

13 January 2005

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box Q290
QVB POST OFFICE NSW 1230

Dear Members of the Tribunal,

RE: ENERGYAUSTRALIA'S PROPOSAL TO INCREASE PUBLIC LIGHTING PRICES BY 70% (REAL)

I am writing to you to express Council's strong concern regarding EnergyAustralia's Public Lighting Price Proposal and late notification

To date, Council has only been informed by Energy Australia on 10 January of the details of proposed price increases totaling nearly 70% (real) over the next 30 months and to apply from the forth quarter 2004/05.

Council would appreciate the opportunity to make further comment on the burden of EnergyAustralia's proposed increases, by making additional submissions regarding the details of this impact on the Ku-ring-gai area.

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal web site indicates that Monday 17th Jan at 5pm is the official deadline. Council is aware that verbal indications to the LGSA were given and we seek your confirmation to an extension of time to as late as 4th February 2005 be considered.

In the interim, as a participating member of the 29 Councils in the Street Lighting Improvement (SLI) program, Ku-ring-gai Council fully endorse the SLI program submission dated 14 January 2005 by Next Energy.

Yours faithfully

Brian Bell
General Manager