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Aurora supporting energy consumers through 2020

Aurora has been a pillar of support for the Tasmanian community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Energy consumers saved over \$17 million on their energy bills as a result of the Government's quarterly electricity bill waiver, helping over 19,000 small businesses with their Aurora bills.

Aurora's \$5 million COVID Customer Support Fund has also been instrumental in helping Tasmanians with their energy bills, through waiving fees or charges and a range of other support measures.

A regulated power price decrease of 1.38 per cent from 1 July 2020 has also ensured Tasmania continues to have some of the lowest regulated prices in Australia.

I commend Aurora for its prompt actions to help the community throughout 2020, particularly for its dedicated programs to help community groups adjust to life during the pandemic, such as the Digital Capacity Building Grants for not-for-profit and community organisations.

Tasmania's renewable energy future is bright, with the State now 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewable energy - confirming our status as a world leader in renewable energy generation.

We have also passed legislation to double our State's renewable generation to a global-leading target of 200 per cent of our current needs by 2040.

I look forward to working further with Aurora to progress our Tasmania-First Energy policy into the future that will benefit our State for years to come.