

Please investigate the tactics of Victorian gas distributors

Based on my experience, AusNet are seeking to place enormous price barriers in the way of abolishment of gas metres. Until December 2020 there was no fee for abolishment and removal of the metre and in January 2021, this was raised to around \$700. They did not provide any satisfactory explanation for the exorbitant fee to myself (no reply from repeated calls) or Powershop (who I asked to enquire on my behalf). I suspect this is an attempt to prevent transition away from gas, which is likely being repeated across other distributors and warrants investigation.

For what it is worth I fully support the Victorian Government transitioning away from gas and towards 100% renewable energy as soon as possible.

Kind regards

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