

CLONTARF

MARINA

Phone: (02) 99495399

Sandy Bay Road, Clontarf, 2093
Middle Harbour, Sydney



Australian Energy Regulator
GPO Box 3131
Canberra ACT 2601
By email: AERInquiry@aer.gov.au

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Retail Exempt Selling Guideline Version 6, March 2022 (Draft) – Public Comment

As the General Manager of Clontarf Marina Pty Ltd we have reviewed the proposed changes to the above Guideline regarding its impacts on the marina industry and our business in particular.

Being unaware until recent times that we had an obligation under the National Energy Law, we found it difficult to navigate and even harder to give effect to compliance with the legislation. The Marina Industry Association (MIA) has subsequently provided us with a great deal of comprehensive information and training in this matter.

I am aware that the MIA previously made a submission to the AER for changes in line with the deemed industry exemption for caravan parks which would enable the industry to meet its compliance obligations more easily.

Having read the AER's proposed changes to the above Guideline, we affirm our support for these changes.

We do however ask that you reconsider your position regarding exempting marinas from these compliance burdens in the same way that the caravan parks industry has been exempted as we see little to no difference in our operations. Our marina customers are casual daily, weekly or monthly.

If the specific area of "marina berths" (metered and unmetered) could be clarified as a deemed exempt class, it would provide an even greater level of compliance confidence to us and our broader industry.

Thank you for taking our industry concerns on-board and presenting a practical solution for us to seek substantive compliance with the legislation.

Yours faithfully

Steven Jeffress

General Manger

29th March 2022

CC: info@marinas.net.au