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**To:** Retail Electricity Inquiry  
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I feel the ACCC has neglected the crisis the country is in regarding the gouging by electricity suppliers Australia wide. This should NEVER of been allowed to get to this stage and immediate action is required. I have contacted the Federal Minister for Energy and didn't even get the decency of a reply to my queries.

Below is a copy I have sent to various media outlets and pretty well sums up the dire straits we are currently in, and its not just the constant raising of the kWh rate but also the odious daily access fee which seems to be constantly overlooked but is climbing at a rapid rate as well.

Hope you finally get a chance to rein these parasites in and offer struggling Aussies and business some respite from this constant thievery of their hip pocket.

The current electricity crises in our state is absolutely disgusting, considering when this government sold it off we were promised there'd be no price rises. Boy were the people of NSW taken for a ride. The only state worse than us at present is South Australia which is run by a deluded mob and Victoria 's no better. This is an Australia wide problem that shouldn't exist in a country with all the resources to avoid it.

And if Shorten and his cronies get in with their re introduction of a carbon tax well that will be the last nail in the coffin for the country.

We need to be building gas and clean coal fired generators! If its ok to sell our commodities overseas for others to do likewise at a pathetically low price then I'm sorry that commodity should be used here!

Electricity should be classified as an essential item and treated as such. All we need is a government that's got the bottle to actually do something about these obscene prices instead of just flapping their jaws and doing nothing as per usual!

Who's accountable when people start dying because they've frozen to death or business's start closing because they can no longer carry the burden of these cost??

This is a crisis and deserves to be treated as such and should never of been allowed to get where it is in this day and age.

And another thing that should be looked at is the abhorrent daily access fee these companies have been charging and creeping up to a point its now hovering around \$2 per day before a switch is even turned on! The impact of that fee alone can add up to \$180 to your bill per quarter and has been left unchecked for too long!

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Regards

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