

amaysim Energy Complaints Handling Policy

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1. Introduction

This policy sets out the process for energy complaints handling at amaysim. It has been developed in accordance with the requirements of the relevant laws, codes and rules that are applicable to an energy retail business.

2. Purpose of this policy

At amaysim we recognise the rights of our customers and former customers to make complaints and to have any proposed resolution of their complaints accepted by them before amaysim implements that resolution.

This amaysim Energy Complaints Handling Policy provides:

- Information and assistance to amaysim customers and former amaysim customers on how to make a complaint and how to monitor the progress of a complaint
- Information on how amaysim handles and investigates complaints and the circumstances in which they will be escalated and prioritised internally
- A guideline for amaysim staff to handle and resolve complaints with the objective of resolving complaints in an objective, fair and effective manner

3. What constitutes a complaint?

A complaint is any expression of dissatisfaction made to us in relation to our products and services or the way we've handled a complaint.

4. Who can make a complaint?

You may make a complaint whenever you are dissatisfied about any aspect of the products or services we provide, including our complaints handling process itself. We will treat any expression of dissatisfaction about such matters in which you expressly or impliedly ask for a response or a resolution as a complaint and will handle the matter in accordance with this policy. If in doubt, we will ask you whether your

expression of dissatisfaction is a complaint. We will always seek to ensure that any complaint is dealt with in an objective, fair and efficient manner.

5. Our commitment to complaints handling

amaysim is committed to efficient, fair and courteous resolution of complaints at all times and aims to resolve complaints at first point of contact. Our customer service representatives have the training and authority to resolve most of the queries which customers may have in real time. Your complaint will never be handled by anyone of our staff who has had a direct involvement in the circumstances of the complaint.

6. Handling of complaints

6.1. Lodging a complaint

You can lodge your complaint about amaysim over the phone (which is a free call when made from an amaysim service), online or by email, or letter. For contact details please refer to section 7 of this document.

If you wish to lodge an urgent complaint, please refer to section 6.4 of this document.

We aim to make the complaint handling process fair and accessible for everyone including customers and former customers if you require any special assistance to lodge a complaint, please tell us what they are when you get in touch with us.

If you wish to allow an authorised representative or advocate to act on your behalf, an amaysim customer service representative can help you to do so. If you wish, you can set up third party access on your account which will enable a third party to act as your authorised representative and to represent you in your matters with amaysim generally.

6.2. Acknowledgement of complaint

If your complaint is submitted by email (for contact details refer to section 7), you will receive a response from us within 2 working days.

6.3. Handling and resolution of complaints

We aim to resolve a complaint at the first level of contact wherever possible. If we cannot resolve your complaint at the first level contact and the matter requires some further investigation e.g. the retrieval of records or obtaining of additional information through our service and/or our customer advocacy team, we will aim to have your complaint completely resolved within 15 working days after the complaint was made or within such other time frames as are agreed with you. We will keep you informed of any delays to promised timeframes for resolving and implementing complaints.

You may monitor the progress of your complaint by contacting us (see section 7 for contact details).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your enquiry or complaint, or if you are dissatisfied with the timeframes, the proposed resolution or outcome, or if you seek to have your complaint treated as urgent, you may ask to speak to an amaysim supervisor. If you remain dissatisfied with the subsequent handling of the complaint, we will escalate and prioritise your complaint accordingly.

We aim to complete all necessary action to deliver the resolution we have offered within 10 working days after you accept the resolution. Your complaint will be regarded as resolved once you have agreed with our proposed resolution and the outcome is implemented.

If we are unable to resolve your complaint within 15 working days, or within 2 working days for the urgent aspects of an urgent complaint, we will advise you prior to the expected resolution deadline. We will provide reasons for the delay, a specific timeframe for completion of the resolution; and if the anticipated delay is a further 10 working days or more (and not the result of a mass service disruption) will advise you of your options for external dispute resolution including details of your relevant state ombudsman.

6.4. Handling and resolution of urgent complaints

We will prioritise a complaint as urgent if you are experiencing financial hardship according to our financial hardship policy (please refer to <http://www.amaysim.com.au/terms>) and the subject matter of the complaint has directly contributed to or aggravated your financial hardship, or your service has been or is about to be disconnected due to an error on our part. We will be in touch with you to confirm a proposed resolution of the urgent aspects of your complaint, which if agreed to by you, will be implemented within 2 working days after the date on which your complaint is received. Non urgent complaints will be handled in line with section 6.3: *Handling and resolution of complaints*.

6.5. Complaints monitoring

At amaysim we strive to continuously improve our performance and put the customer in the centre of our daily business. To ensure the identification of systemic trends and recurring issues all complaints will be recorded and analysed on an on-going basis to ensure continuous improvement in our processes. We will conduct on-going reviews of our compliance with this policy and report on the same to senior management.

7. Contact

By Phone: 1300 808 300

By Email: service.energy@amaysim.com.au

If you wish to obtain a hard copy of the amaysim Complaints Handling Policy, please contact our friendly customer service team and let us know your current postal address and we will be happy to send you a copy in the mail.

8. External resolution

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint or with the way in which we have handled the matter (including the timeframes for resolving your complaint), you can ask the relevant state Energy and Water Ombudsman to assist you. We have an easy accessible complaints process in place should something go wrong. Please note that you also always have the option to contact the relevant Energy & Water Ombudsman at any time for independent advice and assistance. The office details of each states Ombudsman are set out below.

Energy and Water Ombudsman Victoria (EWOV)

Freecall (except mobile phones): 1800 500 509
Mail: GPO Box 469, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001
Web: www.ewov.com.au

Energy and Water Ombudsman Queensland (EWOQ)

Ph: 1800 662 837
Email: complaints@ewoq.com.au
Web: www.ewoq.com.au
Mail: PO Box 3640, South Brisbane BC, QLD, 4101

Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON)

Ph: 1800 246 545
Mail: Reply Paid 86550, Sydney South, NSW 1234
Email: complaints@ewon.com.au
EWON: [complaints form](#)

Energy & Water Ombudsman South Australia (EWOSA)

Ph: 1800 665 565
Free fax: 1800 665 165
Mail: GPO Box 2947, ADELAIDE, SA, 5001
Email: www.ewosa.com.au