

Media Release

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SEC HELPS HOUSEHOLDS SWITCH TO ELECTRIC AND SAVE

The State Electricity Commission (SEC) is helping Victorians save money on their energy bills and switch their homes to electricity.

Minister for the State Electricity Commission Lily D'Ambrosio today launched a consumer pilot in three local government areas across Victoria – the next step to delivering a one-stop-shop for consumers wanting to switch to all electric.

The SEC pilot includes a free digital platform that walks users through a short survey about their home and energy usage and then tailors a plan to cut their energy bills through electrification. It includes suggestions for suitable appliances, indicative costs, return on investment, government rebates, and emissions reductions.

If customers require more information or would like to upgrade their appliances, they can connect with a local installer who has been vetted by the SEC. Installers can make a free house visit to provide a more detailed quote. Households only pay installers if they wish to proceed, when the time is right for them.

The SEC is also informing consumers about improvements available to households on all budgets. This includes small, cost-effective steps that can be taken immediately, to larger investments that can be made when their current appliances reach end of life.

The pilot is rolling out in the City of Casey and City of Merri-bek from today and in the City of Ballarat next month.

The SEC is running online public information sessions that offer expert advice and virtual home tours to support Victorians at all stages to go electric, helping energy users understand the benefits of home energy improvements.

Modelling shows that an average Victorian household with gas and electric appliances can reduce their annual energy bill by around 32 percent, taking \$1,400 off their bills by switching to all-electric. The savings rise to around 62 percent – more than \$2,700 a year – by adding solar.

The Allan Labor Government has invested an initial \$1 billion to bring back the SEC and accelerate the clean energy transition, supporting the switch for households and building a renewable energy workforce. To learn more visit, secvictoria.com.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for the State Electricity Commission Lily D'Ambrosio

"We're putting power back in the hands of Victorians, giving them the tools they need to go slash their energy bills and be part of our nation-leading energy transition."

Quote attributable to SEC Chief Executive Officer Chris Miller

"The SEC's electric home platform provides a valuable tool to help Victorians save money on their energy bills at a time when they need it the most."

Quote attributable to Member for Narre Warren Belinda Wilson

"Electric is the way to go – it's the future. We are passionate about helping people make the switch from gas to electric and save money."

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