

Supermarket Pricing Inquiry

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Supermarket Pricing Select Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary

RE: Regional Freight Transport Service Contract

The Bulloo Shire Council have recently been advised by our local Foodworks that should the DTMR Regional Freight Transport Service Contract be ceased the increase in freight costs to our local Foodworks store could be up to 350%. This will result in a dramatic increase to the cost of food and the cost of living in our Shire and it would be unsustainable. We understand that other communities such as Dirranbandi, Goondiwindi, Killarney, Millmerran, Mitchell, Quilpie, Tambo, Tara, Texas, Dalby, and Warwick may also be impacted by any ceasing of the DTMR Regional Freight Transport Service Contract.

Road services are currently provided through Linfox that are funded by the Queensland Government DTMR through a Regional Freight Transport Service Contract. Council are concerned by reports that DTMR has decided to cease the funding from January 2024. The result of the funding ceasing means the rates will may increase on the 01st April 2024.

Council have been advised that with the Government ceasing the funding, the Current Rates and the New Proposed Base Rates for Thargomindah will be as follows. All rates excludes Fuel Surcharge and GST.

StoreNum	Customer Name	GroPerFV	Bin	Current Rate to Customer	New rate to Customer
		Gro	1 to 4	83.95	294.51
		Gro	5 to 9	83.95	294.51
		Gro	10 to 19	83.95	294.51
		Gro	FL	83.95	294.51
		Per	1 to 4	158.27	294.51
		Per	5 to 9	158.27	294.51
		Per	10 to 19	156.88	294.51
		Per	FL	155.53	294.51

This is a projected freight increase is unsustainable for the people of our Shire and the local Foodworks family run business cannot absorb these costs nor can the customers.

The Bulloo Shire Council would welcome the opportunity to discuss the cost of food further with your Committee.

If you have any queries or require further information in relation to this matter, please contact the undersigned by email CEO@bulloo.qld.gov.au or by contacting the Council office on (07) 4621 8000.

Yours faithfully

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Tiffany Dare
Chief Executive Officer