

# Ministerial Council on Energy

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### **Release of Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) accompanying Phase 2 of MCE's consideration of a smart meter roll-out**

In April 2007 COAG endorsed a staged approach for the national mandated roll out of electricity smart meters to areas where benefits outweigh costs, as indicated by the results of a cost-benefit analysis. This work was given to the Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE).

MCE engaged consultants to undertake the cost-benefit analysis, utilising a two phase process.

The [Phase 2 report](#), which assesses the case for a roll-out of smart meters across jurisdictions and analyses potential roll-out scenarios, was released for public consultation on 5 March 2008.

SCO is pleased to announce the release for public consultation of the [Regulatory Impact Statement \(RIS\)](#) for the Phase 2 jurisdictional and detailed analysis of a smart meter roll-out.

The role of a RIS is to improve government decision-making by ensuring that all relevant information is presented to the decision maker at the time of decision. The RIS discusses the broader policy issues associated with a roll-out and complements the findings of the cost-benefit analysis.

**The RIS is for comment only and does not represent a settled position by MCE, SCO or participating jurisdictions.**

Stakeholder comments on the RIS will be considered and included in the final RIS to be presented to MCE when making their decision on a national smart meter roll-out expected in June 2008.

#### **Submissions**

SCO welcomes written submissions on the Phase 2 RIS. Submissions may be submitted electronically by close of business on **6 May 2008** to:

Manager, MCE Secretariat,  
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Submissions on the Phase 2 Report and the RIS may be provided separately or as a coordinated response. If making a joint submission please note that submissions on the Phase 2 Report close on 16 April. Extensions will not be granted for Phase 2 Report submissions premised on making a joint submission.

Submissions will be published on the MCE website. However, SCO is willing to accept confidential submissions to allow stakeholders to provide commercial data to support their comments. If you want elements of your submission not to be made publicly available as they contain confidential or commercial-in-confidence information, please identify these elements in your submission.

Where possible submissions should individually address each question presented in the RIS.

MCE Standing Committee of Officials  
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