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## SPASA Queensland – Submission to the Australian Energy Regulator

## **About SPASA Queensland**

The Swimming Pool & Spa Association of Queensland Inc. (SPASA Qld) is the state's peak Swimming Pool & Spa Industry Body. It is committed to advancing the health, integrity and sustainability of our industry at a State and National level, by promoting safety, professionalism and integrity of the industry to key stakeholders.

SPASA Queensland is a member of SPASA Australia whose other members include, SPASA South Australia, SPASA Victoria, SPASA Western Australia, SPASA New South Wales, National Suppliers and the Franchise Chains of Poolwerx, Swimart, Clark Rubber and Poolside. The President of each State association represents his or her state by acting as a director of the national body, along with a retail aftermarket Director.

As the largest Association of its kind in Australia, SPASA Australia represents over 1,290 industry professionals across the Nation. It has the support of all key State SPASA Associations, and retains the largest group of National Members who lead Australia's aquatic leisure industry. SPASA Australia's charter is not simply to advocate and respond on National issues of importance to our industry, but also to proactively create and execute strategies to enhance the credibility and longevity of the National industry.

## Our involvement in the Energex Demand Management programs

SPASA Qld helps to spread the message to our members, who are the pool builders, pool stores and service professionals often selling the appliances or performing the work required to install tariff connections or appliances.

We also promote the demand management programs via social media and press releases to assist in getting the message out to consumers who already own swimming spas or pools or those who are in the market and looking to buy.

There are more than 300 pool shops now participating in the Energex program, who are selling efficient pumps and talking to customers about demand management options like economy tariffs.

SPASA has been involved in advocating for changes to the rules and regulations surrounding the installation of energy efficient pool pumps at a residential home.



These can now be installed with a general purpose outlet instead of being hard wired, which makes servicing easier and makes energy efficient pumps and demand management options like connecting to Economy Tariff 33 more attractive.

## Support for Energex continuing demand management programs

- The Energex pool rewards program has been a significant factor in the uptake of energy efficient pool pumps.
- The program has helped our members to generate sales, supporting the economy and small business.
- The program is well supported by the manufacturers and suppliers of relevant products.
- The program has then in turn, helped our members' customers to save on their electricity bills.
- We support reasonable electricity costs for the small businesses we represent and for the customers they serve.
- Demand management is a smarter choice than just building more network to service peak demand, and this helps to manage the cost of electricity.
- Work undertaken by Queensland electricity suppliers in this regard is seen by industry players as leading the country.

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