

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

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Michael Pettersson MLA: I give notice that I shall move – That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

- (a) as a result of the introduction of embedded networks in developments such as apartment blocks, retirement villages, social housing, and caravan parks, embedded network users may face higher utility prices compared to those with unlimited retail choice;
- (b) embedded network users have limited consumer rights and protections;
- (c) embedded network providers operate in a loosely regulated environment that may require strengthened oversight;

(2) further notes:

- (a) the NSW Parliament's ongoing inquiry into embedded networks;
- (b) the Victorian Government's announcement in July 2022 to ban new embedded networks.

(3) acknowledges:

- (a) the ACT Government's achievement of 100% renewable electricity in the ACT;
- (b) the success of the ACT Government's energy policies in keeping the ACT's regulated retail electricity prices below the national average despite an unstable national and global energy market.

(4) calls on the ACT Government to conduct a review of embedded networks in the ACT, with regard as to whether the following reforms are appropriate:

- (a) a ban on new embedded networks (exempting buildings that use renewable energy microgrids to deliver low-cost renewable energy to apartment blocks);
- (b) further regulation of embedded network providers; and
- (c) further consumer protections for embedded network users to equalise consumer protections for on-market users.

(5) requests that the ACT Government reports back to the Assembly on this matter by 30 June 2023.

  
Michael Pettersson MLA  
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