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Subject: Benefits of refrigeration doors and lids

Dear John,

The total supermarket industry consumes the best part of 4% of all electricity sent out in Australia and around 2,000 GWh of electricity per annum on medium temperature refrigeration equipment without doors and lids.

While it is almost standard practice throughout the developed world to have night-blinds fitted to new open refrigerated display cabinets there is now a trend in leading sustainable economies to go the extra step and fit all-day glass doors and lids on new and existing equipment.

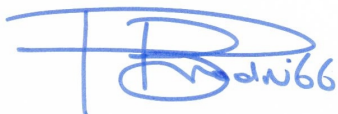
Overseas and local research shows significant energy savings ranging from 25% to 70% can be achieved by using all-day transparent doors and lids. The level of saving depends on the circumstances including the efficiency of the existing display cabinet, number of door openings per hour, existing night-blinds in use and store conditions. The penetration of doors and lids on medium temperature refrigeration in Australian supermarkets is very low, in the order of 10% and is often restricted to milk and beverages. The penetration of night-blinds in use across the Australian fleet of supermarkets is growing and is currently estimated to be around 30%. The attached assessment assumed an average efficiency improvement of 40% from fitting doors and lids, and deducted a 15% efficiency improvement for the existing base of night-blinds in use.

Fitting doors and lids to the existing supermarket fleet outside normal capital refurbishment cycles is an expensive exercise, however this assessment assumes a gradual phase in from 2011 to 2020 to allow for industry adjustment within normal capital refurbishment cycles typically between 7 and 15 years.

The total benefit from fitting doors and lids to medium temperature refrigeration equipment in supermarkets is estimated to be around 600 GWh per annum. Assuming a 'business as usual' energy growth rate of 2% per annum incorporating the natural rate of improvement, the projected cumulative energy and greenhouse gas savings between 2011 and 2030 are estimated to be 11,000 GWh and 8.8 Mt CO₂-e.

The attached analysis provides an independent assessment of the benefits to the Australian economy and environment from fitting doors and lids to the existing fleet of medium temperature refrigeration equipment in supermarkets. Energy saving opportunities existing with open display cases in other food retail outlets including convenience stores, automotive fuel retailing, takeaway stores and fruit/vegetable/meat retailing. Should you require further clarification or references please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

Yours truly,



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Electricity consumption and carbon savings: 2011 to 2030

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Supermarket stock

Brand	Nominal Qty	Penetration night-blinds in use	Trading floor (m ²)			
			Large ≥ 2,750	Medium ≥ 1,500 & < 2,750	Small < 1,500 & ≥ 400	Extra small < 400
Coles-Bi Lo	770	50%	308	385	77	0
Woolworths-Safeway	780	50%	312	390	78	0
Aldi	260	90%	0	0	260	0
Franklins	80	35%	1	24	55	0
IGA branded independent	1,066	10%	0	107	959	0
IGA-Ritchie's co-branded	125	10%	0	13	113	0
IGA-Drakes co-branded	114	10%	0	11	103	0
IGA-Cornett's co-branded	45	10%	0	5	41	0
AUR-Foodland	710	5%	0	0	400	310
Total	3,950		621	934	2085	310

Top down: Electricity consumption (GWh p.a.)

Brand	Storewide	Medium temp	Net saving
Coles-Bi Lo	2,007	696	203
Woolworths-Safeway	2,033	705	206
Aldi	183	63	15
Franklins	98	34	11
IGA branded independent	923	320	111
IGA-Ritchie's co-branded	108	37	13
IGA-Drakes co-branded	99	34	12
IGA-Cornett's co-branded	39	13	5
AUR-Foodland	397	138	49
Total	5,887	2,040	624
		35%	31%

Bottom up: (GWh p.a.)

Store size	MT kW	Electricity consumption
Large	300	585
Medium	250	733
Small	90	589
Extra small	50	49
Total MT		1,956
Net savings		614
Operating hour/day		16
Operating days p.a.		365
Compressor COP		3.1
System losses		40%
System COP		1.86

Year	BAU GWh p.a.	Savings			Year	Emission factor
		%	GWh p.a.	kt CO ₂ -e		
2011	2,039.8	0%	0.0	0.0	2011	0.96
2012	2,080.6	3.3%	69.3	65.7	2012	0.95
2013	2,122.2	6.7%	141.3	131.8	2013	0.93
2014	2,164.7	10.0%	216.3	198.2	2014	0.92
2015	2,208.0	13.3%	294.1	264.9	2015	0.90
2016	2,252.1	16.7%	375.0	331.0	2016	0.88
2017	2,297.2	20.0%	459.0	396.9	2017	0.86
2018	2,343.1	23.3%	546.2	462.6	2018	0.85
2019	2,390.0	26.6%	636.7	527.9	2019	0.83
2020	2,437.8	30%	731.3	593.2	2020	0.81
2021	2,486.5	30%	746.0	592.5	2021	0.79
2022	2,536.3	30%	760.9	591.6	2022	0.78
2023	2,587.0	30%	776.1	590.3	2023	0.76
2024	2,638.7	30%	791.6	588.8	2024	0.74
2025	2,691.5	30%	807.5	587.0	2025	0.73
2026	2,745.3	30%	823.6	587.8	2026	0.71
2027	2,800.3	30%	840.1	585.7	2027	0.70
2028	2,856.3	30%	856.9	583.3	2028	0.68
2029	2,913.4	30%	874.0	580.5	2029	0.66
2030	2,971.7	30%	891.5	577.4	2030	0.65
Cumulative savings			11,637	8,837		

Assumptions:

Night-blinds efficiency benefit	15%
Industry weighted av. Night-blinds in use	31%
Doors efficiency benefit	40%
% storewide electricity for refrig.	55%
% refrig. medium temp	70%
% med temp closed	10%

Storewide electricity intensity

Size	Av. trading floor (m ²)	kWh/m ² p.a.
Large	3,800	900
Medium	2,500	935
Small	650	1,080
Extra small	300	1,250

BAU growth rate (incl. natural rate of imp) 2.0%
Assume gradual phase in of doors from 2011 to 2020 to allow for industry adjustment

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