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National Energy Customer Framework (NECF) – Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (RIS)

This Bulletin announces the release of the [Consultation Regulation Impact Statement \(RIS\)](#) for the National Energy Customer Framework (NECF) which is currently under development. The NECF is a single national framework for regulating the sale and supply of electricity and gas to retail customers.

The Consultation RIS considers the impacts of the Council of Australian Governments' decision to harmonise regulatory arrangements in the energy sector and, in particular, the policy options available for transfer of retail and distribution regulation to a national framework. To this end, the RIS considers only high level policy options.

The Consultation RIS will form the basis of the Decision RIS that will accompany the Initial Exposure Drafts of the Law and Rules, which the MCE is expected to consider for public release in late 2008.

The MCE SCO is aware that stakeholders have gone to considerable effort to respond in detail to the [SCO Policy Response Paper](#) and [Table of Recommendations](#) released in June this year, and other consultation processes during the development of the NECF. For this reason, if stakeholders consider that previous submissions adequately address issues raised in the Consultation RIS, they need not submit an additional submission. Previous submissions will be considered in drafting the Decision RIS.

Submissions

Those who wish to make written submissions may do so by submitting their documents to:

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Submissions close on **14 November 2008**.

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