



## Far North Queensland Electricity Users Network

"Advocating on behalf of peak FNQ industry and social organisations for affordable and reliable electricity in FNQ"

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The Far North Queensland Electricity Users Network has started a Change.org petition.

The petition calls on the Premier of Queensland to:

#### **Reduce power bills by 5 % to stop a rise in our cost of living & protect Queensland jobs**

The Queensland Government has the responsibility to set regional Queensland electricity prices.

It proposes to further increase power bills on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 by:

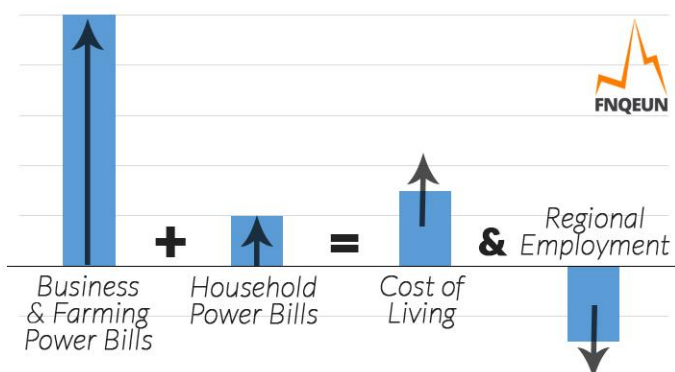
- between 9.3 to 13.6 % for regional Queensland businesses and
- around 2 % for regional Queensland households

The cost of living increases will affect **ALL** Queenslanders and the job losses will occur primarily in regional Queensland.

Farmers too will be forced to pay more to irrigate their crops as their power bills are proposed to rise by more than 10 %. This is at a time when 84 % of Queensland is officially drought declared.

To read more and sign the petition please click on this link: <http://www.fnqeun.com.au/change>

#### *The impact of higher power bills on Queenslanders.*



### **Power bills need to fall by 5 percent not rise by 10 percent or more.**

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