



Country Womens Association of N.S.W.

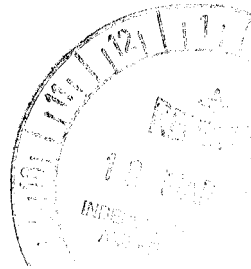
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Dear Sir

The Coolamon Branch of the Country Women's Association wish to lodge the following submission to be considered in the Tribunal's mid term review of electricity tariffs.

We would like to request that consideration be given to changing the electricity tariffs that apply to non-profit community organizations, particularly those in rural areas. The change we suggest is that any building owned or fully leased by groups such as Volunteer Rural Fire Services, Country Women's Association Rooms, Police Citizens Youth Clubs, The Red Cross, Scout & Guide Hall's and any other similar non profit community organizations, be charged for electricity under a new classification only applicable to such groups. If it is not possible to create a new classification, we then request that these organizations be charged for electricity at the rural residential rate, or normal domestic rate rather than the present business rate.

These groups and organizations do not conduct businesses for profit, but rather play a vital part in keeping their communities viable by providing funding, services and amenities otherwise unavailable. Many small communities and groups have great difficulty keeping their facilities, halls etc viable due to the cost of maintenance and repairs, high electricity charges, rising public liability insurance costs, plus the recent imposition of the GST on all these charges.

We request that relief from electricity costs be granted by way of a change of tariff or the introduction of a new tariff classification that covers non profit community groups.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Mrs. Merle Maloney', is written below the closing.

Mrs. Merle Maloney
Secretary
14th March, 2002