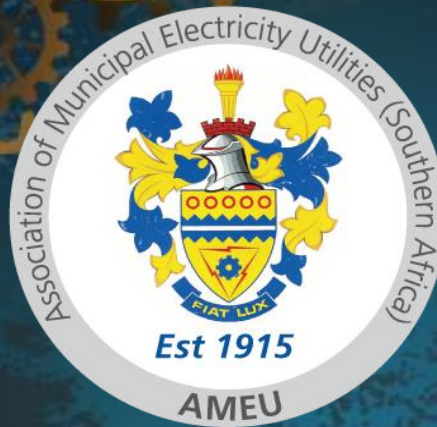




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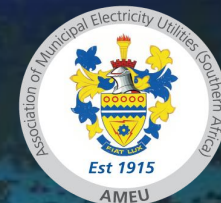
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1. Flashback
 2. Understanding the complexity
 3. Example of typical Municipality
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Survey results



Social and financial factors most important, environmental factors not critical

Upfront investment costs most significant barrier

Social influence: mushroom effect in neighbourhoods

Lack of trust in government

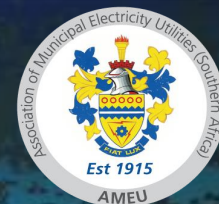
Only 25% of PV owners registered their systems



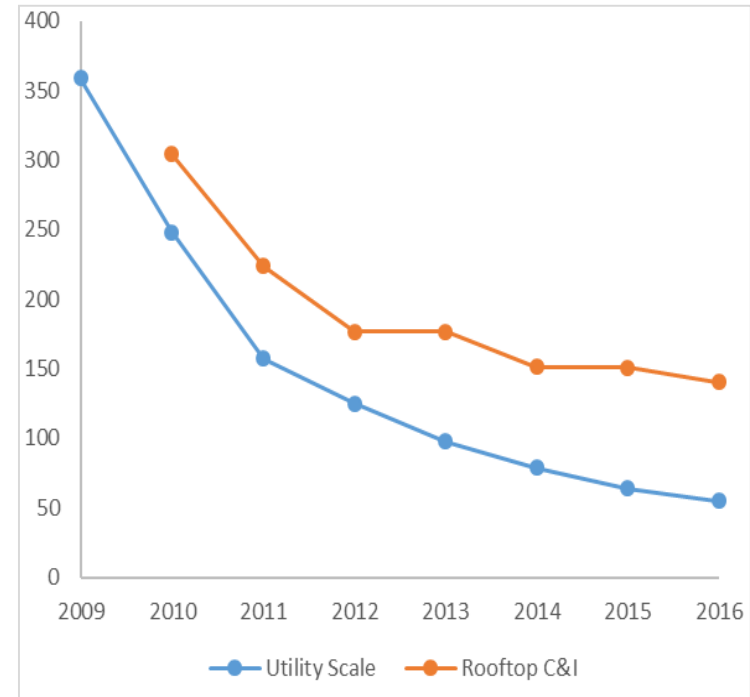
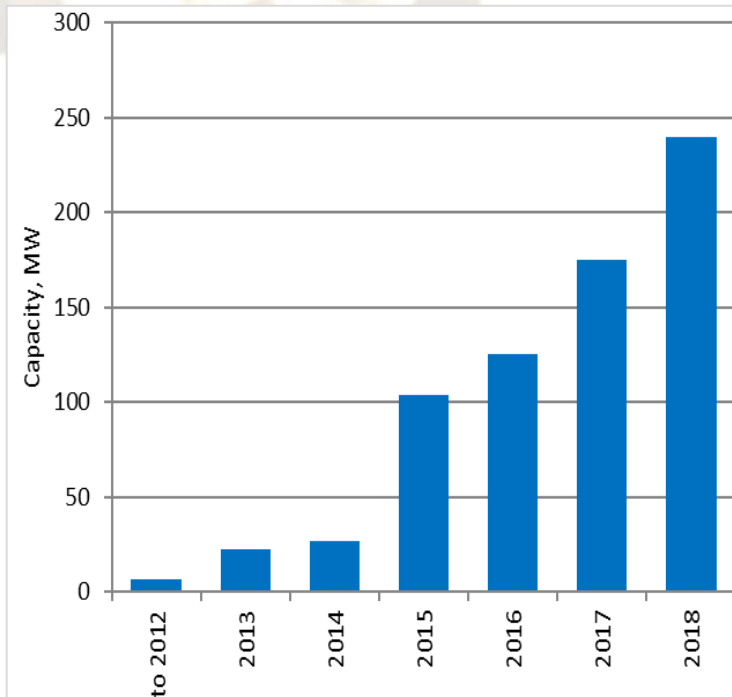
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Additional PV installed and LCOE in South Africa



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Block Inclined Tariff



Residential Meter Rates	
Consumption Bracket	Rate (c/kWh)
< 50 kWh	103.39
51 - 300 kWh	132.62
301 - 600 kWh	187.09
> 600 kWh	220.32
Fixed Charge per Month	Rate (R/month)
If consumption more than 600 kWh on average in previous municipal financial year	141.78

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SSEG Tariff

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- Compulsory to register PV system
 - Transferred to SSEG tariff
 - Increased fixed monthly charges



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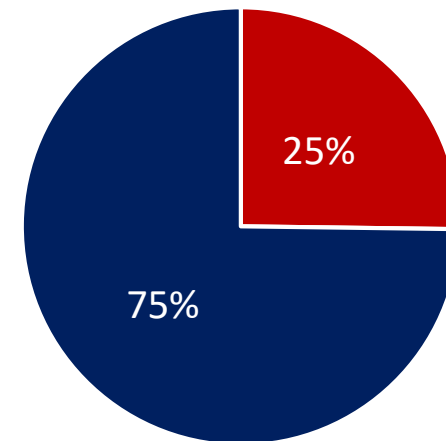
Consequences of fixed charges

- Municipalities might be able to fill the financial gap

But..

- PV investors will be limited to reduce their monthly electricity bill by producing their own electricity or other energy efficiency

Registered PV systems

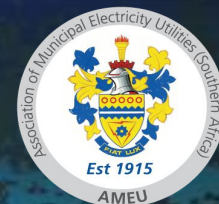


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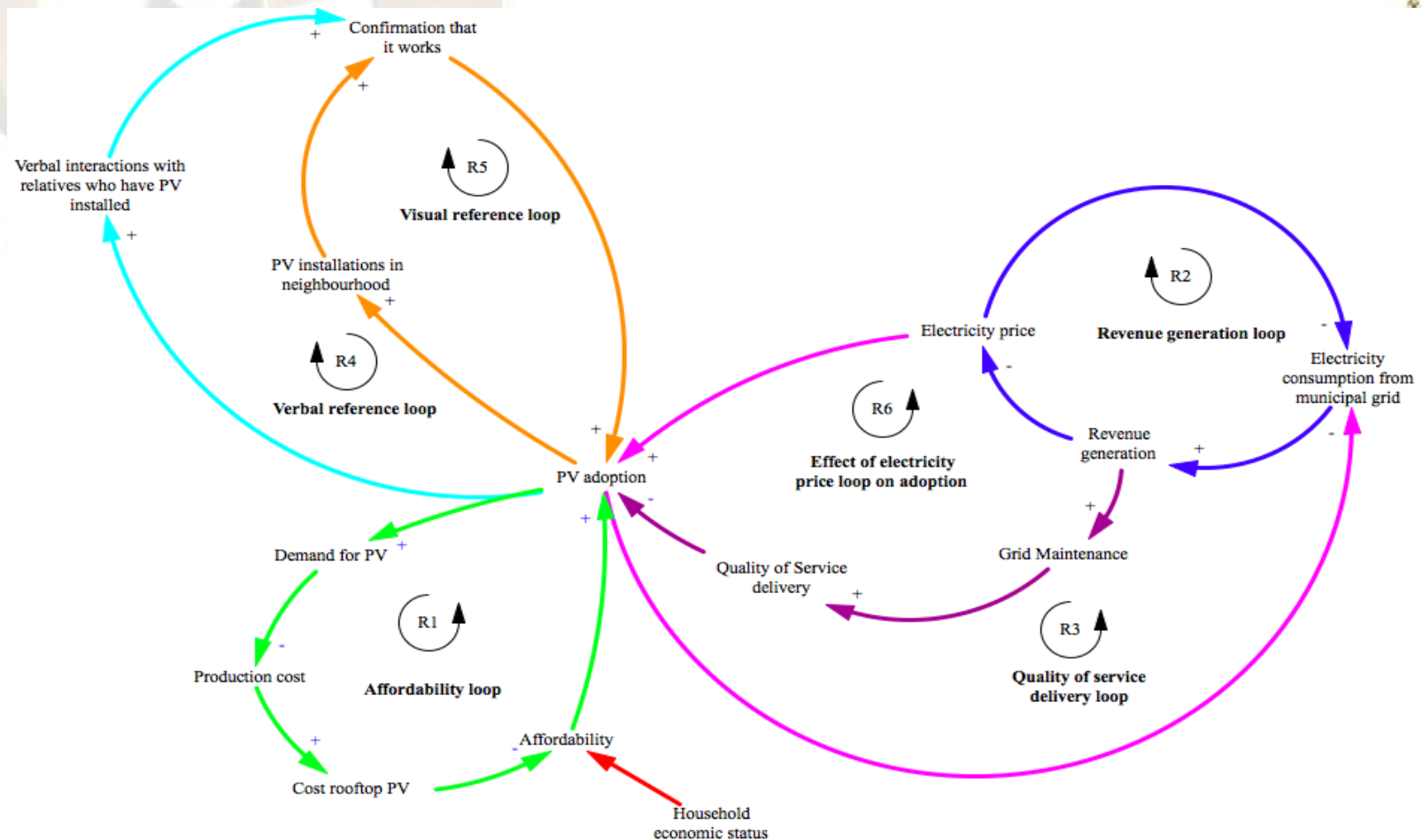
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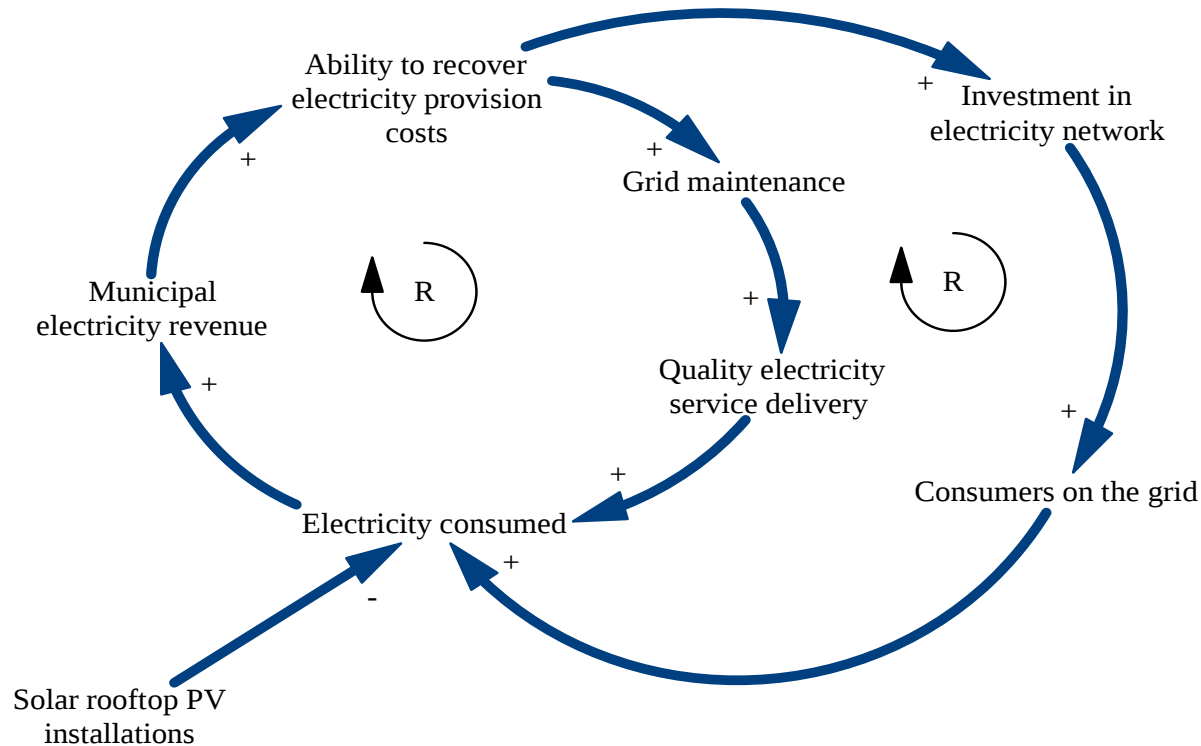
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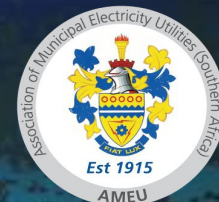
CLD: Rooftop PV as disruptive force



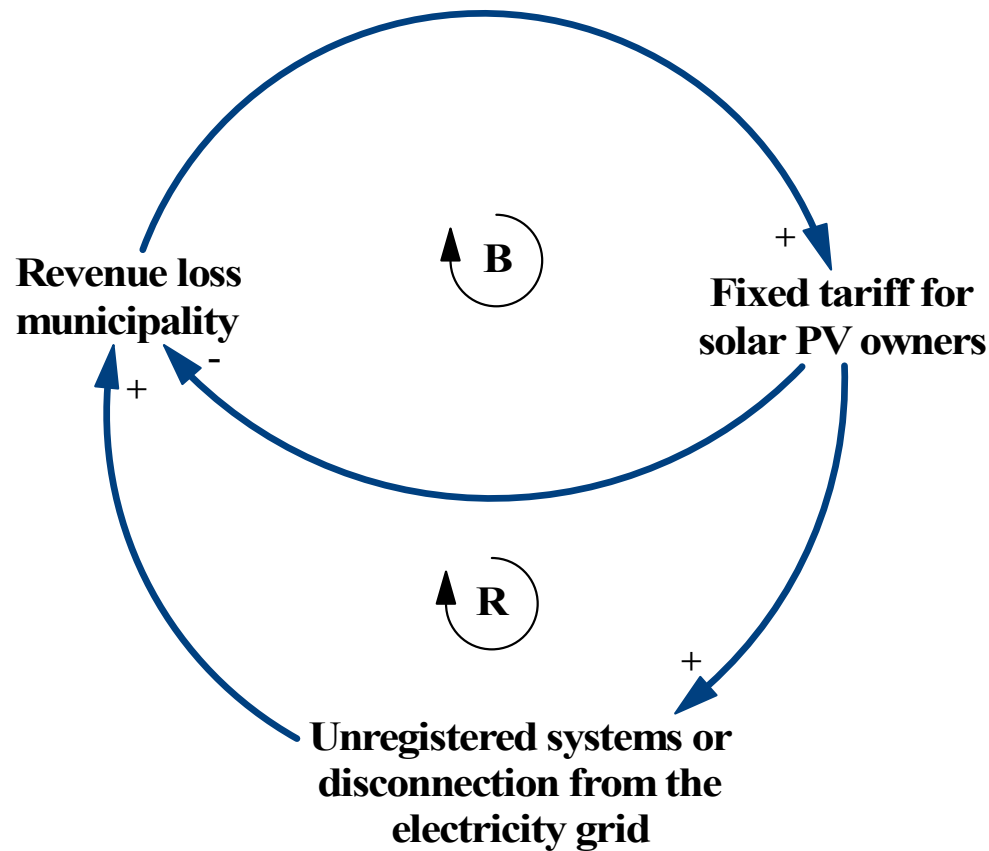
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Fixes that Fail archetype: Unintended consequences

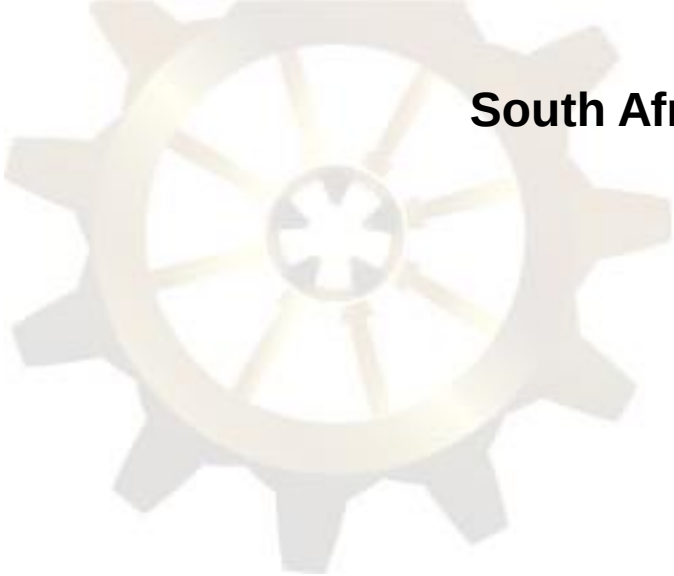


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South African municipal context



Municipal mandate (Constitution,
MFMA and MSA)

Unequal consumption

Cross – subsidisation

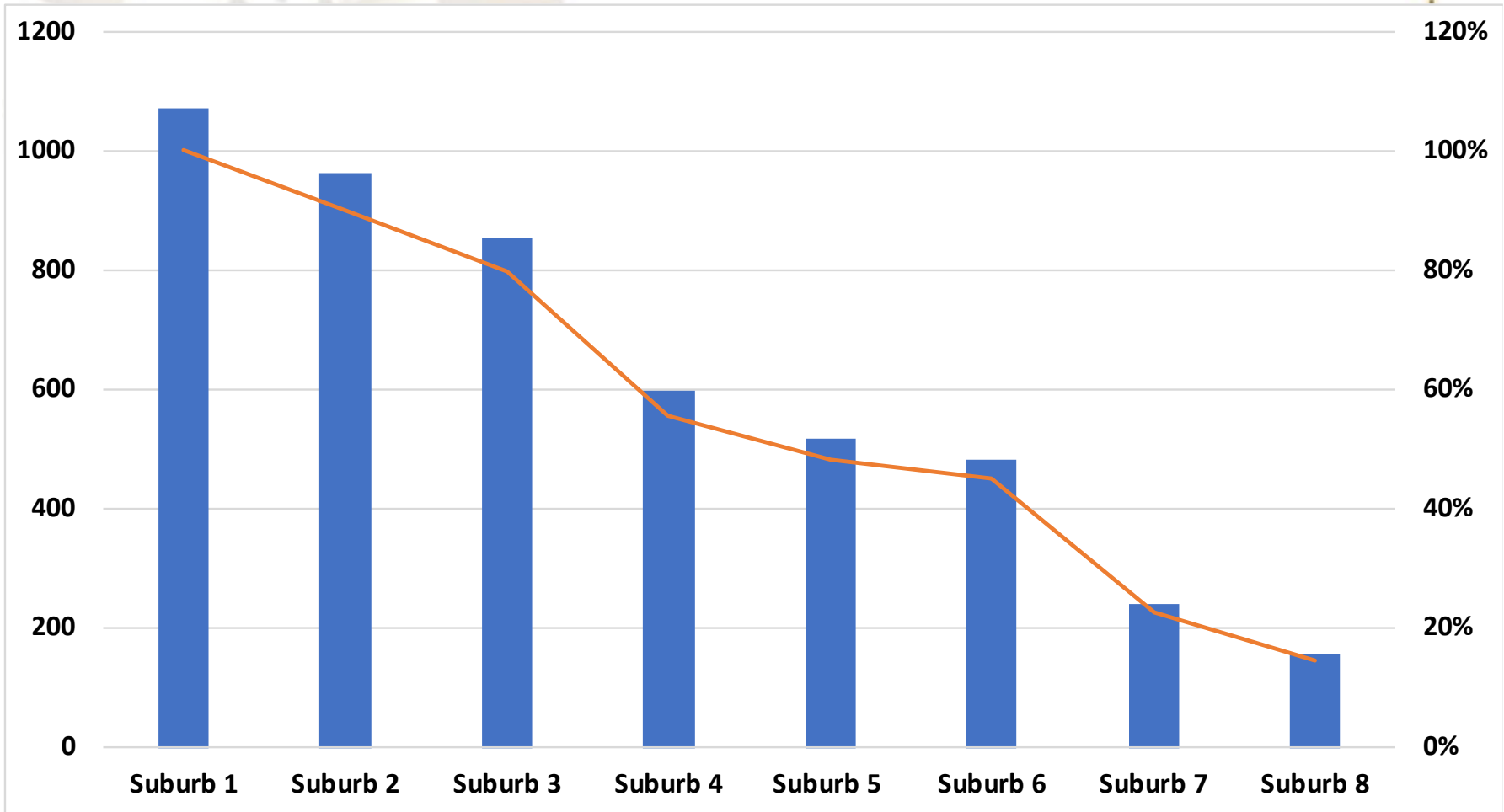
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Average kWh consumption per suburb



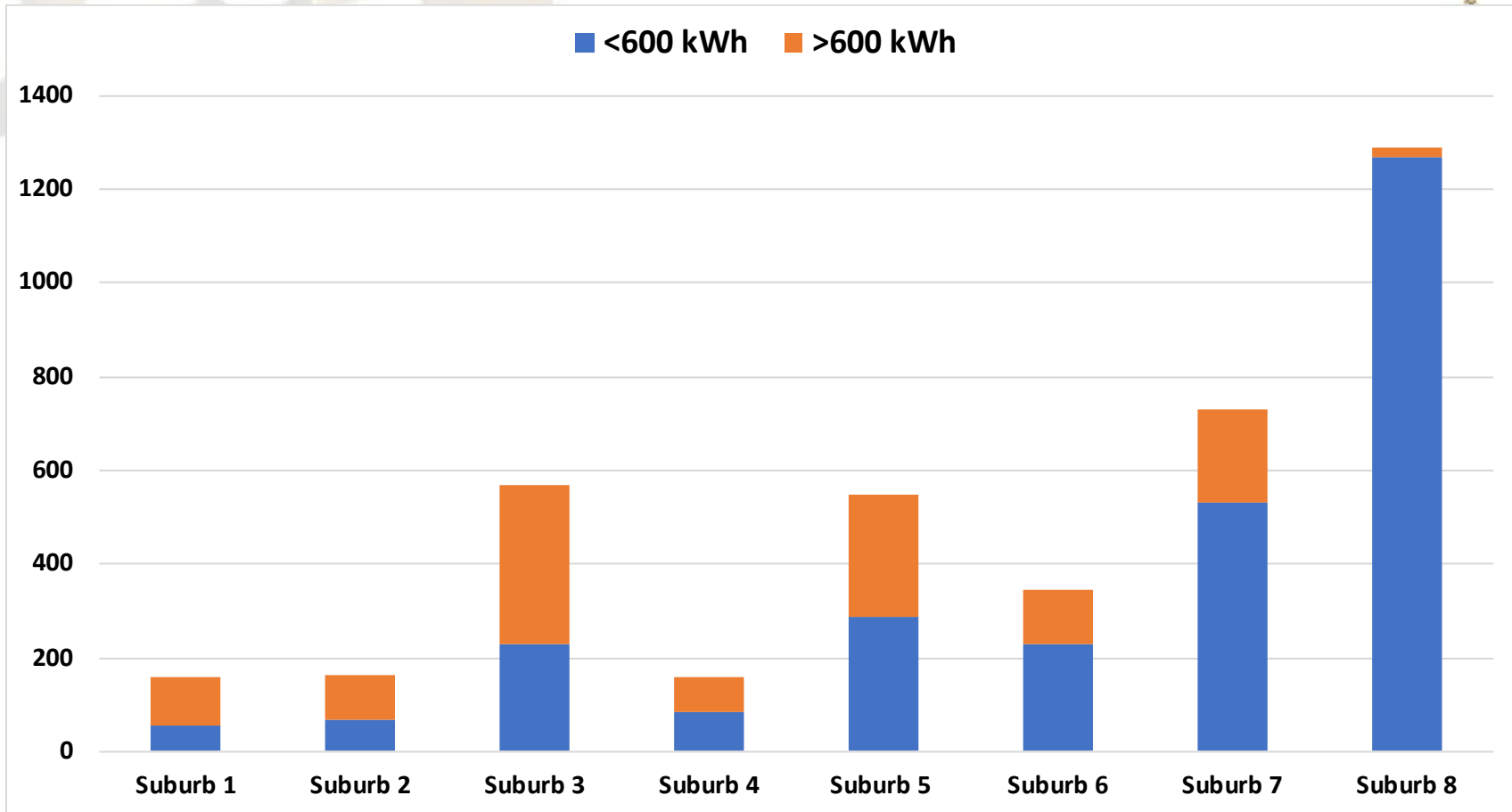
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Electricity meters and usage



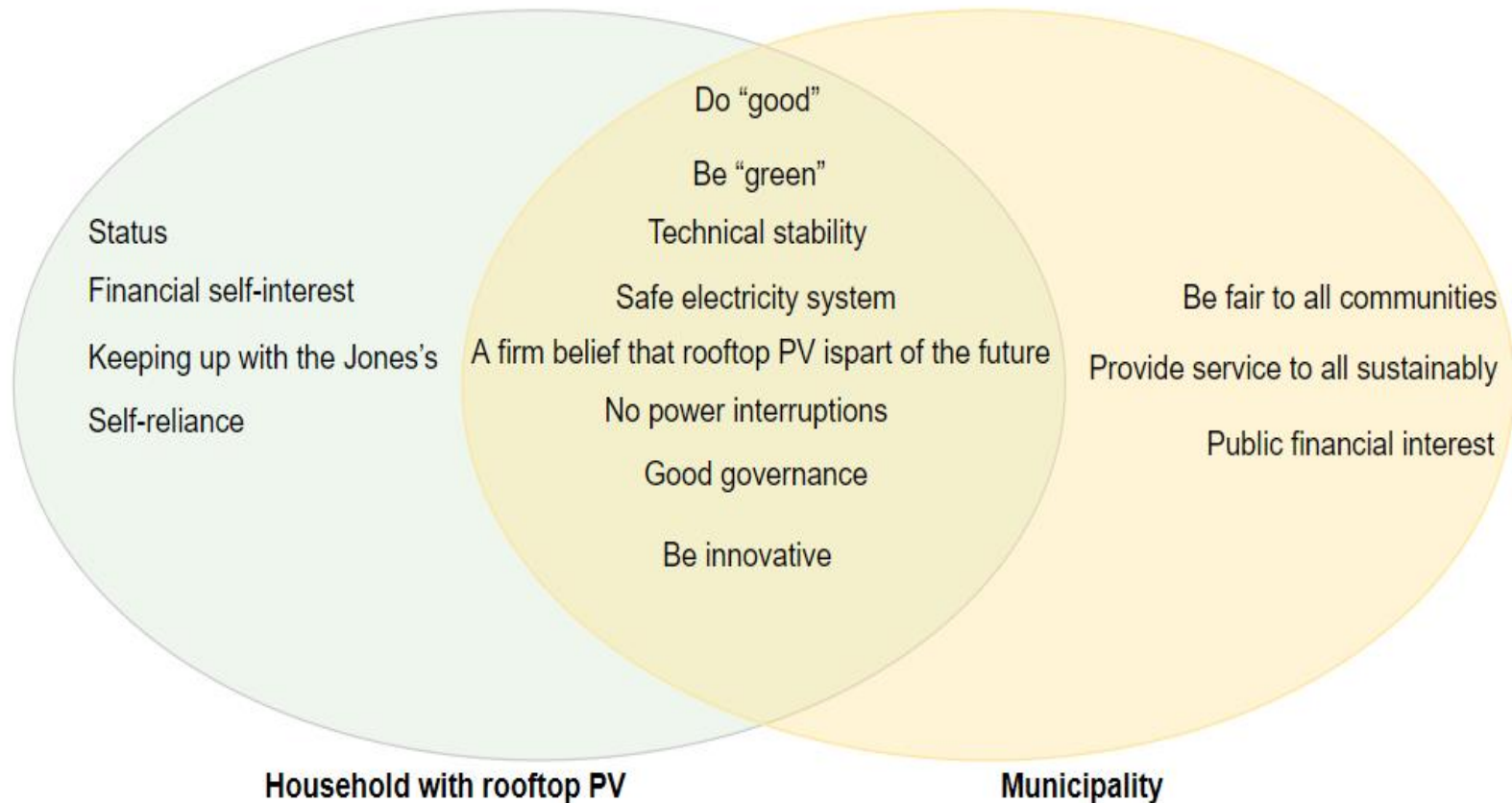
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Visionary Dialogue: the common goal



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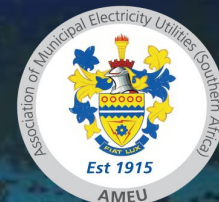
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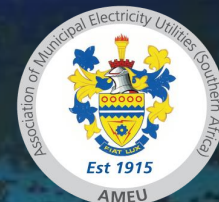
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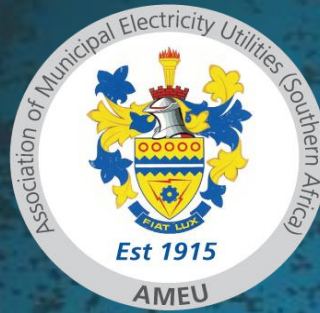


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