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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN re Country Energy → Origin Energy Price

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Increases

Dear Sir / Madam,

Just a brief submission outlining my objection to proposed increases being sought by Origin Energy in the Great Lakes Area.

I live at Hawks Nest, on the north shore of Port Stephens under the energy supplier of Country Energy. The southern shore of Port Stephens is under Energy Australia. Below is a comparison of some basic charges.

	<u>Country Energy</u>	<u>Energy Australia</u>
Availability Charge	91c/day	47c/day
Usage Charge	24c/day	19c/day

* These figures from your website as at 1/7/2010. No doubt they have changed slightly from this.

One can see that we under Country Energy (Origin) already pay exorbitantly more than our southern neighbours at Nelson and Shoal Bays who are under the same electoral boundary.

Furthermore, we do not have the option to change providers i.e. to have Energy Australia (True Energy) supply Hawks Nest.

As mentioned in my submission on land rates, my pension is regulated by Sydney's C.P.I. (around 2.1%), Any rises in essential services should be restricted to the C.P.I. at least.

Yours faithfully

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