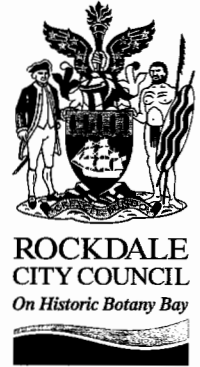


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The Chairman  
Dr Michael Keating  
Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal  
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Dear Dr Keating

**Energy Australia proposal to increase public lighting prices by 70% (real)**

On behalf of Rockdale City Council I wish to submit, in the strongest possible terms, the Council's objection to the Energy Australia proposal to increase street lighting charges by 70%.

Council has been appalled by the relative mismanagement of the street lighting portfolio by Energy Australia as instanced by the progressive fact finding carried out under the SSROC SLI Program.

Rockdale City Council therefore formally submits support for the SSROC SLI IPART Submission which is enclosed.

Council seeks IPART commitment to seriously question the submission by Energy Australia and to require Energy Australia to 'show cause' for their proposed action based on the SSROC SLI submission.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. In parallel to the SSROC SLI Program Rockdale City Council would be pleased to contribute to any hearings, investigations, etc. to endorse that this matter is fully analysed and results in a proper and equitable outcome.

Yours faithfully

  
Greg Smith  
General Manager

Encl.