

The Future of Power in South Australia



Food South Australia statement on power

Food South Australia recognises the State's priority for significant strategic and infrastructure changes to the supply of power in South Australia, and welcomes debate about future-proofing the state's power supply. Regardless of the final mix of power sources and strategies however, Food South Australia stresses the need for any solution to energy supplies to address the crippling effect of not just power, but all utility costs, and reliability to manufacturing in South Australia.

Food South Australia's State of the Industry surveys first identified utilities costs, including electricity, gas and water, as higher than the national average in 2014. This trend continues, posing a significant challenge to sustainability and growth of the food and beverage sector in this state. In March 2017, the Australian Industry Group reported that 47% of South Australian manufacturers experienced energy price increases averaging 14% in 2016.

As food and beverage is the only sector in South Australia that has consistently reported growth year on year for 18 years, Food South Australia believes the continuing increases in utility costs will reduce the sustainability and profitability of the sector, and has the potential to significantly limit growth and innovation in food and beverage manufacturing.

Food South Australia is actively advocating for the industry and liaising with Government, key agencies and organisations across the business community to ensure the concerns of the industry are heard. We are keeping food and beverage businesses across the state informed, and seeking opportunities for the development of constructive strategies to address the challenges for our industry created by ongoing and significant increases in utilities costs in South Australia.

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