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MEA is in favour of the choice for consumers to use embedded networks in medium and high density commercial and residential complexes, as long as there are clear mechanisms in place to ensure that consumers are not subject to price gouging. In the case of electricity we believe the suggestion to use the "Default Market Offer" as the maximum price for electricity, and that using other market benchmarks this approach could be adopted for gas, hot/chilled water. MEA believe that embedded networks present an efficient way to deal with the implementation of DER/CER solutions that will be required in a low carbon future, and the successful integration of Home Energy Management Systems (HEMS) and Building Management Systems (BMS) to better manage grid demand. Managed ethically by body corporates, embedded networks not only offer ways of dealing with load management, but also have the potential for consumers in body corporates to save money on electricity and gas usage as they enable the collective to bargain for better pricing as contestable loads. MEA are of the opinion that the banning of embedded networks in Victoria, rather than finding a mechanism to prevent unethical price gouging was a mistake, that we hope is not repeated in NSW.