

Media Release

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NEIGHBOURHOOD BATTERIES CHARGING LOWER POWER BILLS

Labor is helping to lower power bills and keep the lights on, by rolling out 139 neighbourhood batteries across Victoria.

The devices cut power bills by soaking up cheap renewable energy and dispatching it when it's needed most.

They also provide a resilient source of power in the event of extreme weather outages.

Minister D'Ambrosio today visited Truganina Community Centre, the latest site to receive a neighbourhood battery, which alone is expected to save \$20,000 per year, and is just one of the 139 batteries across Victoria.

It's one of 10 announced as part of the final round of the 100 Neighbourhood Batteries Program.

Today's announcement brings the total to 139 neighbourhood batteries across the state, with more than 23,000 kWh of energy storage for Victoria.

There are now neighbourhood batteries in 60 local government areas, aimed at cutting power bills and boosting energy resilience.

The program is helping achieve Victoria's target of at least 2.6 gigawatts (GW) of energy storage capacity by 2030 and 6.3 GW by 2035 – enough energy to power around half of Victoria's homes at peak energy use.

This is part of Labor's record investment in renewables which has helped Victoria consistently achieve the lowest wholesale power prices and lowest average households power bills in the country.

While Liberal leader Jess Wilson was busy planning her attendance with One Nation's Barnaby Joyce at a misinformation convention for their anti-renewables agenda, Labor was building Victoria's energy future.

Last week Jess Wilson's Liberals announced they'll make it harder to do business in Victoria with new planning barriers to renewable energy projects. Further proof you can't trust them. They'll send power prices skyrocketing and leave Victorians in the dark.

For a list of funded battery projects, visit energy.vic.gov.au/grants/neighbourhood-batteries.

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

"We know the cost of living is tough for many Victorians, that's why we're building neighbourhood batteries that help lower power bills for households and communities."

"Only Labor will do what's needed to make energy more affordable and reliable."

Quote attributable to Member for Laverton Sarah Connolly

"These batteries will help our local community cut their power bills while sharing the benefits of renewable generation."

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