
Sent: Monday, 16 March 2009 6:33 PM
To: 'ipart@ipart.com.au'
Subject: Proposed electricity price increases

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great concern that I hear on news that there is a proposal to increase electricity charges by up to 20%. There was a call for feed back from the community on their feelings regarding this issue. Let me tell you factually that if this is to happen while the current financial situation persists we will have to seriously consider our options as far as the employment of our casual staff. I am sure that we are not the only business that will be affected this way. We are currently juggling more hours ourselves along with reducing the hours of up to ten of our casual employees to ride out the downturn. One of our employees is already faced with selling the family home because of this situation. We will try our best to keep valued staff as long as possible as we are confident that things will improve in time but this proposal could not come at worse time, not only for businesses but also for workers who face the double whammy of less pay and higher bills. There MUST be a case to reconsider this until a more prosperous time. It would seem the people making these decisions have no grasp at all on the realities of day to day life of the general population of our great country.

Kind regards