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I write this submission to inform the Inquiry of the impact of rising energy bills.

My name is Lesley Field. I am 68 and suffer from an incurable but rare autoimmune disease and am on chemo all the time. This leaves me feeling cold, and ill a lot of the time. However, I have not been able to afford to turn my reverse cycle heating on at all over this past winter. I can't afford the electricity. I changed providers from Aurora to another provider which has helped immensely. But like many people between mortgage stress (yes pensioners can and do buy their own homes), and rising costs I still can't afford heating. I care for my daughter who has an undiagnosed illness, (or many diagnoses that have proven incorrect) who is in the same position as me. I am dreading summer as it's more difficult to keep cool. At least I won't have to go to bed until it cools. At the moment I am in in bed by 6.30 to keep warm. But I still better off than many Tasmanians who cannot afford a place to live let alone electricity. I had had a you couple living? in their car parked outside my house and the car was burnt one evening forty when they weren't in it. Think about it.