

Potential cost savings on your parish electricity bills

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ATTENTION: All Wardens and Rectors

CONTACT: Your parish property regional contacts below

Key Points

1. Increasing electricity bills highlight the value of energy saving initiatives to your parish budget.
2. Several Sydney Anglican parishes have successfully contracted consultancy group, Payless Energy, to upgrade lighting and hot water installations at church buildings and halls. This was at minimal cost to the parish resulting in significant savings on energy bills.
3. In addition to energy efficiency measures, if you are one of 100+ parishes that have already installed rooftop solar, now is an opportune time to make the most of your solar energy and prepare for future government grant rounds by obtaining quotations for battery storage.

Background

4. Sydney Anglican Property has been made aware of an opportunity that parishes may want to consider in order to save on their electricity bills. The opportunity has arisen as a result of the [NSW Energy Scheme](#) and an offer being put forward by a consultancy specialising in energy efficiency – Payless Energy.
5. Sydney Anglican Property does not endorse or promote this particular firm. Rather the purpose of this circular is to inform parishes of a possible opportunity that several parishes have already reported favourably upon.
6. Parishes should determine whether any offer made is suitable to their own circumstances.

Details

7. Wardens from several parishes reported receiving lighting and hot water upgrades worth \$22,000 and \$7,000 for only \$152 and \$33, respectively. They noted that the initial assessment process was straightforward, involving a no-cost visit from a technician to assess needs and eligibility. This opportunity is offered under the [NSW Energy Scheme](#).

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8. Given the changing nature of the electricity market, including recent reports regarding an oversupply of electricity into the grid at non-peak times due to the prevalence of roof top solar installations, parishes with solar energy are encouraged to consider third party providers for installation of batteries in order to optimise energy use and save on energy bills. [Click here](#) for an example of a Comparison of Battery Storage Options, **and government incentive/battery rebate is expected around November 2024 [click here](#) to read further.**
9. One again, parishes should determine the suitability of any such options to their particular circumstances.
10. Some future rounds of Government grant funding may allow funding for battery storage. Parishes should consider preparing for when applications open by obtaining quotes in advance.

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