

# Community Electricity

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## Submission in Response to ERA Public Consultation

### Application for exemption from certain requirements of the Technical Rules submitted by Western Power – Meadow Springs substation

#### Standing

Community Electricity is:

- a. a licenced Electricity Retailer and a provider of Electricity Retail Services and Market Consultancy;
- b. a member of the Independent Market Operator's Market Advisory Committee;
- c. a member of the Economic Regulation Authority's Technical Rules Committee.

Community has no commercial interest in the matter of the application.  
Our commercial objectives are aligned with the Wholesale Market Objectives.

Further information is available at: [www.communityelectricity.net.au](http://www.communityelectricity.net.au)

#### Submission

Community notes from the ERA's issues paper that Western Power is seeking to avoid overinvestment in the network, and considers that the granting of the requested exemption will allow it to do so with reduced "impact on its compliance, reputation and financial risk exposure."

We note that the expected non-compliance is expected to commence in the current financial year relative to a 5 year forecast horizon and suggest that Western power should appropriately bear the 'impact' of that fact. While Community supports avoidance of overinvestment in the network, the inference is that Western Power intends to proceed with or without the exemption. If this is the case, we consider that this is not an appropriate use of an exemption and we do not support it.

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