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MAKING VICTORIAN RENTAL HOMES BETTER TO LIVE IN

The Allan Labor Government is making rental properties safer and more energy efficient - driving down power bills for renters and keeping their homes warm in winter and cool in summer.

Minister for Consumer Affairs Gabrielle Williams and Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio today launched the consultation process for proposed new minimum rental standards which includes requirements for ceiling insulation, draughtproofing, hot water efficiency and cooling.

Under the proposed changes, rental providers would need to ensure their property meets a minimum requirement for ceiling insulation where there is no ceiling insulation already installed, has draught sealing, including weather seals on all external doors – these upgrades could save renters around \$567 per year off their energy bills.

Rental providers would also be required to replace hot water and heating systems with energy efficient electric appliances when their current appliance reaches end of life. The installation of these heating and cooling systems that meet the new standard is expected to save renters \$215 off their energy bill per year.

The standards will also introduce a 3-star cooling rating for systems in the main living area, 4-star shower heads in all showers, and blind cord anchors.

Renters and landlords can currently access the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) which is offering discounts to upgrade old gas appliances to more efficient electric appliances.

New standards will be phased in to allow rental providers adequate time to adjust and comply, with compliance commencing from 30 October 2025.

The introduction of enhanced minimum standards builds on existing rental minimum standards introduced in 2021, which covered 14 categories including heating, bathrooms and kitchens, ventilation, and electrical safety.

To have your say on the proposed new minimum standards, visit engage.vic.gov.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for Consumer Affairs Gabrielle Williams

"The proposed standards will make rental properties safer and more comfortable – giving renters peace of mind for both the winter and summer and driving down costs."

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

"Everyone deserves to live comfortably – these proposed standards will make rentals more energy efficient and cheaper to run – slashing their bills and making them more climate resilient."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

"These minimum standards will support renters to live in safe and future proofed homes, which will also help to slash their energy bills."

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