

File Ref: 447910

5 June 2012

The Honourable Mark McArdle MP
Minister for Energy and Water Supply
GPO Box 15456
City East Qld 4002

Dear Minister

I refer to your letter of 28 May 2012 in which you issued a Direction under section 253AA of the *Electricity Act 1994* requiring the Authority to advise the Government on the estimated impacts of the carbon tax on retail electricity costs under Tariffs 31 and 33.

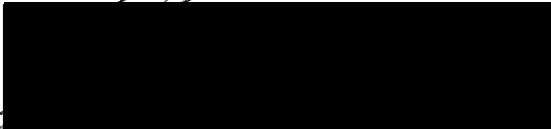
The Authority's estimates of the carbon tax impacts in Tariffs 31 and 33 are provided in the table below.

Table 1: Impact of carbon tax in Tariffs 31 and 33 in 2012-13 (excludes GST)

<i>Retail Tariff</i>	<i>Cost Impact of Carbon Tax</i> <i>c/kWh</i>
Carbon tax in Tariff 31	2.527
Carbon tax in Tariff 33	2.405

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact me on 0406 753 998.

Yours sincerely



Brian Parmenter
Chairperson