

# Ministerial Council on Energy

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### Development of a National Framework for Distribution and Retailing Issues Paper for Public Consultation

The Ministerial Council on Energy's (MCE) Standing Committee of Officials (SCO) has commenced a consultation process on the development of a national framework for electricity and gas distribution and retail (D&R) regulation.

The first stage of the consultation process is the release of an Issues Paper.

Please note that due to the length of the Issues Paper it has been split into two parts. The substantive issues are covered in the document titled [Issues Paper](#) (84 pages). A second document titled [Appendices](#) (213 pages) provides further detailed information in five Appendices.

These documents are also available at [www.mce.gov.au](http://www.mce.gov.au)

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A series of public forums will be held in September 2004 to brief interested parties on the D&R Issues Paper and to respond to questions on the Paper.

The forums will be held as follows:

Brisbane, Monday 13 September	10.00 am 12.00 pm	Stamford Plaza Hotel, Cnr Edward St and Margaret St., Brisbane City
Sydney, Tuesday 14 September	10.00 am 12.00 pm	The Composite Room, Sydney Masonic Centre, 279 Castlereagh St, Sydney
Melbourne, Wednesday 15 September	10.00 am 12.00 pm	Lumina Room, 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Grand Hyatt Hotel, 123 Collins St, Melbourne
Adelaide, Thursday 16 September	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Balcony 1 & 2, Hilton Adelaide, 233 Victoria Square
Hobart, Friday 17 September	10.00 am 12.00 pm	The Gretel Room, Hobart Function Centre, Elizabeth Pier, Hobart

Submissions on the D&R Issues Paper, and any other relevant matters, can be provided in writing and in electronic form by 29 October 2004 to:

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