



Fact Sheet  
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## Comparison of 2009 Australian Standing Offer Energy Prices

The *Comparison of 2009 Australian Standing Offer Energy Prices Report* provides an overview of the regulated or standing offer pricing environment in both the electricity and gas retail markets for 2009, as an update to information presented in Chapter 13 of the Regulator's *Tasmanian Energy Supply Industry Performance Report 2007-08, December 2008*. Pricing information has been updated as a result of increases in tariffs in other states and territories and the Tasmanian electricity tariffs approved by the Regulator for 2009-10.

### **Electricity:**

The Table below shows the range of prices available to residential customers in Australia who are on regulated or standing offer tariffs, based on the average consumption in each particular state and territory:

State/territory	Price range at state average consumption (c/kWh)
New South Wales	15.4 - 20.5
Australian Capital Territory	16.0
Victoria	16.4 - 18.9
Queensland	17.2
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>17.7 - 19.2</b>
Western Australia	18.8 - 19.5
South Australia	18.9 - 23.6
Northern Territory	19.8

In states and territories with fully contestable retail markets, customers may be able to take advantage of cheaper prices through market offers.

The following Table shows the rates available for residential tariff customers in Australian states/territories, on regulated or standing offer tariffs, again based on average consumption, taking into account the concessions available in each particular state and territory:

State/territory	Price range at state average consumption (c/kWh)
Australian Capital Territory	13.4
New South Wales	13.9 - 19.0
Victoria	14.3 - 16.3
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>14.4 - 16.0</b>
Queensland	15.0
Northern Territory	15.7
South Australia	17.0 - 21.7
Western Australia	17.3 - 18.0

The Table below illustrates the range of prices for electricity business tariff customers in Australia, based on an annual consumption of 150 MWh (which is the threshold for Tasmanian small business customers) on regulated or standing offer tariffs:

State/territory	Price range at 150 MWh per annum (c/kWh)
Victoria	15.7 - 21.4
Western Australia	18.2
New South Wales	19.5 - 24.9
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>19.6</b>
Queensland	19.9
Northern Territory	21.3
Australian Capital Territory	22.2
South Australia	22.5

**Gas:**

The following Table shows the range of prices available to natural gas residential tariff customers in Australia, based on the average consumption in each particular state or territory for customers on standing offer tariffs:

State/territory	Price range at state average consumption (c/MJ)
Victoria	1.4 - 1.7
New South Wales	1.5 - 2.1
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Australian Capital Territory	2.2
Queensland	2.7 - 3.4
South Australia	2.9
Western Australia	3.0
Northern Territory	N/A

The Table below illustrates the range of prices available to natural gas business tariff customers in Australia, based on an annual consumption of 100 000 MJ per annum for customers on standing offer tariffs:

State/territory	Price range at 100 000 MJ per annum (c/MJ)
Victoria	1.3 - 1.7
New South Wales	1.6 - 2.1
South Australia	1.9
Queensland	2.1 - 2.8
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Australian Capital Territory	2.3
Western Australia	2.4
Northern Territory	N/A

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