

24th November 2006

Chief Executive
Queensland Competition Authority
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Dear Mr Hall,

Re: Endorsement for the Queensland Consumer Association Submission to the Queensland Competition Authority on Energex's application for additional capital expenditure submitted 24/11/2006.

The Centre for Credit and Consumer Law, Griffith University has read the Queensland Consumers Association submission on the above application and endorses it. We believe it outlines the key issues that require further consideration by the Competition Authority in order to make an appropriate determination.

The Centre for Credit and Consumer Law is an academic centre, hosted by Griffith University Law School. The Centre for Credit and Consumer Law was established in 2004 to be a source of expertise, and a centre of excellence, on credit and consumer law issues. It has the overall objective of promoting the attainment of a fairer, safer, and more efficient marketplace, particularly for low income and vulnerable small end-users.

The Centre for Credit and Consumer Law is funded by the Queensland Government's Consumer Credit Fund (administered by the Office of Fair Trading) and Griffith University. However, the Centre receives additional funding from the National Consumers Electricity Advocacy Panel which makes it possible for us to comment on electricity matters specifically on behalf of Queensland small end-users (under 100 megawatts), their integration into the National Electricity Market and State-related issues. This funding supports a full time researcher/advocate position which is advised by a committee comprising representatives from a number of organisations that represent the interests of small end-users.

This is a time of great change in Queensland with the impending introduction of Full Retail Competition, the continuing rapid growth in peak demand in Queensland and the requirements of relevant organisations to implement their obligations arising from the EDSD Review. The proposed price increases will have a significant impact on small end-users. Thus it is important to have all the information necessary to make an informed determination.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Bathgate', written in a cursive style.

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