

MEDIA RELEASE

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OPERATIONAL PLAN 2026-2027 PUBLIC EXHIBITION PROPOSED CHANGES TO ELECTRICITY TARIFFS

The Norfolk Island Regional Council (Council) has placed the following key documents under Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework on public exhibition:

- Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036
- The combined Delivery Program 2026-2030 and Operational Plan 2026-2027, which also incorporates the Revenue Policy Statement, Annual Budget, Schedule of Fees and Charges, and the Long-Term Financial Plan (2026-2036) for the 2026-2027 financial year.

These are significant documents that guide Council's strategic direction and service delivery for the community. During the public exhibition period, Council have provided additional information through media releases and social media. The additional information is on our website at www.nirc.gov.au/Public-Exhibition/IPR-Documents.

Council also held public meetings to enable the community to access relevant information and ask questions directly of Executive Management. The meetings were on 17 June and 22 June 2026 at Rawson Hall.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ELECTRICITY TARIFFS

The following details the proposed changes to electricity tariffs on page 148 of the Council's *Delivery Program (2026-36) and Operational Plan (2026-27) Public Exhibition Draft* on our website at www.nirc.gov.au/Public-Exhibition/IPR-Documents.

Council has been advised that a public submission will be made on these proposed rates by the Electricity Special Purpose Committee (ESPC). To view the Committee's proposed rates, see the 'ESPC submission' column in the tables below.

ENERGY CONSUMED				
Applies to all residents, whether you have solar or not				
Energy consumed when...	Current 2025-26 Fee	Proposed 2026-27 Fee in draft Operational Plan	ESPC submission: Proposed 2026-27 Fee	What does this mean?
Diesel-in-use (\$/kWh)	\$0.82	\$0.82 There are no proposed changes for next year.	\$0.83 The Committee is proposing a \$0.01 increase compared to the previous year.	When diesel generators are operating and you are using energy from the grid, Council is proposing the rate will remain, and the Committee is proposing to increase it.

Battery discharging (\$/kWh)	\$0.41	\$0.45 This represents a \$0.04 increase compared to the previous year.	\$0.50 The Committee is proposing a \$0.09 increase compared to the previous year.	The proposed changes mean that when you are using energy from the grid while the battery is discharging , the rate will increase.
System in balance (\$/kWh)	\$0.20	\$0.20 There are no proposed changes for next year.	\$0.20 The Committee is not proposing changes for next year.	When the system is in balance and you are using energy from the grid, the rate will remain the same as the previous year.
Battery charging (\$/kWh)	\$0.05	\$0.10 This represents a \$0.05 increase compared to the previous year.	\$0.10 The Committee is proposing a \$0.05 increase compared to the previous year.	The proposed changes mean that when you are using energy from the grid while the battery is charging , the rate will increase.

ENERGY SOLD Applies to residents with private solar and battery who sell electricity to the grid				
Energy sold when...	Current 2025-26 Fee	Proposed 2026-27 Fee in draft Operational Plan	ESPC submission: Proposed 2026-27 Fee	What does this mean?
Diesel-in-use (\$/kWh)	\$0.82	\$0.62 This represents a \$0.20 decrease compared to the previous year.	\$0.73 The Committee is proposing a \$0.09 decrease compared to the previous year.	The proposed change means that when diesel generators are operating and you sell energy to the grid, the rate will decrease compared to the previous year.
Battery discharging (\$/kWh)	\$0.41	\$0.41 There are no proposed changes for next year.	\$0.35 The Committee is proposing a \$0.06 decrease compared to the previous year.	When you sell energy to the grid while the battery is discharging , Council is proposing the rate will remain, and the Committee is proposing a decrease.
System in balance (\$/kWh)	\$0.20	\$0.15 This represents a \$0.05 decrease compared to the previous year.	\$0.10 The Committee is proposing a \$0.10 decrease compared to the previous year.	The proposed change means that when the system is in balance and you sell energy to the grid, the rate will decrease compared to the previous year.
Battery charging (\$/kWh)	\$0.05	\$0.05 There are no proposed changes for next year.	\$0.05 There are no proposed changes for next year.	When you sell energy to the grid while the battery is charging , the rate will remain.

In the proposed draft *Operational Plan (2026-27)*, the **daily supply charge** of \$1.20 per day is proposed to remain the same. In the ESPC submission, the Committee is proposing that the daily supply charge be \$1.53 per day.

There is no proposed change for electricity rebate for residents aged 65 years and above. This seniors' electricity rebate is available for one residence per customer, up to a maximum of one rebate

per residence (where there is more than one person over the age of 65 years). The rebate is \$27.75 per quarter.

If you would like to share feedback, you are encouraged to make a public submission.

Council welcomes community feedback on the documents currently on public exhibition. Feedback will be reviewed progressively as it is received.

Council acknowledges this timeframe is tight and we thank community members for providing early feedback where possible.

To view all the documents and to make a public submission, follow the instructions on the link above, and provide feedback before the **submission closing date of: 4:00pm on 29 June 2026**.

Hard copies of the documents are available for viewing at Customer Care in the Bicentennial Complex, Taylors Road.

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