



# Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

**Inquiry:** Inquiry into Local Government funding and services

**Hearing Date:** 25 September 2024

**Question[s] taken on notice**

**Directed to:** Cardinia Shire Council

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**Question asked:**

**The DEPUTY CHAIR (David DAVIS):** Yes. Well, you might want to do that work. We would certainly be interested. The other thing is energy costs. Have you looked at the movement in energy costs across the last five years, for example?

**Carol JEFFS:** For our own council?

**The DEPUTY CHAIR:** For your council, yes – council costs.

**Carol JEFFS:** We are currently totally net zero with our energy provision, so –

**The DEPUTY CHAIR:** That is different from costs.

**Carol JEFFS:** Do you know?

**Allison SOUTHWELL:** Not off the top of my head.

**The DEPUTY CHAIR:** You can take it on notice.

**Response:** Over the past four full financial years we have experienced an overall cost increase of 20%, which has been managed carefully with collaborative contracts for electricity. Significant impacts have been felt with Public Lighting increasing 55% over this four-year period and water 30%

| Energy types         | Sum of 2020/2021 | Sum of 2021/2022 | Sum of 2022/2023 | Sum of 2023/2024 | Year to date 2024/2 | % cost variance between fin year 23/24 from 20/21 |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---|
| Electricity - Energy | \$ 1,261,258.81  | \$ 1,405,558.22  | \$ 1,371,768.58  | \$ 1,350,295.69  | \$ 289,750.18       | 107%  |
| Lighting assets      | \$ 457,920.73    | \$ 649,083.21    | \$ 657,629.40    | \$ 711,213.64    | \$ 132,897.11       | 155%  |
| Natural Gas          | \$ 70,586.64     | \$ 68,734.56     | \$ 70,451.03     | \$ 57,168.18     | \$ 20,092.79        | 81%   |
| Water                | \$ 383,722.83    | \$ 583,459.12    | \$ 568,431.89    | \$ 497,556.02    | \$ 86,368.58        | 130%  |
| Grand Total          | \$ 2,173,489.00  | \$ 2,707,143.11  | \$ 2,668,836.53  | \$ 2,616,632.53  | \$ 529,108.66       | 120%  |