

Subject: Embedded networks

Hi Jessica,

I'm investigating embedded networks for the apartment I live in. In particular I am focused on hot water and gas because of the better prices we can get as a large consumer rather than many individuals. I will also be looking at electricity later.

I understand that IPART is considering banning new embedded networks because of the monopolist behaviours of certain building developers. May I suggest creating a "trust buster" rule so that consumers subject to embedded networks have rights to control them?

I believe that collectivist embedded networks, like I aim to create, can produce value to consumers, and that's not worth destroying because of the greed of certain monopolists.

In these cases the individual does not have retail choice, but the group of consumers does. The strata committee will tender for the best retail option and issue bills through a data manager. We will not extract rents on the embedded network from occupants.

Kind regards,