” that weakens national security, industrial capability, and consumer protections—all to appease global financiers and foreign entities.

### **Regulatory Deceit and Corporate Greenwashing**

United Energy’s 2026–31 proposal is a masterclass in disingenuous spin.

Under the veneer of “customer-driven investment” and “network transformation,” lies a calculated effort to embed long-term structural price hikes, offload risk to consumers, and deepen dependency on vulnerable, volatile energy technologies.

#### **United Energy’s claims of “high performance” are contradicted by:**

- The cumulative destabilisation of the grid through increasing renewables penetration without adequate dispatchable backup.
- Soaring network charges, under the guise of “transition” and “resilience”.
- Total disregard for energy sovereignty, as the infrastructure is owned by foreign governments and opaque global funds.

Clearly, this proposal is not “customer-focused”.

It is investor-focused, policy-warped, and nationally reckless.

### **Foreign Ownership and Geopolitical Risk**

This is a National Security Emergency!

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

China’s Energy Dream – Patricia Adams

<https://www.thegwpf.org/content/uploads/2021/12/Adams-Chinas-Energy-Dream.pdf>

#### **Australian networks are now largely controlled by foreign interests:**

Jemena: 60% owned by the State Grid Corporation of China.

United Energy: 66% owned by CK Infrastructure Holdings (Hong Kong), 34% by the Chinese and Singaporean-government linked SGSP Australia Assets Pty Ltd.

AusNet: Owned by a Brookfield consortium—which includes Chinese state-owned investors.

It is outrageous that AER and state governments have approved and protected this model.

In the current global climate, this constitutes not merely economic negligence—but a National Security crisis.

**Critical infrastructure should never be owned or influenced by foreign authoritarian regimes or unaccountable asset managers.**

### **From Energy Abundance to Energy Poverty**

United Energy's submission speaks of a future of "full electrification"—backed by unreliable renewables, rising population, the collapse of gas, and expanding EV demand.

But behind the utopian language lies a harsh truth:

This is not a transition to progress—it is a descent into engineered scarcity.

What we see instead is:

Rolling brownouts and demand curtailment as standard.

Households forced to invest in private batteries and solar panels just to maintain reliability.

"Smart" networks that mean rationing, not resilience.

False promises of "cost-efficiency" masking exponential public and private cost increases.

**This is NOT the future Victorians asked for, it's one dictated by globalist energy ideologues, CCP-connected firms, and the ESG-industrial complex!**

### **Australia Needs Sovereign Energy, Real Security, and Affordability**

We require an IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM and ROYAL COMMISSION regarding all 'renewable' infrastructure projects & interconnectors, new Regulator approvals, Rule changes and price rises, a thorough investigation into all aspects of 'renewables,' the Regulators, Network ownership, and systemic Electricity Grid failure, an honest, independent analysis of renewable integration costs—including lifecycle emissions, land destruction, and foreign material dependency, a full audit of AER's performance, independence, and regulatory integrity, repatriation and protection of our energy infrastructure from hostile and opportunistic foreign powers.

A sovereign energy system built on technologically and economically proven sources is essential: including new HELE Coal Plants and preparation for a safe, modern Nuclear Power industry.

United Energy's regulatory proposal, and the AER's irresponsible, expected rubber-stamping of it, marks another chapter in the deliberate undermining of Australia's energy independence.

The regulator has become a servant of market manipulation, not a protector of public interest.

Yours Sincerely,

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