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Te Aponga Uira generates and distributes electricity to Rarotonga in accordance with its mandate under the Te Aponga Uira O Tumu-te-Varovaro Act (1991). TAU is a critical key infrastructure asset for Rarotonga and the wider Cook Islands. The primary function of Te Aponga Uira (TAU) is the provision of electricity to the people of Rarotonga in a ...

The main upward contribution came from the Housing and Household Utilities Group of 11.3 per cent, driven predominantly by higher prices in the Electricity rates of 18.2% (due to the cost to supply electricity i.e diesel and oil) and the maintenance and repair of dwelling subgroup of 4.3%.

The Te Aponga Uira board has now approved a new June discount rate of up to \$30 off every domestic household power bill and 30 per cent off the bills of all commercial customers who are currently registered with the Ministry of Finance & Economic Management as being eligible to receive support.

Cook Islands has been rated among the five most expensive countries in the world in terms of electricity charges. for as little as \$11 per month. Already a subscriber, [click here](#).

Prime Minister Mark Brown has now confirmed that electricity provider Te Aponga Uira's power bill discount scheme for households and eligible businesses will continue throughout the month of June, albeit at a reduced rate.

Te Aponga Uira CEO Lesley Katoa would like to stress however that even after June 30 any customers experiencing financial hardship are always welcome at the TAU office to discuss possible alternative payment options.

"Communication is key, so if you are unsure about your ability to continue paying your power bill on time, come into the office. The sooner you come in and talk to us about it the sooner we can put together a solution. We are here to help."

This latest electricity discount from Te Aponga Uira has been formalised by the Te Aponga Uira Board of Directors in conjunction with Cook Islands Investment Corporation and the Cook Islands government.

Te Aponga Uira has supported the government's Economic Response Plan assistance program through the electricity discount scheme since March 2020 now and during that time the scheme has saved Rarotonga households and businesses more than \$11 million.

"The assistance offered to Rarotonga households and businesses by Te Aponga Uira during this difficult period has been nothing short of tremendous," said Cook Islands Investment Corporation Chair Michael



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Henry.

"The power bill discount scheme is a perfect example of how the Cook Islands Investment Corporation and its State-Owned Enterprises have been able to help support the nation through these trying times" Mr Henry concluded.

The Cook Islands Investment Corporation (CIIC) would like to share developments at the Nikao Social Centre and the planned relocation of the Blackrock Early Childhood Education (ECE) centre. BackgroundOver many years, CIIC has been working on comprehensive plans to redevelop

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