

The General Manager.
Mr. Frank Zeknick
Broken Hill City Council

Dear Sir,

Re. Submissions to IPART.

I am writing to request that the Broken Hill City Council submits this letter to IPART in relation to huge water & electricity price increases, which as a citizen & ratepayer of I wish to object to.

1. To compare Broken Hill to places down the south coast of NSW. & up around Larrae & Mid North Coast area is simply ludicrous. as these areas have double to three times the rainfall that we have & therefore would not have to use as much water to maintain house & garden

so would not have to go into the higher tariffs

2. In Broken Hill we have a lead dust problem & we have to use more water in wash down areas where there are small children & garden & ground covers to minimise this problem, people over towards the coast have a higher rainfall for outside areas. to keep dust down.

If these proposed prices are allowed, to go ahead then the whole area will simply turn into a dust bowl as a lot of people will not be able to afford it.

They may skimp on basics and/or let everything run down to be able to afford it

The N.S.W. Premier says that pensioners will receive a bigger rebate but I am afraid that our Premier does not really understand the actual cost to people & how they will be affected.

3. Our Council will also be heavily affected with financial burden & possible job losses.

which again effects the whole community

With Electricity the same will apply with people going without (maybe cables) to pay for light, heating & cooling.
My own situation I have reverse cycle heating & cooling which I installed for my wifes health reasons, she suffers from Asthma & we can control the humidity & dust particles with filtration & there are a lot of people in this situation.

I see these huge price increases as a new tax that they are trying to impose camouflaged, as simply price increases.

I wish you to tender this letter to IPART on my behalf & the citizens of Broken Hill

Yours. Sincerely

ERIC RALPH.