



TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

The Petition of citizens of the State of Victoria draws to the Legislative Assembly's attention the Brumby Government's mismanagement of smart meters, in particular:

- The Auditor-General's finding that the project cost has blown out from \$800 million to \$2.25 billion, all of which will be paid for in higher bills;
- The Auditor-General's finding that the electricity industry may benefit from smart meters at the expense of the consumers whopay for them;
- The unfairness of many consumers and small businesses having to pay for smart meters before they are installed; and
- Findings by Melbourne University that many families will have to pay around \$300 per annum in higher electricity bills as a result of Labor's smart meters.

The petitioners therefore request the Legislative Assembly require the Brumby Labor Government to immediately freeze the roll out of smart meters across Victoria until it can be independently demonstrated that consumers will not be forced to pay for the Government's mistakes in the smart meter project.

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