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Ms Anita Dow MP
Member for Braddon
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Ms Dow

I am writing in response to a question raised in Parliament on 4 November 2025 on behalf of your constituent's queries about the Tasmanian Government's accelerated rollout of smart meters.

The Tasmanian Government is focused on improving energy services to all Tasmanians, which includes a commitment to deliver smart meters to Tasmanian households and businesses, through Aurora, at an accelerated rate, due to the benefits they offer. However, as you note, this is ahead of the national rules, which have 2030 as the deadline for the rollout.

Smart meters provide several benefits to consumers, the largest of which being greater visibility over their electricity usage. Improved understanding of their own power consumption empowers customers to make informed choices about energy consumption or retail offerings, which can help reduce energy costs. Additionally, greater visibility over their energy consumption reduces the risk of bill shock, allowing consumers to better budget for any changing energy costs or consumption patterns.

These benefits have been acknowledged nationally, and for some time the National Electricity Rules (NER) have required that smart meters be installed in new premises, or where an older accumulation meter had come to the end of its life and needed replacing. Recently, the Australian Energy Market Commission strengthened these provisions in the NER through the *Accelerating Smart Meter Deployment* rule change. It is under this rule change that the opt-out provision was removed; this is a national rule and applies to all jurisdictions in the NEM.

Russell can read more about the rule change, including the reasons for the changes and the processes to pave the way for universal uptake of smart meters by 2030 on the AEMC website: <https://www.aemc.gov.au/rule-changes/accelerating-smart-meter-deployment>.

The Tasmanian Government remains committed to improving energy outcomes for all Tasmanians and I trust this information is useful to yourself and Russell.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Nick Duigan MLC
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