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Subject: SUBMISSION –ENERGY AUSTRALIA PROPOSAL TO INCREASE PUBLIC LIGHTING PRICES BY 27% PLUS CPI

Please find enclosed North Sydney Council's submission on the above.

It would be appreciated if this could be passed to the appropriate persons immediately as submissions close tomorrow at 5.00pm and it is very important that our submission is received.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Adele Jones'.

Adele Jones
Executive Assistant to Mayor

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7 July 2005

Dear Members of the Tribunal

Re: EnergyAustralia proposal to Increase Public Lighting Prices by 27% Plus CPI

We wish 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.

North Sydney Council is a member of the Street Lighting Improvement Program and supports the joint submission made on behalf of the program participants.

The proposed increase by EnergyAustralia would simply reward them for the continuing poor service they have provided North Sydney Council and its residents in repairing/reinstating streetlights. For example there are presently six streets in Kirribilli that are without street lighting. EnergyAustralia was advised of this on 14 June 2005 and they have failed to rectify the problem. In fact they have not given an indication of when the lighting is likely to be fixed.

North Sydney Council urges IPART to reject EnergyAustralia's revised pricing proposal, as it reward poor service delivery and would significantly overcharge councils.

The proposed increase would impact on the available funds North Sydney Council has to provide adequate street lighting to its residents and visitors.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself on 9936 8112 or Council's General Manager, Ms Penny Holloway on 9936 8101 should you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

Genia McCaffery
Mayor

Penny Holloway
General Manager

