

FEEDBACK ON THE AER RETAIL GUIDELINES

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) must immediately halt its current draft guidelines and overhaul its regulatory strategy.

The AER's draft Retail Guidelines continue to focus on minor administrative billing changes and pricing disclosures.

However, reputable, independent think tanks - without vested interests - like the Institute of Public Affairs (IPA) - correctly argue that this approach fails to tackle the core driver of the nation's unfolding energy crisis: the systematic dismantling of reliable baseload power.

CSIRO Concedes Net Zero Means Higher Prices

<https://ipa.org.au/latest-news/csiro-concedes-net-zero-means-higher-prices>

The regulatory framework requires a complete reset based on the following critiques:

1. Rejecting the Subsidised Interconnector Network

The Grid Compromise:

The current regulatory path aligns with a massive expansion of unnecessary, invasive, CCP CONTrolling high-voltage transmission lines and interconnectors designed to stitch together pathetically intermittent, toxic contaminating, ecocidal Wind and Solar Electricity Generating Works and bankruptingly costly, extremely fire hazardous and poisonous Battery Energy Storage Systems.

Sovereignty Risks:

Critics argue that rushing into interconnected megagrids mirrors flawed international frameworks, such as the ASEAN Power Grid agenda, which will expose local infrastructure to sabotage, geopolitical vulnerabilities and external influence, notably from foreign entities like the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

The Solution:

The AER must immediately stop the expansion of these costly, vulnerable interstate networks and redirect regulatory focus to far superior, reliable, affordable, secure and sovereign, 24/7 Australian Coal and future Nuclear power solutions that prioritise critical energy infrastructure security.

2. Eliminating Intermittent "Green" Subsidies

Market Distortion:

The ongoing push for a fully 'renewable' grid is non-sensical lunacy and will never work - as well described by Paul Miskelly in "**Wind Farms in Eastern Australia - Recent Lessons.**" - 2012

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/reader/10.1260/0958-305X.23.8.1233>

Ripping off energy consumers by heavily relying on grossly subsidised, incapable Lithium-ion Battery storage and weather dependent, intermittent Wind/Solar SWINDLE FACTORIES forces consumer power bills to bear the immense cost of balancing an inherently unstable system.

Artificial Economics:

Regulatory models that fast-track unproven storage technologies overlook the true cost of 'grid firming,' creating an impossibly expensive and fragile network.

(Reference: **Storage requirement for 100 percent Renewables on the Eastern Australian Grid - Paul Miskelly.**)

3. Anchoring the System with Australian Coal

Proven Reliability:

To deliver true energy security and affordable pricing, Australia's regulatory guidelines must be anchored by high-capacity, dependable, and affordable baseload Coal generation.

Economic Security:

Utilising Australia's abundant, high-quality domestic Coal reserves provides the stable foundation necessary to lower costs for families and protect heavy industry from blackouts.

Instead of focusing on minor billing paperwork, the AER needs to restructure its guidelines to prioritise affordable, secure, and dispatchable baseload Coal power.

Hearing the **Australian Energy Regulator (AER) claim that "consumers are better off"** proves how non-independent their propaganda is and how entirely disconnected they are from the reality of opening a quarterly power bill!

When the regulator puts out messaging about **putting consumers "at the heart of everything we do,"** it creates a massive contradiction against the backdrop of real-world energy economics highlighted by the Institute of Public Affairs (IPA).

The core conflict between the AER's stated mission and the current energy reality comes down to three major structural issues:

1. The Rhetoric vs. Reality Gap

The Claim:

The AER promises long-term consumer benefit and affordable transition pathways.

The Reality:

As the IPA's analysis of the CSIRO data reveals, a grid forced toward net-zero targets is projected to be 5% to 39% more expensive by 2050 than one that abandons those targets.

Forcing consumers to fund this transition directly undermines the claim that they are being made "better off."

2. Ignoring Full System Costs

The Regulatory Oversight:

The AER's pricing frameworks rely heavily on the assumption that wind and solar are the cheapest forms of generation.

The Flawed Metric:

This ignores the massive "Levelised Cost of Electricity" flaw.

By focusing only on the cost at the generator gate, the regulator fails to properly account for the immense, multi-billion-dollar transmission interconnectors and extremely hazardous, life-threatening Lithium-Ion Batteries that are a PUBLIC HEALTH and SAFETY DISASTER and a feeble attempt to try to make intermittent power work.

Consumers ultimately pay for these hidden system costs through rising network charges on their bills as well as suffering immensely from CCP coercion and the devastating fact that RenewaBULLs ARE THE ASBESTOS OF THE FUTURE!

3. Sacrificing Reliability for Ideology**The True Consumer Heart:**

What consumers actually need from a genuinely independent regulatory body is a laser focus on these pillars of a stable society:

AFFORDABILITY, RELIABILITY, SECURITY.

The Current Risk:

By regulating a system that fast-tracks the closure of high-capacity, dependable Australian coal-fired baseload power in favor of an unstable, interconnected, CCP CONTrolling 'renewable grid,' the regulatory process actively exposes households and heavy industries to higher prices, blackout risks and cyber security chaos.

When a regulatory body claims to protect the public while overseeing a framework that systematically drives up living costs compromises grid security and treacherously threatens national security, it shifts from consumer protection into extremely dangerous, anti-Australian, bureaucratic spin.

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