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I would like to strongly object to the proposal by energy providers to charge an Early Termination Fee for small electricity users. It seems improbable that the same electricity provider operating in Victoria charges a \$20 termination fee but in NSW wants to charge about \$120 for the same thing. This will have a major impact on renters especially ones that can't sign up for long contracts or who would be forced to change addresses due to unforeseen circumstances. This will also have an inflationary effect because most self employed people are also small user customers and will pass on this cost to their customers. NSW is already the most expensive state in Australia, this fee if implemented, will only exacerbate this.

Regards - Lou Denel