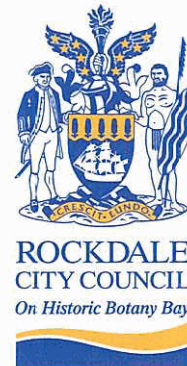


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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Members of the Tribunal,

RE : EnergyAustralia Proposal to increase Public Lighting Prices by 27% Plus CPI

Rockdale City Council would like to thank IPART for the opportunity to make a submission concerning EnergyAustralia's proposal to increase prices by 27% real + CPI over the next 37 months.

Rockdale City Council is one of 29 members of the Street Lighting Improvement Program and concurs with the points made in the joint submission made on behalf of the Program participants.

Rockdale City Council was faced with a number of difficulties with dealing with EnergyAustralia's pricing policies. An example of that is Council's concern about the inability for Council to use the street lighting charge rates for public car parks and under awning lighting in shopping centres. Council has had a great deal of difficulty negotiating this reasonable request especially when trying to negotiate a conversion from a commercial meter to a street lighting supply.

EnergyAustralia is charging for highly inefficient practices such as the continued use of obsolete technology and failing to ensure that the present lighting technology practices were efficient and current.

Rockdale City Council would also like to bring to IPART's attention the difficulty that Council will be facing with managing increases in pricing that are significantly above CPI, particularly as Council is subject to rate pegging restrictions.

The above mentioned plus the fact that it would significantly overcharge Councils is why Rockdale City Council urges IPART to reject EnergyAustralia's revised pricing proposal

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Technical Services Manager, Mr William Woodcock on 02 9562 1643.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Watson".

Chris Watson,
GENERAL MANAGER