

Tasmania-First Energy Policy



A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Review the solar Feed in Tariff to promote uptake
- Deliver a \$300,000 Community Solar and Energy Efficiency Package
- No sign up fees to new PAYG system for existing customers
- Break the link with mainland prices to deliver the lowest power prices in the country.



Taking action on the cost of living

Tasmania-First Energy Policy

As part of our Tasmania-First Energy Policy we are committed to delivering secure and reliable electricity supply and lower power prices. We have already set a targets to deliver:

- 100 per cent self-sufficiency in renewable energy generation by 2022; and.
- the lowest regulated electricity prices by 2022.

We have already seen the commitment of two large wind farms, Cattle Hill and Granville Harbour, which will contribute to our renewable energy capability and also help put downward pressure on prices.

We are committed to the lowest possible prices for Tasmanians, as well as energy security and we will implement a range of actions to deliver both.

Review and reshape the Solar Feed-in Tariff

While many Tasmanians want the opportunity to take control of their energy needs, currently two Feed-in Tariff rates operate in Tasmania. Some customers were grandfathered at 28.28 cents/kwh until December 2018, while others receive only 8.9 cents/kwh. We know that for those on the higher rate the sudden cliff that Labor introduced 5 years ago is a concern whilst those on the lower tariff obviously want a better deal.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will review and reshape the solar Feed-in Tariff. The new arrangements which result from the review will be implemented by 1 January 2019.

The review which will be conducted during the next 6 months will aim to determine a Feed-in Tariff that will suitably reward those that have installed solar and look to incentivise further installation of solar in Tasmania. This will assist Tasmania in diversifying its renewable energy generation and help deliver our target for Tasmania to be 100 per cent self sufficient by 2022.

Our Targets

#19: Lowest regulated electricity prices in the country by 2022

#20: Keep cost of living increases for Government services, on average, at or below the rate of inflation for the next four years of government

#41: Become 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewable energy generation by 2022.

Why Tasmania Needs This

As part of the Tasmania-First energy policy the Liberal Government wants to encourage a diverse energy supply and encourage Tasmanians to invest in their own generation.

Reviewing the Feed-in Tariff will help to ensure that there is incentive to invest and reward past investment by consumers.

Greater investment in solar will help with Tasmania becoming 100 percent self-sufficient in renewable energy.

Community solar and energy efficiency package

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will deliver a \$300,000 Community Solar and Energy Efficiency Package to support community organisations and sporting clubs to install solar energy systems and modern energy efficient heating appliances. These installations will dramatically reduce power bills and ongoing costs for a number of groups and organisations around the state.

18 community groups and clubs around Tasmania will benefit from grants to install new solar systems and appliances.

Ensure a cost neutral transition for Pay As you Go Customers to the new system

Aurora Energy will implement a replacement Pay As You Go product in 2018-19. A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will ensure that there will be no set up or establishment fees for existing PAYG customers to transfer to the new system.

Promoting large scale Renewable Energy Development

As part of the Tasmania-First energy policy, the Government has ensured the energy businesses are focussed on facilitating new renewable energy development across the state. This involves active negotiations and engagement on power purchase agreements and connection agreements to help underpin new developments. This has been successful through the recent developments of Cattle Hill and Granville Harbour wind farms.

Cost

\$300,000 for Community Solar and Energy Efficiency Package

Other Policies

Also See:

- [Lowest Regulated Electricity Prices in the Nation Policy](#)
- [Farm Energy Policy](#)

Key Facts

- Tasmania is already 93 percent self-sufficient in renewable energy generation and this number is growing with Cattle Hill and Granville Harbour wind farms commencing in the coming year.
- Tasmania has over 26,000 Solar residential installations, many of which are due to have solar-feed in tariffs decreased due to Labor's decision in 2013.

The Tasmanian Liberals' Plan



Labor Green Record

- Price increases of 65 percent over 7 years
- Lowered the prudent water management levels during the carbon tax period that increase the energy security risk for the state.
- Called for Power rationing during the extreme energy issues faced in 2016 instead of supporting the Government's successful Energy Supply Plan.
- Cut the Feed-in Tariff for Solar

Our record in Government

- Prices are still lower today than when the Hodgman Government came to power.
- We took action in 2017-18 by limiting power price increases to 2 per cent compared to up to 20 per cent in other states and we protected medium to large businesses exposed to high prices through our \$20 million Energy rebate.
- Introduced the \$20 million TEELS scheme to support the uptake of energy efficient appliances.
- Improve energy security by increasing prudent storage levels.
- Implemented the Energy Supply Plan in response to extreme energy events in 2016 that kept the lights on and protected the economy.
- Provided \$2m to support NILS and YES program for vulnerable Tasmanians.