

Energy: A Policy Trilemma



A workshop towards creating an
Affordable, Secure and
Sustainable energy market

9 am – 4 pm

Thursday 27th of June

at Oaks on Market

60 Market Street

Melbourne

Plenary speaker: **Delia Rickard**, ACCC Commissioner

The workshop will include presentations from a range of stakeholders including:

Allan Asher, author of Consumer Action report *A Policy Trilemma*

Ron Ben-David, Essential Services Commission Victoria Chair

Gill Owen, Research Program Leader, Monash Sustainability Institute

The workshop will be focused on presenting a **consumer perspective** on the issues of security, affordability and sustainability as well as the recent (late 2012) Energy White Paper.

Speakers will be presenting their views on the **effectiveness of current market design**, drawing upon the Consumer Action report, The Policy Trilemma.

The afternoon session will involve a facilitated workshop drawing upon the themes of affordability, security and sustainability and will attempt to **develop an alternate Energy White Paper**.

Your participation in the discussion is very welcome. Please note that travel and accommodation subsidies are available for consumer representatives - **contact us directly** to access these.

Please RSVP by Monday 24th June.

AGENDA

Time	Session
9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:00	Launch of report and workshop Ms Delia Rickard, ACCC Commissioner
Morning Sessions	
10:00-10:30	Overview of 'A Policy Trilemma: creating an affordable, secure and sustainable energy market' Mr Allan Asher will present an overview of the report authored by him for Consumer Action, drawing out key themes and recommendations and highlighting areas of the current market design that are failing consumers.
10:30-11:00	'Competitive' markets in the UK – a journey in the eyes of a consumer Dr Gill Owen will speak based on her experience in the UK, with a particular focus on summarising the way the UK energy market has evolved to incorporate competition, what this has meant for the consumer experience and the recent shift in thinking to the conclusion that it is not working for consumers.
11:00-11:15	Question Time
11:15-11:30	Morning Tea
11:30-13:10	Panel discussion – Australia's energy market design and consumers Alternate energy views A view on the way the market is and will need to evolve in terms of sustainable design and what potential implications this could have for end users. Competitive market regulator – Ron Ben-David ESC Chair Dr Ron Ben-David will present his views on the security of the market and including competitive market structure and a perspective of how wholesale operations and vertical integration flow through to the retail market functions and how this in turn impacts on consumers/end users. Consumer representative – Gerard Brody Mr Gerard Brody will present views on what the energy market in Victoria is currently achieving for consumers, reflecting on the basis of NEM reform design to mirror the Victorian market and whether this is the right outcome for consumers across the NEM in relation to affordability and the broader consumer experience.
13:10-13:50	Lunch
Afternoon Session	
13:50-15:50	Building on the Energy White Paper – Workshop This session will be a facilitated session, hosted by Allan Asher, with the goal of drawing out what the alternate energy white paper may look like, specifically to achieve, an affordable, secure and sustainable energy market. Following a brief overview of DRET's Energy White Paper key themes by Mr Allan Asher, Allan will then facilitate discussion within the room, identifying key themes, drawing out discussion under each umbrella of affordable, secure and sustainable, to determine what consumers (the demand side) want and need. In preparation for the event Allan may contact a range of participants registered to attend the event to start to think about what this may look like and some of their key thoughts to assist with the facilitation of discussion.
15:50-16:00	Next steps and close



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