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200,000 HOUSEHOLDS CUT POWER BILLS FOR FREE

More than 200,000 lower income households have received free help from the NSW Government to cut a collective \$34 million a year off their power bills.

Environment Minister Robyn Parker and Menai MP Melanie Gibbons today celebrated the Home Power Savings Program's milestone in Liverpool.

"The Home Power Savings Program works because it goes beyond telling households to switch things off - it drives downward pressure on the cost of living and makes energy efficiency an easy part of everyday life," Ms Parker said.

"All households who have signed up so far have received a free, in-home energy audit to find out where they can make the most savings, as well as a free kit of energy efficient products.

"This is just one of the practical ways that the Government is helping households to become more energy efficient, save on bills and reduce pressure on future energy price rises.

"Today's milestone puts the Government on track to meet our target to deliver this program right to the doorstep of 220,000 households who need it most.

Ms Gibbons said that the program has been particularly popular across South West Sydney and that more than 3,000 Liverpool households have already joined.

"There has been a groundswell in community as more and more people are looking for ways to put a bit back into the hip pocket," Ms Gibbons said.

"This program not only helps with bills now, it sets households up for longer term savings by learning how to be more efficient with their energy use.

"I really encourage all households who have not taken up the offer to join now before summer hits.

"It's a great opportunity to get free and expert tips on how to cool your bills," Ms Gibbons said.

The Program is still available right across NSW to eligible pensioners, veterans and families on a lower income."