

Attention : Sarah Proudfoot
General Manager, Consumer and Markets Branch
Australian Energy Regulator

Blue Aurora Pty Ltd-Application for an Individual exemption.

Dear Ms Proudfoot

We have been asked to provide a submission on Blue Aurora Pty Ltd being granted an exemption to supply power at Cairns Beach Resort.

My wife and I would like to vote in favour of this being granted and we are more than happy for this to be made publicly available.

The current system has Blue Aurora invoice us at the end of the month with the cost of the power as well as other expenses deducted from our rental returns for the month. It makes things simple for us as we don't have to worry about multiple invoicing. It is a simple and reliable system that works well.

We have owned the unit for just over two years now, and this system has been in place from the previous caretakers through to the current. We have happily signed a letting agreement allowing them to do so. It is my understanding that the majority of lot owners have done the same.

Cairns Beach Resort is classed as motel/holiday let accommodation. Wayne and Naomi (Blue Aurora) live on site and handle the running of the resort with complete honesty and transparency. I can see no reason as to why they should not continue to handle the charging of power to each unit owner.

Wayne and Naomi write a monthly newsletter to accompany our monthly statement. This contains up to date information on power usage and costing for the month for the resort. Our individual unit's electricity usage is written on our unit statement. Blue Aurora does not profit from the sale of electricity but charges us what has been charged to them by the supplier. In fact, due to the number of units, Blue Aurora has been able to negotiate a contract with a supplier which is less than what we as individual owners would have been able to negotiate. This is another reason why I am happy to continue with the system as is.

I am qualified electrician working in industrial, commercial and domestic work. A complex like this was never set up for units to have individual metering and the cost to now retro fit the system to do so would be exorbitant to each unit owner. A good a reason to leave the system as it was initially designed.

I am happy for you to contact me if you would like any further information.

Regards

Matthew Toomey