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Reckless Labor continues to mis-lead Tasmanians

Labor continues to show it has nothing to offer Tasmanians apart from scaremongering and trying to misrepresent the clear facts around our cost-of-living energy supports.

The Tasmanian Government website clearly states that the Winter Bill Buster discount will be applied to bills for eligible electricity concession account holders on their ``first bill after 1 August'' to cover the winter period – unfortunately Labor leader Ms White selectively chooses to ignore the facts.

If an eligible customer has not yet received their quarterly winter bill, they will see the discount applied on their next bill providing support over the winter months.

Eligible concession account holders would have started to see the one-off bill credit of \$119, in addition to the \$61 concession increase, included in their electricity bills from August 1 helping them offset any bill shock.

This support will help an estimated 94,230 Tasmanians on concession account holders, including those in embedded networks, at a total cost of almost \$17 million.

This was always the Government's targeted plan to help vulnerable Tasmanians and the discount depends on people's individual billing cycle after 1 August which encompasses the winter period.

Labor have now been repeatedly caught out trying to scare Tasmanians around energy security and electricity costs – they have falsely claimed that the lights will go out, that electricity prices will continue to increase and that Tasmania's energy security is at risk.

These false claims might give Labor a cheap headline but they won't fool the Tasmanians who can remember power bills skyrocketing by 65 per cent when Labor was in government.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government has a track record of keeping downward pressure on power prices and our electricity prices are the lowest, or amongst the lowest, in Australia.

We won't be distracted by Labor which clearly doesn't understand the energy portfolio, and we will continue to provide a package of short-term, medium-term and long-term cost-of-living supports for Tasmanian households and businesses.