

Ministerial Council on Energy

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Release of the Expert Panel Draft Report on the Review of Revenue and Network Pricing across the Energy Market

As part of its response to the Productivity Commission Review of the National Gas Access Regime, the Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE) appointed an Expert Panel to advise on a model to achieve a common approach to transmission and distribution revenue and network pricing across electricity and gas.

The MCE Standing Committee of Officials (SCO) has released [the Panel's draft report](#) which is now posted on the MCE website. In releasing the report, SCO notes that the Panel's report represents an input to the MCE's deliberations and no part of it should be considered as representing the MCE's position on any of the matters the report considers. Whilst the Panel has drawn upon a proposed MCE response to the Productivity Commission Review of the Gas Access Regime, the MCE has not yet made a decision on this matter.

Submissions

In order to inform its finalisation of the report, the Panel welcomes submissions from stakeholders on any of the issues raised in the draft report. Those who wish to make written submissions may do so by submitting their documents electronically to:

Manager, MCE Secretariat,
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources,
GPO Box 9839
Canberra ACT 2601
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by close of business on **31 March 2006**.

It is intended to make electronic submissions publicly available on the Ministerial Council on Energy website. If you do not want all or part of your submission made publicly available, or you consider any part of your submission to be confidential or commercial-in-confidence, you should make this clear in your submission.

Consultation with the Panel

Interested parties will have an opportunity to engage in direct discussion with members of the Expert Panel on aspects of the draft report. Those who wish to participate in targeted consultation should register their interest with the MCE Secretariat at MCETMarketReform@industry.gov.au by close of business Monday 20 March. Focussed consultation sessions will take place on Thursday 23 March in Sydney. Registered participants will be advised of the specific time and location.

MCE Standing Committee of Officials
10 March 2006