

Media Release

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HELPING HOUSEHOLDS IN MORWELL SLASH THEIR ENERGY BILLS

The Allan Labor Government is helping families in the Latrobe Valley cut their energy bills by installing rooftop solar and energy efficient heat pump.

As part of the \$10 million Residential Electrification Grants program, AusNet received \$132,000 towards their Electrification program which will help low-income and vulnerable households get solar panels and heat pump hot water systems to slash their energy bills.

The program will help 55 families with an existing home in Morwell, Hazelwood and Hazelwood North to switch to efficient electric heat pumps and install solar by the end of 2025.

Households involved in the program, will receive rebates of \$1,400 for their solar installation and \$1,000 rebate for heat pumps installation through Solar Victoria, with the rest of the costs covered by AusNet – making sure families are not out of pocket.

By installing solar families will slash \$1,000 off their energy bill each and every year. Installing a heat pump hot water systems will save these families \$250 a year.

AusNet is working with local community organisations like Morwell Neighbourhood House to reach residents that could benefit most from these upgrades.

Households can attend information demonstrations at Morwell Neighbourhood House and other opportunities through the Gippsland Climate Change Network.

For more information visit, solar.vic.gov.au/electrification-grants.

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

"We're making the cost of getting solar and installing a heat pump free for some families in the Latrobe Valley and will slash more than \$1,000 off their energy bills each year."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing

"When the cost of living is front of mind, this opportunity for Morwell, Hazelwood, and Hazelwood North families to start using solar to power their homes will make a big difference to household energy bills."