



CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

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- **MESSAGE:** **URGENT** **AS DISCUSSED**

Dear Ms Kelso,

**Subject: EnergyAustralia's Public Lighting Pricing Proposal
 Submission from Canterbury City Council**

Attached is our submission.

Regards,

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The Chairman
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box Q290
QVB Post Office NSW 1230

Dear Sir,

Subject: Energy Australia's Public Pricing Lighting Proposal.

I take this opportunity to make a submission objecting to Energy Australia's proposal to increase prices for public lighting services by some 70% (real) over the next 30 months.

Canterbury City Council fully endorses the Street Lighting Improvement (SLI) Program's position against the proposed 70% increase in charges. The SLI Program was initiated in January 2003 by the Southern Sydney Region of Councils (SSROC) in response to growing council concern about the provision of street lighting services provided by Energy Australia.

The increases proposed cover the cost of upgrading obsolete assets, funding inefficient maintenance work practices together with inappropriate depreciation methodology and cost analysis and transferring the costs of these inefficiencies to councils. Our view is that the proposal should be rejected in its entirety by IPART.

Acceptance of Energy Australia's proposal would result in approximately \$400,000 increase in this council's street lighting costs and would require us to reduce services in other areas to pay for the increase.

Should you require further information please call **Ian Marchant** on **9789 9595**.

Yours sincerely,



Jim Montague
GENERAL MANAGER

19 January 2005

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