



Is your energy retailer denying you a smart meter?

Description

In October 2014, the then NSW Minister for Energy Anthony Roberts announced a rollout of Smart Meters for all NSW homes and businesses. He said:

"The NSW Government's next step in putting the power firmly into the hands of consumers is to back a market-led rollout of smart meters."

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Minister for Resources and Energy Anthony Roberts today announced electricity smart meters in NSW will be installed through a market-led rollout.

The NSW Government will reduce barriers to smart meters, ahead of the introduction of a national regulatory framework for competitive metering expected next year.

"This is a case of allowing business to do what it does best, innovate and provide a product at competitive prices. It will be up to retailers to convince a customer of the benefits of having a smart meter and what it could offer them," Mr Roberts said.

The key measures are:

- Support for a market-led rollout of smart meters to ensure competition in metering services;
- Adoption of a voluntary model to guarantee customer choice;
- Support of a uniform, flexible and cost-reflective new and replacement meter policy by the network distribution businesses;
- Support of an efficient and equitable approach to setting metering charges that aligns with national rules and regulatory settings; and

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The 2014 announcement.

Seven years on, this market-based approach has resulted some of our larger electricity retailers dropping the ball badly. I'm singling out [Origin Energy](#), who have annual revenues of \$15 billion and over 4 million customers.

This is embarrassing. In Victoria, they [completed their rollout of Smart Meters by 2004](#).

Do I have a smart meter? If not, how can I get one?

If you live in Victoria, you should already have a smart meter, which was installed by your distributor around 6 years ago.

[Find out more about your smart meter in Victoria here](#)

Overseas, the [UK is well along](#) in a rollout of 3 million smart meters. The [EU's goal](#) is to provide smart meters to 80 per cent of consumers. France has committed to install 35 million meters as part of a \$A19.7 billion spend, and the the [Chinese](#) government are deploying up to 380 million of them.

This isn't good enough. With a Smart Meter, you can monitor your energy consumption using a smart phone app on a much more granular level.

I badgered Origin to give me the Smart Meter the scheme promised 7 years ago, and they grudgingly did so as a one off.

The precedent neatly set, watch this video to see how you can demand the same. Yes, they probably will be annoyed, but it's time they did the right thing.

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