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CQ power bills fall for third year running

Power bills will fall in Central Queensland for the third year in a row from 1 July - by \$84 for households and \$75 for small businesses.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said the Palaszczuk Government knows the cost of living relief for households and business cost relief for employers are important.

“As we emerge from COVID-19 and restrictions continue to ease, it’s important for us all to work together to help Queensland recover. Reducing business costs will support our small businesses to recover and create jobs again.”

Ms Lauga said the reduction in wholesale energy costs largely reflects the expected entry of renewable investment in Queensland and other National Electricity Market regions, and a reduction in domestic gas prices.

She said the Queensland Competition Authority has examined the LNP competition policy in the past and determined that regional consumers would either pay significantly more for electricity or the taxpayer would have to subsidise regional power prices by an additional \$150m/year.

“By contrast, through the Uniform Tariff Policy (UTP), the Queensland Government invests around \$500m per year to ensure that wherever possible, small, regional customers pay no more for their electricity than users in SEQ.”

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