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To IPART

Via Email: ESS@ipart.nsw.gov.au

RE: IPART Consultation on the NSW Peak Demand Reduction Scheme - Batteries

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the NSW Peak Demand Reduction Scheme (PDRS).

Start Date of the Scheme:

I have serious concerns with the scheme's 5-month start date and the impact this is having on my business and the broader industry.

My business has lost most of our existing and forward orders for retail battery installations. This impact will almost certainly continue until the scheme officially starts. If this date remains in November, it will be a disaster for my business and take years to recover.

The Solar and Battery market across Australia was already seeing issues and this announcement has increased those pressures on my business. The period between the announced start date of the scheme and the November start date will cost the industry between \$50-\$100 million in lost sales.

<u>Please bring forward the start date of the scheme to 1st August or make the scheme retrospective from the announced date of the scheme.</u>

Yours sincerely,

