

# Are you having trouble paying your electricity and gas bills?

#### \$205 million in energy rebates not claimed by eligible customers

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### YOU COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR REBATES TO HELP MAKE ENDS MEET

### **Creating an Illawarra Renewable Energy Zone**

Boosting renewable energy generation will help to reduce household energy bills.

It's one of the reasons why I was determined to make sure the Illawarra was designated a Renewable Energy Zone (REZ).

During intense negotiations with the NSW Government in 2020, I wanted to make sure the Illawarra would benefit from the significant investment in renewable energy technology and infrastructure taking place around Australia.

I want to make sure the investment in renewable technology uses high quality Australian-made steel produced right here at Port Kembla.

I want to make sure that the Illawarra benefits from the establishment of a Hydrogen Hub right here in our region.

The Illawarra REZ will create new jobs, new business opportunities, and help lower household energy bills and the cost of living.

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# Energy rebates available to help make ends meet!

## The cost of living is going up and paying the bills is *getting harder.*

#### YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A NUMBER OF ENERGY REBATES

#### FAMILY ENERGY REBATE — UP TO \$180 A YEAR

The Family Energy Rebate helps eligible households pay their electricity bill if they have dependent children and received the Family Tax Benefit payment from the Commonwealth Department of Human Services.

#### LOW INCOME Household rebate – UP to \$285 a year

The Low Income Household Rebate helps people with eligible concession cards issued by the Commonwealth Department of Human Services or the Department of Veterans' Affairs pay their electricity bill.



#### GAS REBATE — UP TO A Total of \$110 a year

The NSW Gas Rebate helps people who hold eligible concession cards issued by the Commonwealth Department of Human Services or the Department of Veterans' Affairs pay their natural gas or residential LPG bills.

#### SENIORS ENERGY REBATE – UP TO \$200 A YEAR

Independent, self-funded retirees who hold a valid Commonwealth Seniors Health Card can apply for the Seniors Energy Rebate. This rebate provides eligible households with up to \$200 per year to help with the cost of living.

#### MEDICAL ENERGY REBATE – UP TO A TOTAL OF \$285 A YEAR

The Medical Energy Rebate helps people who hold eligible concession cards issued by the Commonwealth Department of Human Services or the Department of Veterans' Affairs pay their electricity bill if either they or someone living with them has an inability to self-regulate body temperature when exposed to extremes of environmental temperatures (hot or cold).

#### COMPARE ENERGY PRICES

Households should take the opportunity to shop around and compare energy prices. Energy Made Easy is an Australian Government energy price comparison service for households and small businesses and is available on the Service NSW website at: <u>https://www.service.nsw.</u> gov.au/transaction/compareenergy-plans-energy-madeeasy

## **GGYou can claim** these rebates if you are an 'on supply' customer and if you live in an on-supplied residential community, retirement village or strata scheme.

To check your eligibility for the energy rebates above, please contact Service NSW on **13 77 88** or online at <u>www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/concessions-rebates-and-assistance</u>

Service NSW Centres are also located at 90 Crown Street, Wollongong and Shop 1, 131-137 King Street, Warrawong.