

Maximum electricity prices for embedded networks and other exempt sellers

Submission received via Engage Victoria on our consultation paper on maximum prices for embedded networks and other exempt sellers

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'Do you have any comments on the commission's consultation paper?'

RE CARAVAN PARK ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CHARGES

My partner and I have an onsite caravan at a regional Caravan Park on Crown Land, which is managed on behalf of the local Council.

We are regarded as "annuals" and pay a yearly fee for the use of the site. Under the terms of the agreement, we cannot use the site for than 180 days per annum.

I write concerning the level of electricity supply charges being levied on either "annual" or permanent residents of caravan parks. The issues are as follows:

- The supply charge for our residence in Melbourne (a normal house) is \$99.43 per quarter.
- The supply charge for the onsite caravan is \$128.48 per quarter.
- The caravan park supply charge is fixed regardless of the fact that we cannot use it for 6 months of the year.
- It is ridiculous that the supply charge for a caravan is considerably higher than that for a normal suburban home.

The Essential Services Commission sets the charges for electricity supply to caravan parks, and it allows for the charge of \$128.48 to be a MAXIMUM charge, it is up the discretion of the caravan park as to the level of supply charge.

This could potentially allow the Caravan park to profit from the supply charge as residents have no way of knowing the actual supply charge to the caravan park. For example, the quarterly supply charge could be \$5,000 per quarter, yet residents could be getting charged a total of \$9,000 per quarter, giving a profit to caravan park operators. This is essentially unfair.

We strongly believe that there needs to be a system of pro rata use being put in place for caravan park annuals based on the number of days the caravan is occupied. Caravan parks record the number of days that annuals are in the park. This is essentially unfair to people who are unable to occupy their caravans for 6 months of the year.

Please give this issue consideration.

Thank you.

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