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Release of Exposure Draft of amendments to the National Electricity Law in relation to smart meters

The Ministerial Council on Energy's (MCE) Standing Committee of Officials (SCO) today released [proposed legislative amendments to the National Electricity Law \(NEL\)](#) to provide heads of power for jurisdictional Energy Ministers to mandate roll-outs of smart meters and related pilots and trials. These proposed legislative changes will support the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) commitment to a national mandated roll-out of electricity smart meters to areas where benefits outweigh costs.

The proposed amendments to the NEL have been released for consultation. SCO has also released [Explanatory Materials](#) which summarise the proposed changes to national electricity legislation.

SCO is seeking **written submissions** on the exposure draft, which are to be submitted to the MCE Secretariat by **close of business on Tuesday 10 February 2009**. There will not be a second round of consultation for these legislative amendments.

SCO anticipates holding a stakeholder forum on the proposed amendments in the first week of February. The date and location will be advised in a later bulletin.

Electronic submissions are preferred to the following address:

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

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Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources,
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