



ATA Advocacy Report 2: for Project 127

For the 4-months from December 2005 – March 2006

Advocacy activity undertaken by ATA under funding from the National Consumers Electricity Advocacy Panel funded project 127. This activity was undertaken for the first four month project period, commencing December 2005 until the end of March 2006.

Advocacy completed:

- Publish information for members and renewable generation end-users on the ATA website, providing a resource for consumers of small-scale renewable technologies.
- Provided written submissions to the following:
 - Victorian Government's Issues Paper entitled *Driving Investment in Renewable Energy in Victoria*, advocating for a portfolio approach to targets, 20-year timeframe and a start date by the end of 2006
 - MCE paper entitled Public Consultation on a National Framework for Energy Distribution and Retail Regulation, produced by Gilbert and Tobin and NERA Economic Consulting. ATA highlighted the economic, social and environmental benefits of small-scale embedded generation and called for reduced barriers and greater access
- Attend a Green Power stakeholder consultation workshop coordinated by Sustainability Victoria, seeking input on perceptions of the government-accredited Green Power brand, issues confusing the renewable electricity market from a consumers perspective, and potential solutions for these issues
- Prepared, on behalf of the Climate Action Network, a submission in response to the MCE Renewable and Distributed Generation Working Group draft Code of Practice for Embedded Generation.
- Respond to enquiries from public and ATA members, answering both specific grid-connection related queries from members and installers, as well as providing assistance with broader enquiries related to small-scale renewable generation technologies.
- Attended the Advocacy Panel funded workshop on the AEMC transmission pricing review, held at the PIAC offices in Sydney.