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## Sign up in August to be eligible for the Winter Energy Bill Supplement

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is delivering on its commitment to keep downward pressure on the cost of living which includes a \$125 Winter Energy Bill Supplement for eligible concession households.

Energy is an essential service and it impacts the lives of Tasmanians every day, whether at home or at work, especially during winter.

The Tasmanian Government committed in its first 100 days to provide winter power bill relief of \$125 for eligible concession households reducing energy bills for around 90,000 Tasmanians at a cost of up to \$12 million.

This means that if you have an annual electricity concession applied to your power account, you don't need to do anything - the supplement will be provided as a credit on the first quarterly power bill received by customers after 30 June 2021.

However, if you haven't applied for an electricity concession on your power account, please contact your retailer before the end of August to be eligible for the Winter Energy Bill Supplement.

And, to support more Tasmanians, we are making an adjustment to the eligibility for the \$125 winter supplement to cover customers in embedded networks, like aged care facilities, caravan parks and some retirement villages, where customers do not have a direct relationship with a power retailer.

These customers will receive a one-off \$125 COVID Cost of Living Grant.

For more information about the Annual Electricity Concession and eligibility please go here <a href="https://www.concessions.tas.gov.au/concessions/electricity\_and\_heating">https://www.concessions.tas.gov.au/concessions/electricity\_and\_heating</a> or call your electricity retailer.