

Media Release

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DELIVERING ENERGY SAVINGS FOR VICTORIAN HOSPITALS

Hospitals across Victoria are seeing major reductions in their energy bills, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's energy efficiency program.

Minister for Energy, Environment, Climate Change and Solar Homes Lily D'Ambrosio said hospitals like Brunswick Private Hospital are rapidly introducing energy efficiency measures to help reduce their overall costs.

Brunswick Private is making significant savings on their energy bills, maintenance costs, and greenhouse gas emissions thanks to new lighting - by replacing existing fluorescent lights with 946 LED lights, they will save \$38,000 annually on energy bills, giving them a payback of less than one year.

The hospital is one of 90,000 businesses that have improved their equipment and undertaken energy efficiency retrofits – and was supported by the Government's Victorian Energy Upgrades program with nearly \$30,000 in funding going to the upgrade.

In hospitals, energy efficiency upgrades deliver both environmental and financial savings, minimising future capital costs, while also improving patient comfort and experience.

Energy Savings Industry Association and the Energy Efficiency Council have launched a new report which highlights the large and diverse workforce involved in energy management and energy efficiency.

The Government delivers range of energy efficiency programs which support hundreds of Victorian jobs in making, installing and upgrading energy efficient appliances and buildings.

Over the last ten years, 1.8 million households and 90,000 business have undertaken energy-saving upgrades.

It is estimated that these upgrades saved the businesses involved around \$90 million on their energy bills annually - around \$4,500 for participating businesses and \$200 for households.

For more information on the Victorian Energy Upgrades Program visit energy.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"The workers that build, use and maintain Victoria's buildings and energy-using equipment are playing a critical role in helping us achieve our target of net zero emissions by 2050."

"Improving energy efficiency creates jobs, reduces emissions and helps Victorians homes and business save money on their power bills."