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Public consultation on the future of ACT regulated electricity prices

The ACT Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission today released a public consultation paper as the first step in a review of regulated retail electricity prices for small customers in the ACT.

The review will determine the approach used to regulate the standing offer electricity prices that ActewAGL can charge small customers over the three-year period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2030.

The ACT Government has asked the commission to ensure the standing offer pricing framework continues to provide a reasonable safety-net price for customers who do not actively engage in the market, while supporting effective competition in the ACT retail electricity sector.

The investigation will also consider how retail electricity price regulation should adapt to increasing smart meter deployment and the introduction of separately regulated time-of-use standing offer tariffs from 2027-28.

Senior Commissioner Richard Owens said community and stakeholder input would play an important role in informing the commission's review.

"We are seeking feedback from consumers, retailers and other interested stakeholders on the issues raised in the paper and on any other matters relevant to setting regulated retail electricity prices in the ACT," Mr Owens said.

The commission will consider all submissions received on the issues paper in developing its draft report, which is expected to be released in early 2027. Stakeholders will have a further opportunity to comment on the commission's draft findings before the final report and price direction are released in June 2027.

The public consultation paper is available on the commission's website at www.icrc.act.gov.au or can be obtained by contacting the commission on (02) 6205 0799 or via email at icrc@act.gov.au.

The closing date for submissions is **4 September 2026**.

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