

Power prices in Tasmania

I'm heartened to read that you are planning to investigate the obscenely rising power prices.

In our household things are dire. We are often cold, not willing to turn on any heating more than a couple of desperate hours in the evening.

Past governments encouraged the removal of fireplaces and replacement with clean energy efficient electric heating. As good citizens we followed suit and did just this.

Now, in retirement our budget is fixed. How can we adjust for the constant draw on resources to pay for power? How can we predict how much its going to cost us to live into our futures?

We have worked all our lives. Paid our taxes on time. Now in our late stages of life it's an extremely sorry thing that this state that can't provide us with affordable power, or a decent health care system but somehow thinks we can build a massive football stadium.

We are cold, dismayed, worried, and frightened. We are scared to get sick incase we need an ambulance that either can't come or can't deliver us to a hospital, or if we get into a hospital we can't rely on getting a bed or seeing a doctor.

Why have the power prices risen? Our service is not enhanced in any way. Why are we paying more for the same service? And where will it stop? We are being held ransom in our homes. Next will we have to turn off the lights and the oven?

Very worried citizens.

Yours sincerely

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