



## Petition

Registration No.	6
Title	POWER AND WATER PRICE INCREASES
Presented on	29 November 2012
Presented by	Mr Wood
Referred to	Treasurer (Hon Robyn Lambley)
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Response due	28 March 2013
Response received	22 March 2013 from Treasurer (Hon David Tollner)
Response to be presented	26 March 2013

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#### PETITION AGAINST POWER AND WATER PRICE INCREASE

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY,

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, RESPECTFULLY SHOW

That the announced one-off price increase in utility charges, which will take effective from 1 January 2013, as announced by the Chief Minister and Treasurer –

- 30% increase in the price of power
- 40% increase in water charges
- 25% increase in sewerage charges

**Will lift the cost of living to an unsustainable level for Territorians, especially for families and low income earners.**

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY THAT:

- The Government not bring in high price increases as a one-off increase.
- The Government consider the impact these increases will have on the lives of Territorians.
- The Government increase charges at a much lower rate in increments across the term of this Government.

### Response

The Northern Territory Government has approved the total increases to be phased in over a period of three years rather than commencing in full on 1 January 2013. New pricing orders have been issued with the effect that, in relation to relevant billable customers, the increases taking effect on 1 January 2013 now be:

- a) Twenty percent for electricity;
- b) Thirty percent for water; and
- c) Fifteen percent for sewerage services.