

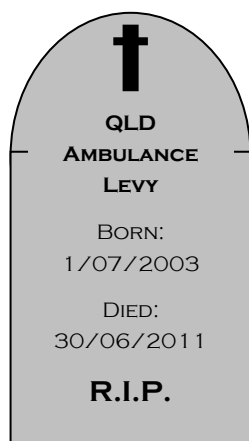
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**Happy birthday to two of
our Watts crew
Rosie and Ray for 19/7/11**



Joke of the Month

Lawyer and Senior

A lawyer and a senior citizen are sitting next to each other on a long flight. The lawyer is thinking that seniors are so dumb that he could get one over on them easily. So the lawyer asks if the senior would like to play a fun game. The senior is tired and just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and tries to catch a few winks.

The lawyer persists, saying that the game is a lot of fun. "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5. Then you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500," he says.

This catches the senior's attention and to keep the lawyer quiet, he agrees to play the game. The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the Earth to the Moon?" The senior doesn't say a word, but reaches into his pocket, pulls out a \$5 bill and hands it to the lawyer.

Now it's the senior's turn. He asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with 3 legs and comes down with 4?" The lawyer uses his laptop and searches all references he could find on the Net. He sends emails to all the smart friends he knows; all to no avail. After an hour of searching he finally gives up. He wakes the senior and then hands him \$500. The senior pockets the \$500 and goes right back to sleep. The lawyer is going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes the senior up and asks, "Well, so what goes up a hill with 3 legs and comes down with 4?"

The senior reaches into his pocket, hands the lawyer \$5 and goes back to sleep.

Don't muck around with seniors!!!

Mylo Browncoat (Is taking his medicine)

The Good, The Bad & The Unforgiveable

The Good

1. **Q Energy** – new Qld owned electricity retailer – for providing good prices, preparing the electricity bills in Brisbane and employing Queenslanders.
2. **Energex Networks** for back dating NTC charge to 1/2/11 from 8300 to 8100 – Awesome!
3. **Brian Gardiner of Origin** for finally getting a bill of \$8200 to the correct amount of \$160 for one of our valued staff. You are a legend Brian and you should be paid more.
4. **Miracles do happen** – **Paul Enright from Origin** has performed a miracle – he has determined why high costs for Site Specific Network Sites (larger customers) – decimal point was moved 2 places over – example of change in cost in June was \$15,798.00, May was -\$58.00. Mr Enright was faultless. He advised Credit Dept and Collections that these accounts had been suspended.

Determined error was caused by updating the latest Energex Capacity Demand figures (effective 1/7/11) prior to running June and some May invoices.

Advised Origin would:

1. Reverse all June 2011 bills for impacted sites
2. Delete the demand resets applied for 30/6/11
3. Re-issue June accounts
4. Re-apply the demand resets for 1/7/11

Could be lots of 'overtime' for the Origin billing folk. However, well done Paul Enright – your responses reminded us of days gone by (Energex/Sun Retail years). Mr Enright – you make Origin look good. Watts Energy and all our clients impacted truly appreciate your effort and responses.

5. **Lay Off Letter - kindly donated by Ted**

Little wonder why this guy is boss. He is sharp! You can't be any fairer than this ...

Dear Employees

As the CEO of this organisation, I have resigned myself to the fact that Julia Gillard is our Prime Minister and that our taxes and government fees will increase in a BIG way because of their spending spree and proposed Carbon Dioxide tax.

To compensate for these increases, our prices would have to increase by about 10%. But since we cannot increase our prices right now due to the dismal state of the economy, we will have to lay off 60 of our employees instead. This has really been bothering me since I believe we are family here and I didn't know how to choose who would have to go.

So, this is what I did. I walked through our parking lot and found sixty Rudd and Gillard bumper stickers on our employees' cars and have decided these folks will be the ones to let go. I can't think of a more fair way to approach this problem. They voted for change ... I gave it to them.

I will see the rest of you at the annual company picnic.

The Bad

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) – draft exemption guideline and accompanying paperwork in relation to network registration and retail on-selling.

Questions (there will be thousands) – a few examples are:

Can you apply for exemption?

Do you register with AEMO?

Will they allow Parent-Child NMLs in Qld (grapevine says Parent-Child NMI in the southern states is a nightmare) which will result in incorrect accounts for owners?

Will owner have to allow any tenant to go direct to a supplier of their choice? Who will pay for the electrical modifications – The owner? The tenant? The Federal Govt? Perhaps Julia will use the carbon tax money. Yes use the Carbon Tax and install hundreds of thousands more direct power supplies, possible transformers, substations and lets load up Origin, AGL and TRUenergy with so many more customers and with one in three wrong accounts currently being issued. Let's go for broke and say every account to a Queensland customer will be wrong. Good on you Julia and the AER.

Origin, AGL and TRUenergy are struggling now and 1 in every 3 bills are incorrect and customers are being over charged, so Mylo just does not get this customer protection bit. From what we have seen, shops within an embedded network are billed correctly and in a timely manner not like the supplier – incorrect and some customers are waiting for 6 months to receive their first account. Origin can re-issue a bill for the same billing period 2,3,4,5 or 6 times. The billing system has more holes in it than Dear Liza's bucket! Inexperienced billing staff who do not understand are also a large factor in the huge increase in wrong accounts to all customers over the last year. 95% of these errors are 'overcharges' to the customer.

The Unforgiveable

Carbon Tax – So what was the large increase which commenced 1st January 2011 for the SRES & LRET? Oh sorry, that's right; they called it 'Enhanced.'

So, for the 100 accounts we checked where the increase for 1 month was \$181,451 or the projected \$8 million dollar increase for 1 year for all the 430 accounts - How much for every contestable account in Australia?

SRES & LRET were previously RECS and you have been paying for RECS since 1/4/2001

A carbon tax, sorry but we have been had (refer Dr David Evans' information next).

Dr David Evans consulted full-time for the Australian Greenhouse Office (now the Department of Climate Change) from 1999 to 2010, modelling Australia's carbon in plants, debris, mulch, soils and forestry and agricultural products. Evans is a mathematician and engineer with six university degrees including a PhD from Stanford University in electrical engineering. The area of human endeavour with the most experience and sophistication in dealing with feedbacks and analysing complex systems is electrical engineering and the most crucial and disputed aspects of understanding the climate system are the feedbacks. The evidence supporting the idea that CO2 emissions were the main cause of global warming reversed itself from 1998 to 2006.

A short snapshot from Dr David Evans – the start and end of his talk – Perth – 23 March 2011

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen

The debate about global warming has reached ridiculous proportions and is full of micro thin half-truths and misunderstandings.

I am a scientist who was on the carbon gravy train, I understand the evidence, I was once an alarmist (believed in Global Warming) but I am now a sceptic.

Watching this issue unfold has been amusing but, lately, worrying.

This issue is tearing society apart, making fools and liars out of our politicians.

We are now at an extraordinary juncture.

Official climate science, which is funded and directed entirely by government, promotes a theory which is based on a guess about moist air and is now a known falsehood. Governments gleefully accept their advice, because the only way to curb emissions is to impose taxes and extend government control over all energy use. And to curb emissions on a world scale might even lead to world government, how exciting for the political class!

A carbon tax?

Even if Australia stopped emitting all carbon dioxide tomorrow, completely shut up shop and went back to the stone age, according to the official government climate models it would be cooler in 2050 by about 0.015 degrees. But their models exaggerate tenfold – in fact our sacrifices would make the planet in 2050 a mere 0.0015 degrees cooler!

Sorry, but you've been had.

Finally, to those of you who still believe the planet is in danger from our carbon dioxide emissions: sorry, but you've been had. Yes carbon dioxide is a cause of global warming, but it's so minor it's not worth doing much about.

Lady having a glass of wine at home on the verandah with her husband.

She says, "I love you."

He asks, "Is that you or the wine talking?"

She replies, "It's me talking to the wine."