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 EPR

Subject: Submission to Inquiry into Energy Prices **Date:** Saturday, 9 September 2023 12:06:17 AM

I write this submission to inform the Inquiry on how rising energy bills are affecting me.

I am now a pensioner with very limited superannuation and the costs of extra on my electricity bill makes things tougher. But not just for me! Tasmania has the highest unemployment rate in the country (I looked last month) so many Tasmanians are struggling. Please do not add to that struggle?

In addition when you add costs to businesses they pass it on to us which also affects the cost of living... everyone's costs.

We are being penalised because the rest of Australia does not have appropriate energy sources. We here in Tasmania are the closest state of territory to having reasonably sustainable energy. We were already punished by the destruction of our environment to produce sustainable energy and now we are being punished again! Not fair!

Please look after Tasmanians! Please do not add to our costs even more especially when you also consider that our wages and salaries are lower than most other parts of our nation.

Help us to grow! Vicki Ward

Sent from my iPhone