

Smart Meter Installation Protection Kit

Know your rights. It is immoral and against common law, for any Government or Corporation to create a so called 'mandate' (that requires you to provide access to power company employees to install a digital meter on your property), that has the potential to harm you and your family's health; or place the safety of your property at risk; and that invades your privacy.

There are **FIVE important things** every person can do to prevent the power companies from installing a Smart Meter.

(Note: Before proceeding, check your local requirements to opt out of the smart meter roll out. All these steps may only be required if you have an aggressive local smart meter roll out!)

1. Place a laminated A4 size version of this sign, on page 5, on the front of the meter box.



2. Place a laminated A4 size version of this sign, on page 6, at the front entrance.



3. You MUST pay your bills on time! If you don't then your power company may disconnect your supply and then require that a Smart Meter be installed before the power can be reconnected.

Actions if your local electricity company is aggressively installing smart meters. If you choose to prevent a smart meter from being installed into your power box, you will have to be prepared to withstand threats and bullying from both power company employees and from employees of government agencies associated with the power industry.

4. If local regulations allow, get a qualified electrician to cut a hole in your power box and install a Perspex water proof window, and a padlock to the power box. The clear window will allow the meter reader to continue to read your meter. These actions make a statement that you own your meter box, and you are protecting it from illegal entry.

If a Smart Meter installer chooses to break the lock, then he is committing a criminal offence, and you can rightly call the police and have him and the electricity company charged with breaking and entering.

5. Write to both the Energy Minister and to your electricity distributor's General Manager / CEO stating:

Here are links to draft letters in Word format, that you can edit to your needs.

CEO Letter:

(**NOTE:** In these letters you must include your electricity account or NMI number, found on your electricity bill.)

<http://sccc.org.au/wiki/Template-Notice-to-Power-Company-CEO.doc>

Energy Minister Letter:

<http://sccc.org.au/wiki/Template-Letter-to-Minister-for-Energy.doc>

- You do NOT want a Smart Meter because you have not been given sufficient information about it to make an informed choice as to whether it is safe or appropriate to be installed in your home.
- A Smart Meter is a covert surveillance device that monitors power consumption patterns within your property to which you do NOT CONSENT to being surveillance monitored.
- Neither does your electricity company or the government ask your approval beforehand to install such a surveillance device.
- State that a Smart Meter breaks both the UN and Victorian Charters of Human Rights that relate to Privacy,
- Until your electricity company or the Government adequately inform you about the nature of the data that is collected; where it is stored; who has access to it; how secure it is and for what purposes it is used; you will not consent to having a Smart Meter installed.

Also tell them that you will allow maintenance to be performed on your existing meter if it is required, however your electricity company must give an intention to do this in writing 14 days beforehand. They MUST state explicitly what the nature of the work will be.

They must also obtain your approval prior to the work commencing. This is to comply with their access requirements.

If any Smart Meter installer intrudes on to your property without approval, you will call the Police to have the power company's CEO or his contractors charged with trespass and/or the criminal offence of Breaking and Entering if any attempt to install a Smart Meter is made.

Every time your electricity company writes a letter, you must respond by again reaffirming your rights stated in point 5 above.

When you write, you must also send each letter certified mail and pay the extra \$3.50 to obtain a delivery receipt. Keep these receipts as evidence that you posted these letters.

If any power company employee telephones you to **harass you, or you receive a demanding letter**, tell the company **in writing** to desist from harassing you and that **unless they can provide CLEAR and UNAMBIGUOUS legislation with copies of the laws that state explicitly**:

- What is the law that requires them to install a Smart Meter in your home without your written consent.
- What is the title of the procedure that requires them to disconnect any customer who refuses to have one of their Smart Meters installed?
- Then remind them **THEY ARE NOT TO INSTALL ONE OF THEIR DEVICES IN YOUR HOME UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Other Things You Can Do:

Join a Smart Meter Action Group and become actively involved.

<http://stopsmartmeters.com.au/actions-you-can-take/support-groups/>

Educate your friends, relatives and neighbours. Use this free Wifi Safety Guide to help understand device exposure levels. Page two includes practical ways to reduce your family's exposure. <http://sccc.org.au/wifi/microwave-safety-chart.pdf>

Your Rights to Privacy

To help you understand the legal implications of breaching an individual's Human Rights to privacy in Victoria, the following Charters for Human Rights and Information Privacy legislation are reproduced. Please mingle the words below into your own words in any letters you may write to politicians or to your power company.

1. United Nations Charter of Human Rights

Article 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Australia is a signatory says:

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary or unlawful interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on his honour and reputation.

2. The Victorian Charter of Human Rights

The Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 ('the Charter'), which promotes observance of human rights in Victoria, including the right to privacy says.

13 Privacy and reputation

A person has the right —

- (a) not to have his or her privacy, family, home or correspondence unlawfully or arbitrarily interfered with;*
- (b) not to have his or her reputation unlawfully attacked.*

NOTE: A smart meter violates both the UN and Victoria's Human Rights to privacy as a smart meter measures each dwelling's power usage over each 30 minute interval.

The information obtained enable the power company's computers to *profile* every consumer's usage of power. Such profiling without the occupant's permission is a violation of their human rights.

3. Victoria's Information Privacy Act

Victoria's Information Privacy Act 2000 Schedule 1 point 1 (Principle 1 - Collection) states:

"1.1. An organisation must not collect personal information unless the information is necessary for one or more of its functions or activities."

NOTE: Again, if a power company passes on any customer's smart meter data to a third party for (say) marketing purposes, such an act violates their customer's human rights.

4. National Principles for the Fair Handling of Personal Information

The National Principles for the Fair Handling of Personal Information dated January 1999 states:

1.2 An organisation should only collect personal information by lawful and fair means and not in an unreasonable and intrusive way.

1.3 At or before the time an organisation collects personal information from the subject of the information (or, if that is not practicable, as soon as practicable thereafter), it should take reasonable steps to ensure that the subject of the information is aware of:

- (a) the identity of the organisation and how to contact it;*
- (b) the fact the he or she is able to gain access to the information.*
- (c) the purposes for which the information is collected;*
- (d) to whom (or the types of individuals or organisations to which) it usually discloses information of this kind;*
- (e) any law that requires the particular information to be collected; and*
- (f) the main consequences (if any) for the individual if all or part of the information is not provided.*

NOTE: The various power company's Smart Meter Roll out clearly violate these requirements.

For everyone's health, safety, and privacy, please pass this handout on to friends, relatives and neighbours, because we also need them to say NO! Do letter box drops, hand it out, email it, plus post it on web sites and social media. Flyer download link.

<http://sccc.org.au/wifi/Smart-Meter-Flyer.pdf>

Protect Your
Community!



DO NOT FIT A SMART METER

The owner does NOT consent to the installation of a Smart Meter.

NOTICE

To: Smart Meter Installer

**DO NOT INSTALL A
SMART METER
AT THIS PROPERTY.**

The owner does NOT consent to any electricity supplier sending you here to enter upon this property for the purpose of installing a 'smart meter'.

Contact the utility who has been advised in writing not to install a smart meter to this property. Any contact with the property owner must be in writing.

THIS PROPERTY IS OWNED UNDER 'A GRANT IN FEE SIMPLE TITLE' AND TRESPASS APPLIES FOR ENTRY WITHOUT INVITATION OR THE EXPRESS WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER.

You will be held accountable to the law of our Australian Constitution Act (1900-01) and the Privacy Act for trespassing and are liable for a \$167,000.00 fine.

NOTICE BY PROPERTY OWNER.....

**WARNING TO ALL
SMART METER INSTALLERS
TRESPASSING IS AN OFFENCE
YOU MUST NOT ENTER
THIS PROPERTY!**

**AUTHORITY - High Court of Australia
Plenty v. Dillon (1991) 171 CLR 635 F.C. 91/004**