



Fact Sheet
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Comparison of 2010 Australian Standing Offer Energy Prices

The *Comparison of 2010 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 2010, as an update to information presented in Chapter 13 of the Regulator's *Tasmanian Energy Supply Industry Performance Report 2008-09, December 2009*. Pricing information has been updated as a result of increases in regulated tariffs or standing offer prices in other states and territories including the Tasmanian regulated electricity tariffs approved by the Regulator which took effect from 1 July 2010.

Electricity:

The table below shows the range of prices available to residential customers in Australia who are on regulated tariffs or standing offer contracts, based on the average consumption in each particular state and territory as at 1 August 2010:

State/territory	Price range at state average consumption (c/kWh)		
Australian Capital Territory	16.3		
Victoria	17.5	-	22.7
Tasmania	19.3	-	20.9
New South Wales	19.3	-	26.2
Queensland	19.5	-	20.6
South Australia	20.2	-	25.4
Northern Territory	20.8	-	21.0
Western Australia	21.7	-	23.0

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 customers in Australian states/territories, on regulated tariffs or standing offer contracts, again based on average consumption, taking into account the concessions available in each particular state and territory as at 1 August 2010:

State/territory	Price range at state average consumption (c/kWh)		
Northern Territory	11.3		
Australian Capital Territory	13.7		
Tasmania	14.6	-	16.3
Victoria	16.1	-	19.7
Queensland	17.0	-	18.0
New South Wales	17.8	-	24.7
South Australia	17.8	-	22.9
Western Australia	19.5	-	20.8

The Table below illustrates the range of prices for electricity business customers in Australia, based on an annual consumption of 150 MWh (which is the threshold for Tasmanian small business customers) on regulated tariffs or standing offers as at 1 August 2010:

State/territory	Price range at 150 MWh per annum (c/kWh)
Victoria	18.4 - 24.7
Australian Capital Territory	21.0
New South Wales	21.0 - 28.2
Tasmania	21.1
Northern Territory	22.4
Western Australia	22.6
Queensland	24.0 - 26.6
South Australia	25.0

Gas:

The following Table shows the range of prices available to natural gas residential customers in Australia, based on the average consumption in each particular state or territory for customers on standard contract tariffs as at 1 August 2010:

State/territory	Price range at state average consumption (c/MJ)
New South Wales	1.5 - 2.2
Victoria	1.6 - 1.9
Tasmania	2.1
Australian Capital Territory	2.3
Western Australia	2.7 - 3.6
Queensland	2.8 - 3.6
South Australia	3.0
Northern Territory	0.0

The Table below illustrates the range of prices available to natural gas business customers in Australia, based on an annual consumption of 100 000 MJ per annum for customers on standard contract tariffs as at 1 August 2010:

State/territory	Price range at 100 000 MJ per annum (c/MJ)
Victoria	1.0 - 1.5
New South Wales	1.3 - 2.1
South Australia	1.3 - 1.5
Queensland	1.8 - 2.7
Australian Capital Territory	1.9
Tasmania	2.3
Western Australia	2.5 - 3.4
Northern Territory	0.0

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