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To IPART

Via Email: [ESS@ipart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ESS@ipart.nsw.gov.au)

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

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the NSW Peak Demand Reduction Scheme. It will be a great once it gets going if we make it there.

**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 95% 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. It has pretty much stopped the battery industry in its tracks and along with that the installation of solar systems has halved in my business. I will be laying people off due to this already, the amount of people depends on this date being moved forward.

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

I also think taking onsite photos is the best way to gather evidence of installation as well.

Yours sincerely,

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