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Category

Individuals, Researchers and Academics

Do you accept these terms & conditions?

Yes

A1. Establish a consumer advisory council

No -it will cost money (price goes up) and no one will use it -REGULATE the price of electricity and returns available to industry players

A2. Ensure regulators listen to consumers

No - bureaucrats never listen to their true masters -the people - just creating another expensive talkfest

B1. Establish a cross-sector energy hardship group

No -more money wasted -

B2. Define energy hardship

Yes -everybody has energy hardship due to extortionate /bloated industry payers - too many snouts in the trough -REGULATE the price and returns

B3. Establish a network of community-level support services to help consumers in energy hardship

No -more money spent

B4. Set up a fund to help households in energy hardship become more energy efficient

No - more money spent (who do you think is going to pay for the myriad of funds /groups you intend to create??)

B5. Offer extra financial support for households in energy hardship

No -regulate the price and remove/control excess snouts in the trough -get rid of the pricing structure /nzx/electricity authority and control the generators /retailers and transpower

B6. Set mandatory minimum standards to protect vulnerable and medically dependent consumers

Yes -Good idea

B7. Prohibit prompt payment discounts but allow reasonable late payment fees

Yes - but reasonable needs to be defined (interest at reserve bank rate plus 3% ?)

B8. Seek bulk deals for social housing and/or Work and Income clients

Yes -good idea

C1. Make it easier for consumers to shop around

??? -its really easy right now - you cannot legislate for stupid/lazy people

C2. Include information on power bills to help consumers switch retailer or resolve billing disputes

Yes - force retailers to show competitors prices

C3. Make it easier to access electricity usage data

Yes -but again who will pay for it ??

C4. Make distributors offer retailers standard terms for network access

YES

C5. Prohibit win-backs

Yes

C6. Help non-switching consumers find better deals

???? -exactly how , and who is paying for it

C7. Introduce retail price caps

YES ABSOLUTELY -THIS MUST HAPPEN - the master key to control the present mess

D1. Toughen rules on disclosing wholesale market information

YES -MUCH MUCH TOUGHER -with strong penalties

THIS ENTIRE SECTION SHOULD COME UNDER THE COMMERCE COMMISSION WITH HUGE FINES FOR NON COMPLIANCE

D2. Introduce mandatory market-making obligations

Yes - how about a \$250000 fine for refusing to play, in each instance ?

D3. Make generator-retailers release information about the profitability of their retailing activities

YES YES YES - with independent audits publicly available (no snarky accountant ticks)

D4. Monitor contract prices and generation costs more closely

YES - Much more closely

D5. Prohibit vertically integrated companies

YES -one of the keys to fixing this unholy mess

E1. Issue a government policy statement on transmission pricing

Yes - let them explain their cash grab

E2. Issue a government policy statement on distribution pricing

Yes -let them explain the mess they created

E3. Regulate distribution cost allocation principles

YES

E4. Limit price shocks from distribution price increases

Yes - fixed to the CPI

E5. Phase out low fixed charge tariff regulations

NO - it will cost poor people more money

E6. Ensure access to smart meter data on reasonable terms

Yes -who will pay for this ??

E7. Strengthen the Commerce Commission's powers to regulate distributors' performance

YES YES YES -with huge enforceable fines for non compliance

E8. Require smaller distributors to amalgamate

Yes -the sole reason there are so many distributors /retailers is that this is a very profitable business

E9. Lower Transpower and distributors' asset values and rates of return

YES YES YES - another major key to fixing the current mess

F1. Give the Electricity Authority clearer, more flexible powers to regulate network access for distributed energy services

No -Disband the Electricity authority - let the commerce commission have singular control

F2. Transfer the Electricity Authority's transmission and distribution-related regulatory functions to the Commerce Commission

YES -another major key to fix the present mess

F3. Give regulators environmental and fairness goals

YES - to start with by fixing the price at the time of use , not 2 days later - get rid of the NZX as well -less snouts =less costs

F4. Allow Electricity Authority decisions to be appealed on their merits

No -close the Electricity Authority down

F5. Update the Electricity Authority's compliance framework and strengthen its information-gathering powers

No -Just shut them down, a useless, bloated toothless organisation

F6. Establish an electricity and gas regulator

YES -commerce commission operated

G1. Set up a fund to encourage more innovation

No -you seem obsessed with throwing ever more money at the problem -your remit is an electricity PRICE review (ie to reduce costs not add to them !!!!)

G2. Examine security and resilience of electricity supply

YES -by a group of engineers from IPENZ

G3. Encourage more co-ordination among agencies

No - just more talkies and expense -rather reduce the number of "agencies "

G4. Improve the energy efficiency of new and existing buildings

No -this is way out of your remit , and has nothing to do with the Price of

electricity , and everything to do with the volume consumed