

## 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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N/A

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Yes

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#### **Date submitted:**

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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?**

Justification on all Minister 'work related claims'. Why do they not work to rules and regulations that the rest of the Public service 'HAVE TO' work to'

There is NO such a thing as 'the pub test' when they are asked but are quoted as guidelines!!

Get in line with the rest of the World when expenses are claimed.

#### *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?**

We all purchased Solar panels to reduce the ridiculous prices we are asked to pay and got some reward (help) when we fed back into the grid.

As we have taken up Solar so well (one of the biggest Globally, per capita) we are now being punished by ridiculous FIT as the retailers gain even more. We are assisting the Global Warming cause and now have to pay Twice, 1- losing revenue and 2- paying even higher cost for renewables, which we have already done!!.

I understand there are consumers that can not get Solar (either by costs or live in rental units BUT I can not afford a Rolls Royce or a Ferarri so why don`t the super rich share with me !! which is what you are asking me to do with my spare Solar.

**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?**

Why do you have to do this (3rd party) why can`t they. It is not to complicated But now it is extremely complicated and has so many variables?

#### *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?**

The energy suppliers have for many many years been charging us for Electricity and not renewing the Poles and Wires as maintenance, now we have to pay extra to pay for the renewal of the entire grid system it seems. Why were you not checking on this issue till now!!!!

#### *Free power period tariff*

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

Nothing comes Free, make the free period between 4pm -7pm then it becomes free to those who can not afford or get Solar (apartment living) and still benefits those of us who have Solar.

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

I agree with eligibility requirements based on income like nearly everything else is.

*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?**

This cost will ONLY be passed on to the consumer AGAIN!. So another price increase.

Wake up to all these extra charges and fees you seem to want to implement, it Always gets passed on to us consumers.

**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?**

Yet another FEE!!