



# GLOUCESTER SHIRE COUNCIL

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The Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Sir/Madam

## **RE: Proposed increase in electricity tariffs**

At the last Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on 16 December 2009, Councillor Germon raised in the General Business session, that a number of citizens had mentioned their concerns about the recent increases in the cost of electricity and the announcement that power bills will rise between forty-four (44) percent and sixty-two (62) percent over the next three (3) years.

As a result of these discussions it was determined that Council write to the Premier, the Minister for Energy and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) expressing Council's concerns about the impact such increases will have on the whole of the community and particularly pensioners and people on fixed incomes.

It is understood that a final decision on the proposed increases in electricity charges will be made in March 2010 and it is respectfully suggested that IPART carefully considers the impact this increase will have on all electricity consumers in New South Wales.

I would appreciate your response to this correspondence so that I can keep Councillors informed of your comments.

Yours faithfully

Allan Young  
**GENERAL MANAGER**