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Submission: The idea to remove independent ASP's installing meters has proven to be ludicrous. ASP's working along side the networks has been over 20 years to be a success. This decision has destroyed the industry , ASP's businesses and created a non compliant DANGEROUS circus. There is only one option as far as i see. New connections & Adds and Alts are the problem. Re introduce ASP installing smart meters independant of the retailer WITHOUT the COMS EQUIPMENT thus making it a cat 5/6 meter. The retailers then can follow up at a later date with there less qualified incompeant electricians and install the coms equipment making it a type 4 smart meter. Give people the choice to use the retailer or an ASP for metering. Atleast we can get the job done. The process through the retailer is also frankly a joke. They and there staff lack the experience in the industry that is required to understand the different process for all the different jobs at hand. For instance , we need an NMI for a new L1 Transformer to go ahead. Customer contacts _____ for NMI hence they open an elect account. Next is an email saying they will have _____ install a meter within the next 12 days. They have no idea that it may be 6-12 weeks for level 1 works to be achieved , then 1 week or more for Level 2 works then a meter is required. People have been waiting months for meters for new jobs. There is UNMETERED supplies everywhere. People install solar and wait for weeks if not months for a nett meter. People are just turning their systems on running meters backward and having electricity bills estimated as there reading has reduced since last bill and the retailer wont accept the reading..... I COULD GO ON FOR HOURS OR EVEN DAYS THANKS TO THE POWER OF CHOICE. ASP SINCE 1996 NOW LEAVING THE INDUSTRY DUE TO THE POWER OF CHOICE !!!!