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Dear Mr Chairman and Members of the Tribunal, IPART

**SUBMISSION TO IPART ON:**  
**ENERGY AUSTRALIA'S REVISED PUBLIC LIGHTING PROPOSALS**

I refer to IPART's letter dated 15 June 2005 (your reference: 04/570).

As a stakeholder, Council thanks you for an opportunity to provide comments on the Energy Australia's Revised Public Lighting Proposals - currently being considered by IPART.

Council expresses a grave concern that Energy Australia proposes to increase prices by 27% real plus CPI over the next 37 months.

Council spends a substantial amount of its resources on public lighting. Successive price increases of the magnitude proposed by Energy Australia would force cuts in other services within Burwood Local Government Area.

Council is also subject to rate pegging restrictions. The proposed situation would result in a difficulty for Council to manage price increases that are significantly above CPI.

As one of twenty nine (29) participant Councils in the Street Lighting Improvement (SLI) Program, Council concurs with the points made in the joint submission coordinated on behalf of Program participants.

Council therefore urges IPART to reasonably reject Energy Australia's revised public lighting proposals as the proposals will significantly overcharge our public organisation.

Please feel free to contact Mr. South Young, Senior Manager City Assets on 99119911 should you wish to follow-up on the submission, and/or require any further information or clarification.

Yours faithfully

**Pat Romano**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

cc. Ms E. Kelso – IPART