

Hon Jacinta Allan MP



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\$100 POWER SAVING BONUS OPENS FOR VICTORIANS IN NEED

The Allan Labor Government is helping Victorians cut the cost of living by providing real energy bill relief to Victorians in need, with another Power Saving Bonus available today.

Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio today opened applications for \$100 Power Saving Bonus for eligible concession card households – providing real and immediate help for vulnerable families.

The new \$100 Power Saving Bonus will ease cost-of-living pressures, make everyday expenses more manageable and support financial security for families and individuals across the state.

Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre in Flemington is one of more than 230 participating Neighbourhood Houses across Victoria that are delivering in-person support for Victorians without internet or require extra help to apply.

Eligible Victorian households can apply for the Power Saving Bonus through the Victorian Energy Compare (VEC) website.

When applying, eligible households need a recent residential electricity bill and must hold a health care, pensioner concession, veterans' affairs pensioner concession or veterans' affairs gold card.

The \$100 Power Saving Bonus is in addition to the \$150 Energy Bill Relief Fund all households will automatically receive from the Commonwealth Government.

Any Victorian who is struggling with their energy bills can also access the Energy Assistance Program – a free over-the-phone or in-person support service delivered in partnership with Anglicare Victoria and cohealth for Victorians who are having trouble paying their energy bills.

All Victorians are encouraged to check they're on the best deal possible by using the free and independent Energy Compare website to shop around for a lower price – last year, users typically saved \$240 per year on their energy bills by switching providers.

Since the first round of the Power Saving Bonus was launched in 2018, more than 4.5 million applications have been paid across four rounds of the program, totalling over \$1 billion in energy bill relief to Victorian households.

For more information or to apply for the Power Saving Bonus, visit <u>compare.energy.vic.gov.au</u> or call 1800 000 832. The Energy Assistance Program is available on 1800 161 215.

Quote attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

"So many families are doing it tough and we're on their side by delivering real help, right now."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio

"This \$100 payment will help vulnerable Victorians manage their winter energy bills."

"Any Victorian can visit the Victorian Energy Compare website to check if they can switch to a cheaper energy offer." $\!\!\!$

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Quote attributable to Member for Essendon Danny Pearson "We're making it easier for Victorians to access the Power Saving Bonus with over 230 locations like neighbourhood houses where you can drop in and get help to apply."

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