



Government rescue package can insulate tariff increases

Synergy today welcomed the federal government's funding of free insulation for households, saying it could provide savings of up to \$241 per year for Western Australian households, based on the existing household tariff.¹

Synergy's Head of Corporate Affairs, Andrew Gaspar encouraged households to take up the federal government's rebate if they did not have insulation installed.

"There are well over 100,000 dwellings in Western Australia without insulation, and one of the main reasons for households not installing insulation is the cost, or the fact the occupants do not own the house."²

"Not only does insulation make houses more comfortable in summer and winter, it also provides savings opportunities all year round, by reducing cooling costs in summer and heating costs in winter."

"In addition, there's the opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 1,300kg per annum."¹

"With the prospect of the residential tariff increasing, utilising the free ceiling insulation will help mitigate the impact of tariff increases."

"Our message is, don't wait for tariffs to increase, take up the offer as soon as it is available."

Mr Gaspar said there were many households where it was unknown if the house had insulation.

"The ABS reports over 100,000 households don't know if they have insulation. Given the savings opportunities available in the event the household does not have insulation, occupants should make sure they know whether they have insulation, and if they don't, today's announcement would be welcome news for them."

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¹ Source: Sustainable Energy Development Office

² Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Environmental Issues, Energy Use and Conservation, 4602.0.55.001