

Submission to Australian Energy Regulator re Ergon, Energex determinations 2025-30

This submission addresses the Energex Tariff Structure Statement (TSS) for 2025-2030, specifically the Energex tariff proposals for community batteries.

This submission is from the volunteer members of the Renew Gold Coast Members Branch. Renew Gold Coast Branch is keen to promote local solutions to support and facilitate the renewable energy transition locally as well as regionally. This includes more solar and energy storage locally - residential, commercial and industrial sites. In addition to behind the meter solutions, Community Batteries are a timely and important resource in our local and state-wide energy transition.

We are concerned about the proposed the Energex storage tariffs which would apply to community batteries. We believe that the Energex proposal does not sufficiently consider and value the system services which can be provided by community batteries and does not take account of the requirements of the National Energy Objective that reduction of electricity emissions must be considered along with cost and safety. In short, we believe the new tariff will disincentivise the roll-out of community batteries here on the Gold Coast and South-East Queensland.

We are keen for AER to ensure that AER and Energy Queensland work with the Queensland community to deliver a community battery storage tariff that incentivizes their roll-out throughout Queensland.

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