



TREADING LIGHTLYS CONVERSATIONS POWER CONSUMPTION

Notes from the session

What can consumers look for when choosing an energy provider?

Questions to consider:

1. Who owns the energy provider?
2. How long will the contract be for?
3. Pricing?
4. What are their commitments to renewable energy?
5. Where does their green energy come from?
6. What will happen if I add / install solar?

Hot tip 1: Keep checking information on energy providers as the market keeps changing!

Hot tip 2: visit the website Energy Made Easy: <https://www.energymadeeasy.gov.au/>
Energy Made Easy is a free Australian Government energy price comparison service for households and small businesses in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory, that can be used to find and compare home and small business electricity and gas plans.

Solar support for low income households:

Visit: www.energysaver.nsw.gov.au

Currently the NSW government is offering a Solar Rebate for Low Income Households.

The solar for low-income households program affords eligible households the ability to access clean energy through free solar systems provided by the NSW government. The NSW government has claimed that these free 3-kilowatt solar systems can help reduce a household's total electricity bill by up to \$600 per year.

What can consumers look for when they are choosing a solar provider?

Questions to consider:

1. Take your time exploring provider options
2. Ask lots of questions from the company
3. Where possible, choose a local company that preferably has a shopfront
4. Steer clear of companies that use subcontractors
5. Look at the reviews
6. Look at how long the company has been around
7. Ask around, word of mouth is often the best way to hear about good providers!

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