Subject: :@:@:@
Posted by Adrian Mack on Tue, 17 Feb 2004 09:47:52 GMT
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It seems like Perth is getting hotter and hotter each year.The temperature for toNIGHT is 28deg celcius. I sleep with no air conditioner. Looks like I won't be sleeping tonight :P Very humid too. I hate it.

Subject: Re: :@:@:@
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 17 Feb 2004 12:42:47 GMT
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No air conditioner, Yikes! 'Bout time to get a window unit!!!

Subject: Re: :@:@:@
Posted by Adrian Mack on Tue, 17 Feb 2004 22:04:02 GMT
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I should!Due to big demands on power today from everybody trying to keep cool, the power company has banned the use of air conditioners for today (hopefully for only today). If you use one you get fined $1000!

Subject: Re: :@:@:@
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 18 Feb 2004 02:17:12 GMT
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Ahh, now I understand. Hopefully, the heatwave will pass soon then.

Subject: Re: :@:@:@
Posted by Adrian Mack on Wed, 18 Feb 2004 04:25:32 GMT
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I still don't have an air conditioner where I sleep, but there is in the other room. So I still gotta put

up with the hot nights!

Subject: Explanation for power ban
Posted by Adrian Mack on Wed, 18 Feb 2004 22:20:14 GMT
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Big businesses and industrial shops, supermarkets etc were also on the power ban yesterday. Many supermarkets and butchers had to throw away lots of refriderated food as they weren't allowed to turn those freezers on either because it takes a lot of power. Losses were in the tens of millions of dollars, and now they're seeking compensation for their losses. The ban on using all these items was imposed because the power company couldn't cope with the huge power demand especially with air conditioners on. But the opposition party of the state government (Liberal) has come out and said the reason is the Labour party (who own the power company, Wester Power) forgot to order more gas for the power station. Pretty poor if you ask me. Because of their stupidnesses, tens of millions worth of food stock was thrown away. And Western Power threatened fines of up to $10,000 for businesses if they turned on air cons, freezers, etc. It's big talk around here now, I think it will be a while until it goes away. I don't blame 'em for wanting compensation!

Subject: Re: Explanation for power ban
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 18 Feb 2004 23:06:17 GMT
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Wow, Adrian, that's a big deal.It's an interesting story about an interesting problem. I think I agree with you that some compensation is in order, but it sounds like the damages may be at nearly catastrophic levels that might not be realistically payable by the Labour Party and/or power company. If compensation were agreed or awarded, they may just raise taxes to compensate themselves for the compensation paid, which then puts it back on the consumer.I'll bet that is the big topic of discussions right now, and will probably be brought up for quite some time, particularly when its time to elect new officials.

Subject: Re: Explanation for power ban
Posted by Adrian Mack on Fri, 20 Feb 2004 11:29:33 GMT
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The Chief Executive and another guy in an important position in Western Power got the sack today! They also want to fire the Energy Minister because of it. The guy lives across the other side of Australia yet he controls our state. He gets free plane rides to come over here and do business.

Why cant they hire an energy minister who lives in the same state. I wonder how many other people will get fired...

Subject: heh,im not gona vote next time
Posted by Mike.e on Sun, 14 Mar 2004 01:07:55 GMT
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Every political party has a drawback,yet i cant see one with the right drawback and right good part to it to bother voting,i voted labour last time for 'the people' ,good for student loans etc,but then they introduce the UN puppet 'rights' bills about parents not being able to smack their kids cos its child abuse :P what utter bollocks!we have idiots here too, OOPS we forgot to build enough power stations back in the 90s and now we have to save power every winter when its cold and the lakes run dry!:-@
