



ATA Advocacy Report 3; Project #127

For the 3 months from April – June 2006

Advocacy activity undertaken by ATA under funding from the National Consumers Electricity Advocacy Panel funded project #127. This activity was undertaken for the three month project period, from April until the end of June, 2006.

Advocacy completed:

- Attended a Distributed Generation Workshop being hosted by Sustainability Victoria, examining options and opportunities for embedded generation in a Victorian context, drawing on international experience.
- Assisted in organising, and attended the BSCE-facilitated Grid Connection Committee, between representatives of distribution businesses, installers and the State regulator, the purpose of which was to facilitate the development of standard grid connection arrangements between distribution businesses and customers.
- Provided a submission to the COAG Renewable Energy and Low-Emission Technology Framework (attached).
- Attended the *Best Practice Sustainability Regulation: The UK Approach*, a workshop presented by Dr Gill Owen at Sustainability Victoria in early May.
- Provided technical assistance and a grid-connection perspective, assisting the consumer representative to the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Strategy Group exploring functionality of interval meters to be rolled out across Victoria.
- Attended the National Consumer Roundtable in early May, involving a presentation from AEMC Chairman Dr John Tamberly, a discussion on issues surrounding retail and distribution, and strategic planning for the coming months.
- Assisted the re-development and restructuring of the Renewable Energy Action Agenda for the forthcoming year.
- Undertook a three-week study tour to Sweden, Denmark and Germany. The first week was part of a structure program examining a Solar Housing Development in Gothenburg, Sweden; a further 2 weeks were spent meeting with representatives from across the renewable energy sector and examining renewable energy policy.
- 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.