Ø QId Energy Forum – no shortage of energy issues

Our recent *Qld Energy Forum* held in Brisbane on 25th May was well attended and featured a range of presentations that were both topical and informative. Not surprisingly, pressures for energy costs to rise were and theme on most people's lips. There was an international component with Prof Ulrich Nissen of University of Applied Sciences of Central Hesse (THM) Giessen, Germany and currently Professor at University of Southern Queensland speaking about rising energy costs and how they can be managed. Not just any old Professor, Ulrich has a very practical bent borne out of engagement with commercial issues and companies dealing with rising energy costs. A key theme was the increased focus and attention they pay to energy issues as prices rise and the types of responses they have. Other presentations included:

- A Qld Government perspective on energy policy into the future
- Presentations from Powerlink, Energex and Ergon about a range of network issues, how they are managing them and key price changes
- Presentations from ERM Retail about demand management options and Origin Energy on their strategy for C&I customers

A series of interesting and informative presentations on gas ranging from ACIL Tasman's Qld gas market outlook, the Qld Gas Commissioner, the pipeline operator APA and two customer perspectives (Incitec Pivot & the EUAA's Qld Regional Manager)

A look at the renewable energy market, the renewable energy target and where this is headed (including a market trading exercise – think everyone lost money!)

We would like to thank our events sponsors <u>ERM Power Retail</u> and <u>Powerlink</u>. Attendees have been sent a link to download the presentations from. Others can contact the EUAA on (03) 9898 3900 or <u>euaa@euaa.com.au</u> to find out how to obtain copies (there is a modest charge).