

# Media Release

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## HELPING VULNERABLE VICTORIANS SLASH ENERGY BILLS

Labor is helping Victorians slash their energy bills and stay comfortable year-round with ceiling insulation.

Minister D'Ambrosio and Minister Shing today announced the insulation discount under the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) Program will be available for eligible social housing from 14 April.

This will help residents save an average of \$418 a year on their energy bills.

The discount will slash around \$1,482 off the cost of installation; about 30 to 50 per cent of the total cost depending on home size.

Social housing residents will be among the first to benefit as the Energy Efficiency in Social Housing Program (EESHP) will be eligible in the first stage.

The program will expand to all eligible Victorian homes with no or low ceiling insulation from 1 October 2026.

The staged rollout gives installers time to get fully certified and train their workforce to deliver safe, high-quality upgrades across every home.

Labor has created Australia's most comprehensive ceiling insulation safety framework.

Every upgrade will meet strict standards, including mandatory electrical safety checks, installer assessments, and approved product rules – excluding higher-risk materials like foil-faced, cellulose, and loose-fill insulation.

Labor is investing in fully subsidised training and certification for insulation installers across Victoria.

When last in power, the Liberals tried to abolish the VEU, cutting discounts designed to help Victorian families save money.

For more information visit, [energy.vic.gov.au/victorian-energy-upgrades/products/insulation-discounts](https://energy.vic.gov.au/victorian-energy-upgrades/products/insulation-discounts).

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

*"We're making energy bills more affordable with new discounts for ceiling insulation that will lower energy usage and keep families comfortable all year."*

*"Jess Wilson's Coalition is anti-renewables – their \$11 billion budget black hole and VEU cuts will send energy bills soaring."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Housing and Building Harriet Shing

*"The Energy Efficiency Social Housing Program has delivered over 25,000 upgrades, with the current phase electrifying over 5,000 homes, helping renters save \$1,000 a year and cut emissions."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Oakleigh Steve Dimopoulos

*"Only Labor is helping Victorians slash their energy bills, with discounts on ceiling insulation that cut upfront costs and deliver real savings for families."*

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