

Embedded network consent form

This form asks for your agreement (called 'explicit informed consent') to [site address] becoming an embedded network.

Please read this information, and the accompanying *Embedded network proposal factsheet*¹ before you decide.

Background

An embedded network is a private electricity system used in places like apartment buildings, shopping centres and business parks. Instead of each customer having their own connection to the local distributor's network, the building (site) has one shared connection to the local network called a parent connection. Customers in embedded networks then get their electricity supplied through a private network.

Under the Australian Energy Regulator's guidelines, if at least 85% of tenants/residents agree, then the site can be converted to an embedded network.

What may change for you

If enough tenants/residents agree, [applicant] will convert [site address] into an embedded network. This means your electricity will no longer come directly from the main electricity network. Instead, [operator] will supply electricity to you through a private network.

Your electricity prices and fees may change, and your energy bill may look different. You may gain or lose access to benefits, depending on how the embedded network is set up.

See the accompanying *Embedded electricity network proposal factsheet* for more information about what may change.

While embedded networks can offer competitive energy prices, you should check what charges and fees you will be paying to make sure it is a good deal for you.

You can compare other electricity offers available in your area by visiting energymadeeasy.gov.au

It is important to know that if the site becomes an embedded network, you may not be able to choose your own electricity retailer, or switch retailers easily. This can be due to the site's network connection and metering arrangements, or because not all retailers sell electricity to embedded network tenants/residents.

Your rights

- You have the right to ask questions and get clear answers before you consent to the proposed conversion.
- You have the right to decide not to consent to the proposed conversion. But even if you do, your tenancy/place of residence may still be included in the embedded network if the legal requirements for conversion are met. If that happens, the embedded network operator must ensure you are not worse off by:

¹ *Embedded network proposal for small and large business energy customers or Embedded network proposal for residential customers, as appropriate.*

- if possible, helping you keep your current electricity retailer after the site becomes an embedded network, or
- offering you a deal that is at least as good as a genuine electricity offer you could get if you were not in an embedded network.
- If you say yes, you may withdraw your consent, subject to the operator's terms. However, you cannot withdraw consent once the retrofit has occurred.

Who to contact if you have questions

Embedded network operator: [Name, phone, email]

Site management: [Name, phone, email]

Consent Declaration

By signing below, you confirm that you:

- have received and read the information provided about the proposed embedded network conversion
- have had an opportunity to ask questions
- understand the potential impacts of the conversion
- have made the choice indicated below.

I, [name] of [business, if applicable], being the occupant/authorised representative for the tenancy/place of residence at [address], have read and understood the information provided about the proposed conversion of the site to an embedded network, and I make the explicit informed choice indicated below.

Please select **one**:

- ☐ I **CONSENT** to the conversion, for the tenancy/place of residence to be included in the embedded network and accept the associated changes to my electricity supply and management.
- ☐ I **DO NOT CONSENT** to the proposed conversion.

Signature: [Signature]

Date: [DD/MM/YYYY]

Privacy and data use

Your personal information will be collected, used, and stored in accordance with relevant privacy laws. This may include sharing data with the embedded network operator and regulatory bodies.