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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
PO Box Q290  
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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Energy Australia Proposal to Increase Public Lighting Prices**

It is understood Energy Australia has made a submission to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal which includes proposals to increase the prices for public lighting services by about 70% over the next 30 months.

Marrickville Council is a participant in the Southern Sydney Region Organisation of Councils (SSROC) Street Lighting Program (SLIP), having been an active participant in this program since its inception. I am aware that the SLIP has made a detailed submission to the IPART on EA's proposal on behalf of its member councils so it is not proposed to repeat those details here.

Marrickville Council is extremely concerned about the magnitude of the increases proposed by Energy Australia. Such increases would have a major impact on Council's annual budget and will severely affect the Council's ability to provide new and ongoing services into the future. Accordingly Marrickville Council endorses the submission by the Street Lighting Improvement Program.

For further enquiries please contact Council's Manager, Engineering Services, Neil Strickland on 9335-2220.

Yours faithfully

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**Re: Energy Australia Proposal to Increase Public Lighting Prices**

Please find attached Council's letter regarding the above.

Regards,  
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