

When we took over the Coffee Shop 8 years ago our electricity costs were quite high. We spent several thousand dollars converting our lighting to more efficient type. In doing so we saw a drop in our bill of \$2,000 per month. Within one year of doing this the increases in tariffs had taken us back to where we were prior to the change in lighting. A further increase at this point of time would put extreme pressure on our business in its ability to pay rent, taxes and other outgoings whilst still maintaining our current staffing levels. It is highly likely that if there was an increase in the range of 10% we would have to decrease our staffing levels. It threatens our livelihood.