

# Understanding the electricity market

## Tuesday 28 March - Panel session and briefing



### Confused about the electricity market? Want to know how to reduce your costs?

Food South Australia has gathered a panel of energy specialists to discuss the electricity market and how the food industry uses and consumes electricity.

Join our panel of experts to get answers to some of the key questions and discuss the main challenges faced by food and beverage industry businesses about how you use and consume electricity, including:

- How are prices likely to change in the future? What are the key causes of the price increases? (Renewables? Gas supply? Network?) Why are South Australia's prices higher than the other states?
- Confused by your energy bills? Learn how to understand them.
- How are network charges changing? What can you do to minimise my electricity costs?
- How can you get data about my usage pattern and what does the jargon (energy efficiency, procurement and brokering, peak shaving, shifting load, power generation and storage) really mean?

#### Who should attend?

This briefing is suitable for anyone with responsibility for purchasing electricity and managing production eg food business owners, production managers/supervisors, purchasing and financial officers.

**Date:** 28 March 2017

**Time:** 3.00pm-5.00pm, followed by networking drinks until 6.00pm

**Location:** Meeting Room 1, Plant Research Centre, Waite Campus, 2B Hartley Grove, Urrbrae

**Cost:** Food South Australia Members: \$33 (inc gst) Non-Members: \$55(inc gst)

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## Panelists and agenda



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- Convenor: Mark Gishen from Gishen Consulting
- Energy brokers and retailers: - Dean Willis, Energy4Business; Reza Evans, CQ Partners
- Energy efficiency consultant: Nick Palouisis, 2XE
- Network Operator: Joe Caruso, SA Power Network

### Questions

- How are prices likely to change in the future?  
(how much have prices gone up in the past?  
Over what time frame?)
- What are the key causes of the price increases? (Renewables? Gas supply? Network?)
- Why are South Australia's prices higher than the other states?
- What can I do to minimise and manage my electricity costs? (Procurement, shave, shift, generate, store, improve efficiency etc)
- What other purchasing solutions can food businesses use? (Energy brokerage, procurement, retail vs wholesale, risk management)
- What energy efficiency opportunities should you prioritise to help save money?
- Funding programs available for energy efficiency (REES, BUF, EPP)
- What are the components of the bill and their proportions for a typical food business
- How can I get data about my usage pattern?

### Answers

### Notes