

# Ministerial Council on Energy

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### **Release of the Energy Community Service Obligations National Framework**

The Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE) is pleased to release its [Energy Community Service Obligations National Framework \(the Framework\)](#). The Framework sets out high-level, non-binding principles for consideration by State and Territory Governments when developing Energy Community Service Obligations (CSOs) and includes as an attachment a review of energy CSOs and other income support payments currently maintained in each jurisdiction.

The Framework is a response to COAG's request of 13 April 2007 that the MCE:

*Undertake a national review of energy CSO mechanisms with a view to developing a consistent national framework which efficiently targets those in need, while recognising that responsibility for delivering any community service obligation remains a matter for individual jurisdictions.*

The Framework was developed in consultation with the Retail Policy Working Group's Stakeholder Reference Group, consisting of retailers, consumer advocacy groups and other interested stakeholders.

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