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Broad's embarrassing blunder

Shane Broad's desperate bid for relevance has resulted in an embarrassing gaffe, proving he doesn't know the basic facts about his electorate.

In a desperate attempt for a headline, Dr Broad incorrectly claimed that King Island residents would be charged additional costs by Aurora Energy.

Dr Broad said "Aurora Energy is going to charge all King Islanders for the company's aurora+ app".*

But if Dr Broad bothered to do his homework, he would know that Momentum Energy, a subsidiary of Hydro Tasmania, retails energy on King Island – not Aurora Energy.

This is just further proof that Dr Broad is out of touch and not capable of understanding the fundamental basics of matters facing his constituents.

If Dr Broad bothered to engage with his work, he would also know that the Government has requested Aurora Energy to not include the cost of delivering Aurora+ to Tasmanian customers from its total cost to serve from July 1 2022 when it makes it final tariff submission to the Regulator.

This means that those Tasmanians who do not yet use that service, will not pay for the product in their bills from 1 July.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is working hard to address the cost of living by regulating energy prices to keep them among the lowest in Australia.

Dr Broad should be spending every moment he's got putting together Labor's alternative Budget, rather than incorrectly blundering into Mr Winter's shadow responsibilities.

*<u>Current.pdf (parliament.tas.gov.au)</u>