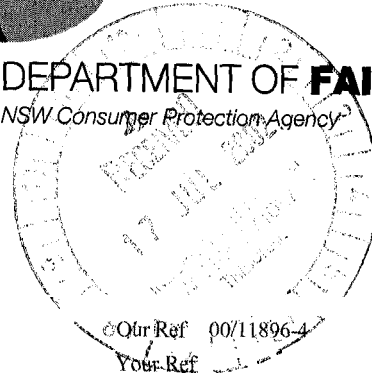


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Dear Dr Parry

I refer to the Review of Metrology Procedures presently being undertaken by the Tribunal in its role as New South Wales Metrology Co-ordinator.

Thank you for providing the Department of Fair Trading with an opportunity to comment on the Review. The Department supports the Tribunal's proposal to improve access to the fully competitive electricity market for customers within embedded networks (Item 4.1). The Department is particularly concerned that residents in residential parks who are re-supplied by park owners have improved access to the fully competitive market.

I note that it is proposed that the new arrangements for minimum standards of metering, in respect of customers within embedded networks wishing to transfer to a second tier retailer, will be introduced from 31 December 2002 (Item 4.1.6). As the proposed changes do introduce some additional risk for owners of embedded networks, I am sure that IPART will have in place appropriate measures to consult with industry before the new arrangements are put in place.

Yours sincerely

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Director-General
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