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Submission to the Senate Economics Committee's inquiry into the effects of the Gas Explosion

When we heard about information on any businesses affected by the gas shortage we were advised to put in submission as it has financially affected our business.

We bought the shop, Capel Takeaway, in early February 2008. We were getting it back on track from the previous owners and business was very good.

The shop which is situated in the industrial area of Capel was trading at an average of \$400-\$500 takings per day. We were supplying trade to businesses in the area.

A lot of businesses were supplying trade to mines such as Iluka Resources and due to gas shortage were forced to work outside the Capel shire or were laid off. We were also doing deliveries to Iluka but had to stop as numbers were reduced.

In the event of the gas shortage our takings are now down to an average \$180-\$260 per day. This is an average of \$1000 takings down per week and we still have overheads to pay weekly.

We are running at a great loss. So our submission is for loss of income in the event of the gas shortage, which has greatly affected our business.

Yours sincerely,



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