

The Secretary  
Senate Community Affairs Committee  
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I am submitting a statement on what I feel affects the cost of living.

The two major Australia-wide supermarket chains offer 4 cents a litre discount on petrol, but first a person must spend \$40.00 in one purchase to achieve the discount and then must present the receipt at the petrol outlet when paying for the petrol.

Each Supermarket Chain also run promotional goodies - like three liquor outlets - Buy six bottles of wine in one purchase and get 20 cents discount - or occasionally spend \$80.00 in one purchase and get 8 cents a litre discount.

Both Supermarket chains also weekly publish a letterbox supplement on supposedly bargain items always items that in my mind

are useless, chocolate blocks,  
 potatoe chips, Twosties, soft drinks  
 Coca-cola  
 a double page of "good life small"  
 chocolate bars, Feddo frogs,  
 Cherry ripes, Kit Kats etc etc  
 I have spent the last couple of years  
 with these bargain repliments of  
 The Fresh Food people and  
 The Dollar Dayles people  
 and in regards to the items on  
 sale each item has the savings  
 shown below -  
 But what I have noticed and I  
 believe is happening the companies  
 are using these sales as a ruse  
 because these sales as a ruse  
 the items never have I seen any of  
 price return to the original  
 I.E. item is \$2-50 - sales \$2-00  
 but after the weekly sale the  
 item doesnot return to \$2-50 but  
 becomes \$2-75

To return to the petrol discounting  
 both Supermarket companies are  
 associated with petroleum companies  
 one company is associated with  
 Caltex the other company is  
 with Shell oil and it is my  
 belief that the two Supermarket  
 chains are controlling the amount  
 of money paid per litre for petrol  
 a good instance is why does petrol  
 always revert to its  
 maximum price on a Thursday  
 the usual weekly pay-day when it  
 is usually necessary to fill the  
 tank and then over the following  
 week petrol reduced by 5 cents  
 a litre then the following Thursday  
 goes up by 10 cents a litre  
 another example of never returning  
 to the original price  
 The claim Parady with Singapore prices

Electricity I receive a 12 weekly  
 account and each account  
 contains a service charge of \$28-34  
 annually \$113-36 that is  
 951 \$111-33 and of course  
 \$124-69 gas at total of

We pay our gas, electricity  
 and telephone by Direct Debit  
 We receive a monthly account for  
 calls made on the telephone I am  
 not complaining about that, We have  
 cable T.V. in conjunction with our  
 telephone line that is a fixed  
 monthly amount  
 but also Gas and electricity is a  
 monthly fixed amount direct debit  
 but both utilities are constantly  
 in debt because the monthly amount  
 do-not cover usage costs  
 One of the reasons could be the  
 above reasons.

I feel this is enough for now.  
 Yours Sincerely  
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