

**Subject: Proposed new charges for electricity.**

Dear Chris,

Congratulations on becoming the new member for Camden as it has been a long time coming and we are glad that the Liberal party has at last got somebody we can trust back in power.

We would like to ask you if you could find out for us why the Premier says that the new IPART recommendations for price increases to Electricity must go through as they are and can not be stopped when he and other members of the new Government when in Opposition clearly said that price increases from IPART were only recommendations and that the Government did **NOT** have to pass them on, what is the difference between what is said in Opposition and being said in Government.

Each time when IPART handed down their decision they always said that the increases recommended did not have to go through and even last week IPART CEO Mr. Jim Cox said that Government did not have to accept their advice so what has changed to make Premier O'Farrell say that the price increases must go through. We know that 6% of the increases has to do with Federal Government green initiatives but the rest of the increases is a State Government problem which you inherited but that does not mean you have to have full increases.

While you are checking this out will you please check and see how AGL can get away with such extraordinary price rises that other people can not get.

Gas supply charge up 161.73% in 14 years averaging 11.55% a year

Gas charge up 84% in 14 years averaging 5.6% a year.

We know big companies can do all sorts of things with figures they supply to IPART but surely somebody in Government can see that this can not be right.

While we expect price increases to happen each year we expect a responsible Liberal Government to check out all figures supplied and to make sure that the increases are as low as possible.

Once again congratulations on you victory in the election and we hope everything goes well for you.

Thank you and oblige,

Ian & Denise Beattie.