

- In the 2014-15 Queensland State Budget, the Brisbane consumer price index (CPI) was forecast to grow by 2¾% in 2014-15. This forecast incorporated the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) determination of a 13.6% increase for a typical Tariff 11 bill (the main retail tariff for residential electricity customers).
- In its 2014-15 Final Determination¹ on electricity prices, the QCA estimated that the repeal of the carbon tax would result in a reduction of approximately 8 percentage points to the growth rate of the Tariff 11 charge in 2014-15.²
- Incorporating QCA's carbon-exclusive electricity price determination, the impact on Brisbane CPI growth for 2014-15 is a reduction of approximately ¼ percentage point.
- Note that this estimate does not attempt to quantify any second round impacts which may arise as a result of reduced electricity costs for larger users.

¹ *Regulated retail electricity prices 2014-15, May 2014*, Queensland Competition Authority.

² Given its small weighting in Brisbane's CPI basket, the impact from any change in residential gas prices is likely to be negligible.