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## **QSU - Watching 3 - Man Energy Review**

The Queensland Services Union (QSU) will be keeping a close eye on the proceedings and outcomes from the three-man review panel, which will be reviewing Queensland's electricity prices as announced by Energy Minister Mark McArdle yesterday.

The QSU which represents thousands of Energy Industry workers at Ergon Energy, Energex and Powerlink is encouraged by Minister McArdle's announcement that the State Government is looking at ways to improve customer and community services for all Queenslanders in regards to their energy supply.

However, QSU Secretary Kath Nelson said before any changes are made, workers must be consulted and their working rights and conditions respected.

"Our union has spent much of the last twelve months in collective negotiations with Ergon, Energex and Powerlink in achieving fair and reasonable Enterprise Agreements for workers," Ms Nelson said.

"One of the main clauses agreed upon in the new Agreements is that workers will be consulted if the corporation is in the process of making a decision that may affect the production, program, organisation, structure, or technology of the organisation."

"We will aim ensure the consultation provisions of the Agreements are followed," Ms Nelson said.

"Currently workers across the Energy Industry are already experiencing some uncertainty due to major restructures within these organisations."

"Our union is currently working with members to make sure their working life is not adversely impacted due to these restructures."

"Our members at Ergon, Energex and Powerlink are dedicated people who want to continue to deliver the best energy services to Queenslanders and we look forward to working with the State Government in ensuring this continues."

"We will be vitally interested in the outcomes from the review and will be insisting on the level of consultation required by our Agreements before anything is implemented," Ms Nelson said.

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