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Mr John Eastham
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Dear Mr Eastham

**South Australia (SA) Full Retail Competition (Metering) Derogations
Final Determination**

On 22 March 2005, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) received applications for authorisation (Nos A40103, A40104, and A40105) of derogations to Chapter 7 of the National Electricity Code. The applications were made by the National Electricity Code Administrator on behalf of the SA Government, under Part VII of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. The stated purpose of the applications includes extending current jurisdictional derogations in the short term to provide sufficient time for the code changes recommended by the jurisdictional regulators to be pursued through the usual code consultation process.

The ACCC received no submissions on the draft determination and no calls for a pre-determination conference were received.

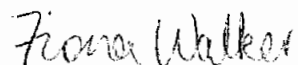
Please find attached a copy of the ACCC's final determination dated 22 June 2005 in respect of the applications. The ACCC's determination outlines its analysis and views on the proposed derogations. The ACCC has granted authorisation.

A person dissatisfied with the determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. A copy of this letter together with the determination will be placed on the Public Register kept by the ACCC.



If you have any queries about any issue raised in this letter, please contact me on (03) 9290 1440 or Owen Seadon on (03) 9290 1445.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fiona Walker".

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