

IF NEG IS REJECTED, DO YOU HAVE A PLAN B?

For those who are considering rejecting the NEG, Australia's peak body representing large energy consumers, the Energy Users' Association of Australia (EUAA), would ask this simple question. What is your plan B and why is it better than this proposal?

"Based on what we have seen and heard, there are no alternative plans," said EUAA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Andrew Richards. "This means rejecting the NEG won't take us back to zero on energy policy, it will plunge us deep into negative territory."

"Lasting energy and climate policy that helps guide the energy transition is in everyone's long-term interest. We cannot lose sight of that."

"We have an opportunity to create greater certainty in our energy markets and put a lid on volatility through this policy. We cannot waste this opportunity to deliver a better outcome for all energy consumers, even if it is not perfect," said Mr Richards.

EUAA members represent companies that produce countless essential items that Australians use every day. They have long been calling for bipartisan energy policy to create a framework for a more sustainable, affordable and reliable market.

"The NEG is our best opportunity to deliver a market that is more flexible, better planned and less volatile which will also help reduce emissions in our electricity system in a coordinated and efficient way. For the good of all energy consumers we urge COAG to support the NEG proposal," added Mr Richards.

EUAA members include Incitec Pivot; Nyrstar; Orora Limited; Qenos; Simplot Australia; Bluescope Steel; Shell; Wesfarmers; Woolworths; EnerNoc; Flow Power; Energy Edge; CQMS Razer; SA Water; Gold Coast Airport; Sun Water; Harvey Norman; Sydney Water; Air Liquide and BOC Limited to name just a few.

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