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NILS helping Tasmanians access energy efficient products

The Tasmanian Energy Saver Loan and Subsidy Program has been a fantastic success for Tasmanians looking to lower their power bills with energy efficient products.

The scheme has helped over 652 applicants across the 2019/20 period, with \$600,000 in loans and \$470,000 in subsidies helping Tasmanians access items such as blinds, heat pumps, curtains, insulation and whitegoods.

The Tasmanian Government committed \$1 million over four years to support the program in the 2018/19 Budget, and I am very pleased it has provided Tasmanians with products they need to lower their power bills for years to come.

Aurora Energy has partnered with NILS to offer the Energy Saver Loan and Subsidy Program since 2015. Aurora Energy has contributed \$215,000 to the program in 2020, and more than \$1.8 million since 2015.

It's just one of the ways we are supporting energy customers lower their power bills, including a power price decrease from 1 July 2020.

Aurora Energy has also invested \$5 million to assist customers with bill relief through the COVID-19 pandemic through waiving fees or charges and a range of other support measures.

This is on top of the Government's \$45 million electricity concession scheme - regarded as one of the most generous schemes in the nation.

I understand there is over \$4 million left in this fund and if anyone is struggling with their bills, I urge them to contact Aurora as soon as possible so their situation can be properly assessed.

If anyone is struggling with their power bills, contact Aurora through its customer service centre on 1300 13 2003 Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm so your situation can be assessed.

For more information on the NILS Energy Saver Loan and Subsidy Program contact NILS on: 1300 301 650 or go to www.nilstasmania.org.au