

## Energy Bill Relief Fund Extended to Support Households and Small Businesses

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, June 19, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- From July 1st 2025, eligible households and small businesses will receive up to \$150 in electricity rebates, delivered as two \$75 quarterly credits. Rising energy costs are placing pressure on consumers as small-business electricity prices are expected to climb by as much as 8.5% in NSW, QLD, and SA, while Victorian household bills will rise about 6.8%, adding between \$110 and \$200 annually. To help ease these rising expenses, the Australian Government has extended the Energy



Bill Relief Fund for six months to aid households and small businesses prevent high electricity costs.

The Energy Bill Relief Fund was introduced in response to the economic impacts of COVID-19 to provide relief for cost-of-living pressures and energy costs. The decision to extend the program recognises energy affordability is a significant complication for many Australians, with inflation and utility bills impacting household budgets.

The rebate will be applied automatically to eligible households and small businesses through their electricity providers. No application process is required, making it easy to access and reducing the administrative burden. Recipients will receive the rebate without further action, ensuring widespread and timely relief.

Treasurer Jim Chalmers said, "There will be cost-of-living help. It will be meaningful and substantial, and it will be responsible." The extension of the Energy Bill Relief Fund is one of several cost-of-living measures in the 2025-26 Federal Budget that is easing the pressure on everyday Australians.

The fund builds on the \$3.5 billion allocated for bill relief in the 2024-25 budget, where

households received up to \$300 and small businesses up to \$325 in energy rebates. The continuation of this support shows the Government is committed to providing steady and practical relief in the face of ongoing energy price volatility.

For more information on eligibility and the rebate process, visit the Government's energy website.

Utility comparison services like <u>CheapBills</u> help customers get the most out of their rebates by comparing cheap energy plans. Customers can save more and reduce their electricity bills by comparing energy providers. <u>Move-in Connect</u> is a service that assists individuals and families moving into new properties by managing utility connections for electricity, gas, NBN plans and more. This service guarantees households can receive the rebate while arranging essential services in their new home.

With the cost of living rising, more people need your help and contribution. <u>iCause</u>, an Australian crowdfunding platform, offers to switch and donate your utility bills. It is powered by CheapBills engine, which gives 30% of its commissions to any fundraiser when you switch your providers, without costing any money to your pocket. It is a new way to donate. iCause still accepts other conventional payment options.

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