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Business electricity survey extended in Mt Isa and Whitsundays

Over 600 businesses in regional Queensland have chosen to participate in a survey on how a doubling of electricity costs, including a rise of up to 20 percent in the last two years, is impacting on them.

Coordinator of the Queensland Electricity Users Network (QEUN) Jennifer Brownie said that due to the school holidays the electricity survey has been extended in the Mt Isa and Whitsunday regional council areas until Sunday 15th October.

To date 63 surveys have been received from Mt Isa, 104 from the Whitsundays, 204 from the Southern Downs and 220 from Mareeba Shire.

“Our target is 400 surveys from Mt Isa and the Whitsundays and we are hoping the extension of time will allow the target of 200 each to be achieved,” Ms Brownie said.

The online survey is accessed via the website www.qeun.com.au or call (07) 4031 2970 to complete over the telephone.

Survey responses are being sought from businesses servicing the tourism, mining and agricultural industries (including farmers) through to those servicing the general community such as cafes, bakeries, hairdressers, health professionals, real estate agents, petrol stations, mechanics, stockfeed shops and supermarkets.

All individual responses to the survey are aggregated allowing a business to voice an opinion without being identified.

The aggregated results will be conveyed to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission currently conducting an Inquiry into Electricity Supply and Prices.

The electricity survey is open to all Queensland businesses to complete.

The total number of surveys received is updated daily on the QEUN website.

We encourage all types of businesses to complete the survey by 15th October on www.qeun.com.au or call (07) 4031 2970 to complete over the telephone.

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