

27th of September, 2014

Australian Energy Regulator
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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: JEMENA'S MANUAL METER READ CHARGE 2015

I am submitting my objection to Jemena Electricity Networks (Vic) Ltd manual meter reading charge from April 2015.

Jemena - AMI charges revision application 2015

1) Jemena proposes a manual meter reading charge to apply to customers that have retained a non Ami meter.

I have never written a submission before, so i will explain in my own words why i believe Jemena's proposal is unjust.

The definition of unjust is " Not [based](#) on or [behaving according](#) to what is [morally right](#) and [fair](#):

On the 19/08/2012 I sent an email to smartmeters@jemena.com.au I informed Jemena that they did not have permission to install a smart meter on my property. This should of been the end of it, but it was not, it was just the start of a long campaign to try and force my family to accept a smart meter. This included visits by smart meter installers, letters which i found offensive sent to my home and two phone calls from Jemena's representatives. One of these phone calls was so offensive that i lodged a complaint with the Ombudsman's office as it involved my [REDACTED]

I have not refused a smart meter, i do not consent to smart meters on my private property. You can't refuse something which you are not obligated to have in the first place. The Distributors were told to use their " Best Endeavours." Best Endeavours can mean anything as it is a matter of opinion on what constitutes Best Endeavours. The word "must" has been used in relation to smart meters. The definition of must is Be [obliged](#) to; should". My children and i have no obligation to a foreign owned company nor did the people ask for smart meters. The people are the Government. Where is the will of the people in this matter? Where is it written that the people wanted smart meters? When did i ever agree or sign anything that gave Jemena consent to install a smart meter on my private property? I never have given consent and never will.

I would like to now take the opportunity to argue my case for why it is unjust to charge my family even more money for manual meter reads.

- 1) Smart meters are on the World Health Organizations Possible 2b Carcinogen list alongside lead and DDT.**
- 2) I have a thyroid problem.**
- 3) My sister had thyroid cancer.**
- 4) My aunty and father in law died of cancer.**
- 5) The smart meters will be in my daughter's bedroom wall cavity, this is not outside, this is inside.**

- 7) There is no scientific evidence that my thyroid and my children's would not be damaged by smart meter radiation.
- 8) I have found know Australian Health tests that show my thyroid and my children's would not be damaged by smart meter radiation.
- 9) Despite repeated attempts to obtain any health reports on smart meters and health effects, no one has been able to produce them.

2) An email was sent to Dr [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] health.vic.gov.au on the 21/01/2014. My email asked Dr [REDACTED] several important questions regarding the risk of radiation on the human thyroid The questions were as follow:
"Does the thyroid absorb radiation? Can the thyroid tell the difference between iodine and radiation? What happens if you have an enlarged thyroid and it absorbs radiation? Can the thyroid be damaged by smart meters and other wireless devices?"

I received an email from the Department of Health sent to [REDACTED] on Thursday, 13th of March 2014 10:17:09 the email response claims:
" ...the ARPANSA standard discusses a public health precautionary approach to RF fields, and concludes that such is not a simple matter... It is not possible for us to provide definitive advice as to any possible health effect of the smart meter on your thyroid

3)The definition of precaution is, A measure taken in advance to prevent something dangerous, unpleasant, or inconvenient from happening:
What precautions have Jemena taken to safeguard my health and that of my children? **IF THE CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER OF VICTORIA CANNOT TELL ME WHAT SORT OF IMPACT A SMART METER AND OTHER WIRELESS DEVICES WOULD HAVE ON MY THYROID, THEN NO ONE ELSE CAN EITHER.** Dr [REDACTED] is responsible for the health and well being of all Victorians. Dr [REDACTED] is correct, she would not be able to tell me what sort of damage a smart meter would have on my thyroid as i would have to have been tested and this would not even be conclusive as it would have to be long term testing.

4)The EMC technological report commissioned by the Government is just that, a technical report. I sent an email to EMC technologies in regards to testing of the thyroid. I asked,
. Where any tests carried out on people by EMC TECHNOLOGIES?
Where any tests performed by EMC Technologies on the thyroid and the impact smart meter radiation would have on it? I need this information to take to my Doctor and i was hoping you might be able to provide me with any information on what effect if any smart meter radiation would have on the thyroid. Did EMC Technologies perform tests on what effect group meters would have on the thyroid gland?

I received a reply from [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@emctech.com.au) on the 1/07/2014 the reply stated,

Dear [REDACTED]

We are not medically trained people. We are engineers who carried out very accurate measurements of the fields.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Technical Director

I am sure the measurements were accurate but this was not a health test, nor can EMC technologies comment on the health aspects of smart meter radiation as Mr [REDACTED] has stated" they are not medically trained people."

5) I have a lot more medical information showing that my thyroid and my children's could be damaged. I do not give consent for my children and i to be experimented on. I should not be penalized because Jemena chose a wireless smart meter, that no one will guarantee will not harm my enlarged thyroid or that of my children's.

6)The *Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)* is a declaration adopted by the [United Nations General Assembly](#) on 10 December 1948 at the [Palais de Chaillot](#), Paris. This Declaration sets out the rights to which all human beings are inherently entitled. Australia voted in favour of this Declaration.

The 1968 United Nations International Conference on Human Rights advised that the *Declaration* "constitutes an obligation for the members of the international community" to all persons. The *Declaration* has served as the foundation for two binding UN human rights covenants.

'Human rights' refers to the basic rights and freedoms to which all humans are entitled, often held to include the right to life and liberty, freedom of thought and expression, and equality before the law. Governments are supposed to put in place domestic measures and legislation compatible with their treaty obligations and duties.

In conclusion i would like to add that Human rights override any policy, regulation, law or code. There is no law, policy, code or regulation that can strip a person of their natural born rights. I was born with free will and have every right to protect my family without being penalized. Jemena is responsible for any or all costs associated with wireless smart meters. The Government gave them an order to try hard to install smart meters. Jemena will have to bare any or all costs associated with their smart meters. Jemena's smart meters can potentially harm my family.

7) I have every right to protect my family from harm and should not be penalized for protecting my family. This in itself is a human right violation. I have all my paperwork and would be quite willing to come down to your office and show you that not one expert can guarantee that smart meter radiation would not harm my enlarged thyroid or my children's. Jemena made her bed and now she will have to sleep in it. As for some people being exempt from manual meter reading charges, this is discrimination. This is unlawful as well. All people should be treated equally. We said no and no means no. If Jemena can provide any evidence scientific or otherwise to show that my thyroid and that of my children's will not be damaged, then i would be glad to take a look at it, but since even Dr [REDACTED] can't provide this information then i fail to see how they can.

8) I already pay for my analogue meter to be read every three months. As for any access issues, the meter reader has a master key to our lock on the back gate. I have never denied access for the meter to be read and informed the smart meter installers that visited my private property that I do not consent to smart meters being placed on my home. The word prudent has been used in regards to manual meter reading fees. Prudent means, showing care and thought for the future. How is it prudent for my family to continue paying for smart meters that we do not consent to? How is Jemena, showing care and thought in regards to manual meter reading fees, when we already pay for this service? Jemena is well aware that I have not refused access to the analogue meter and I have this in writing.

9) If Jemena wishes to recover costs for their AMI rollout and manual meter reading then they need to provide the following,

- 1) A guarantee that smart meter radiation will not harm my enlarged thyroid or my children's.
- 2) Current scientific and medical evidence that shows my thyroid would not be damaged or my children's.
- 3) A guarantee that smart meter's will not start or cause a fire, nor put stress on my electrical wiring.
- 4) A guarantee that my appliances will not be affected.
- 5) A guarantee that my children and I will not develop cancer now or in the future.
- 6) A guarantee that we will not suffer any health problem now or in the future.

10) The thyroid gland according to the British thyroid Foundation is an endocrine gland in your neck. It makes two hormones that are secreted into the blood: thyroxine (T4) and triiodothyronine (T3). These hormones are necessary for all the cells in your body to work normally. The thyroid gland is biologically active and influences the activity of all the cells and tissues of your body. If the thyroid is not functioning properly it can lead to hyperthyroidism or hypothyroidism.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE THYROID GLAND NOT WORKING PROPERLY ARE!

Muscle weakness

Joint stiffness

heart problems

palpitations, pounding of the heart and arrhythmia, an irregular heartbeat

A poorly working thyroid can ultimately increase the risk for heart failure.

Weight change

Birth defects in pregnant women.

Fatigue

If left untreated thyroid problems can lead to serious complications such as,

Swelling of the thyroid which can interfere with swallowing and breathing

Finally a rare, but possibly fatal consequence of long-term, untreated hypothyroidism is called myxedema. Myxedema occurs when the body's levels of thyroid hormone become

extremely low. Its symptoms include intense cold intolerance and drowsiness followed by profound fatigue/lethargy and unconsciousness (myxedema coma).

I would also like to add that i have had two recent thyroid blood tests and they have shown normal thyroid function. I have also had an ultrasound on my thyroid which showed an enlarged thyroid with nodules. So my thyroid is working normally for now and i would like it to stay that way.

11) I have spent hundreds of hours gathering information about the thyroid and the consequences of exposure to microwave radiation. I should of been able to get this information from Jemena. Smart meters are not safe this is misleading the radiation levels fall within ARPANSA's 2002 short term thermal standards. This does not make smart meters safe. As for any cost recovery Jemena is responsible for their own equipment and its safety. They chose the wireless smart meter and therefore must be able to offer a guarantee. It is not my responsibility to ensure that private company's devices are safe it is Jemena's. I already pay for my meter to be read through the supply charge on my bill. If Jemena has to run two systems then they are responsible for any and all costs.

12) The scope of Jemena's smart meter rollout would include deadlines and costs. Costs that they are responsible for and deadlines that they are also responsible for. I am not responsible for Jemena's costs nor am i responsible for any losses they may incur. They alone are responsible for their devices and they alone need to be held accountable for any problems encountered with their smart meters. The people are not responsible for any of these problems and never were. I would like to go on record as stating that i would more than happy to meet with the CEO of Jemena to discuss my concerns. I am quite happy to hand over my paperwork to the CEO of Jemena as long as he also shows me his documents.

13) I have tried to explain why i have not consented to smart meters on my private property. My family's safety and health takes precedence over everything. I have the paperwork to show that smart meters cannot be deemed safe. If smart meters can't be deemed safe, then i am not responsible for any losses Jemena might or might not incur by having to send a meter reader to my home. Jemena will have to absorb any extra costs as smart meters are not safe for my family. As i already pay for the meter to be read, i fail to see how they are at a loss.

Thank you

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Can you please keep my email address confidential. I have no problem with anything else i have written as it is the truth and the truth should never be kept confidential.