Victorian Default Offer 2026–27

Submission received via Engage Victoria on our Request for Comment paper on the 2026–27 Victorian Default Offer

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General Matters

Are there matters that you would like to raise, including methodological approaches to other cost components not mentioned in this paper?

Having purchased a home solar/battery installation & an EV which I charge at home (mostly), I don't buy any electricity and only retain the grid connection as backup should my solar system fail. I also have controlled load service for solar hot water, and I keep it turned off, since we don't need it except for cloudy periods.

Wholesale electricity costs

We propose to continue the approach adopted in our final 2025–26 Victorian Default Offer decision to account for the wholesale cost of exports within the Victorian Default Offer. This includes a forecast export volume weighted wholesale price, multiplied by small customer export volumes, and divided by total forecast consumption. Do you

agree with this approach? If not, why, and what alternative approach should we consider?

The customer would be better off if they could contract with a big battery to soak up any surplus. We just need more big batteries.

We propose to continue to use data sourced from the Australian Energy Market Operator and the Australian Energy Regulator to inform our estimate of the wholesale cost of exports. Do you agree with these data sources? If not, why and what alternative data sources should we consider?

The wholesale market is for generators. It is not geared to consumers who have a surplus. And curtailment needs to be included. Networks should carry the cost of nobbling consumers.

Network costs

Given the objective of the Victorian Default Offer is to provide a simple, trusted and reasonably priced electricity option that safeguards consumers unable or unwilling to engage in the electricity retail market, do you foresee any difficulties in transitioning from a two-period to three-period time of use (ToU) tariff? And if not, is continuing our pass-through appropriate or are there other approaches we should consider?

Officialdom should mandate a hot midday meal followed by afternoon siesta. That will time shift demand to strangle the Duck.

Are there any other matters proposed by distribution network service providers, or the Australian Energy Regulator that you think we should consider in setting the Victorian Default Offer?

The Distribution grid should be re-engineered as an Energy Sharing network with lower costs for energy that can be consumed locally.

Free power period tariff

What are your views on the suitability of a regulated residential tariff with a free power period in Victoria?

Very negative about free power, since big batteries will soon surpass the need for it. What I want is consistent buy/sell pricing for the identical unit of energy.

Are there additional safeguards - such as eligibility requirements - that should be implemented before a customer could opt-in to such a product?

Once V2G arrives, people will operate their car as a battery and won't need to buy prime-cost energy!

Other costs

Do you support our proposed approach to pass through the Australian Energy Market Operator's recently introduced 'Cyber Security & Resilience' fee and if implemented, the updated National Electricity Market Participant fee structure? If not, why, and what alternative approach should we consider?

Why not design every home-solar inverter as a frequency stabiliser, before tripping as the supply finally falls over.

Do you have any feedback on our proposed use of the Australian Energy Market Operator's updated data to inform our ancillary service fee estimate?

As I said above, every solar/battery system should be empowered to protect the grid stability; and scrap FCAS as obsolete and irrelevant.