

## ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY EXPERT PANEL

### FEED BACK ON SCOPE AND APPROACH

#### SCOPE:

The terms of reference seem to be quite broad and I trust that they will allow the following matters to be dealt with:-

1. The reasons for the build up of debt.
2. Identifying the profit margins for the different classes of consumers.
3. Determining the higher costs associated with third party trading in the electricity market.
4. Analysis of the fixed and variable components of the various tariffs and comparisons with other States and countries.
5. Identifying the higher costs associated with disaggregation.

Perhaps the best way of dealing with scope is to include a clause such as "Any associated matters".

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

It is important that both forms of public hearings are used ie (1) Taking of evidence in the same way as is done by Parliamentary Committees, sworn or otherwise and with transcripts produced. (2) A process similar to that used by the Electricity Regular wherein both the public can be heard and made listen. The problem with such forums is that they are usually dominated by vested interests and the public interest does not get much of a go. I have participated in such forums where the vested interests are all being paid to be there but for others who represent the public interest or domestic consumers there is not even expense money.

I trust that these comments are helpful and look forward to participating should the appropriate opportunity arise.

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#### **Previous involvements with the Industry.**

Employee of the Hydro Electric Commission

Electrical Engineer for Mt Lyell, operating Hydro stations and negotiating bulk supply contracts.

M.L.C., as a member and Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee I was participant to various inquiries into the H.E.C. Basslink etc