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## TIME FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN CASTLE HILL TO BUST THEIR ENERGY BILLS

Applications for the NSW Government's Energy Bill Buster program to help households slash their power bills by up to \$600 a year opened this week.

The 2022-23 NSW Budget included \$128 million to help up to an initial 30,000 eligible households install solar or replace appliances with more energy efficient ones.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP welcomed the NSW Government's announcement of the program and encouraged eligible households to apply.

"The NSW Liberals and Nationals Government is committed to supporting families with the cost of living and help them reduce their energy bills across Castle Hill," Mr Williams said.

"This program will help take pressure off families and put more money back into household budgets."

The Energy Bill Buster program provides eligible households with more choice on how they manage their energy bills.

The program enables households to make decisions that will deliver long term savings on their energy bills while making clean energy improvements to their homes," he said.

Those renting or living in apartments who can't have solar installed may be eligible to swap their current annual rebate for a suite of energy efficient upgrades, helping to reduce demand on the grid and lower power prices for everyone.

Appliances available in the package include energy efficient fridges, dryers, airconditioners and hot water systems as well as upgrades such as window shading and draught sealing valued at up to \$4000.

The benefits aren't just for private homeowners and tenants. The solar swap will also be offered to eligible land and housing corporation tenants later this year.

## **Ray Williams MP**

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Eligible households include pensioners and Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card holders receiving the Low Income Household Rebate who can receive 10 years' worth of rebates upfront to put towards solar or appliance upgrades.

Applications opened on Monday 1 August. Households can check their Bill Buster eligibility and apply from Monday at www.energysaver.nsw.gov.au/rebate-swap.

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