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### **LABOR CANNOT BE TRUSTED ON ENERGY**

Deputy Leader of the NSW Liberal Party Dominic Perrottet said NSW Labor cannot be trusted to deliver more affordable, reliable and clean energy, with a history of energy cost blowouts and blunders.

Under the former Labor government they:

- Mismanaged the disastrous solar bonus scheme which cost the state over \$1 billion.
- Oversaw the Gentrader fire sale – costing the State \$1.85 billion.
- Labor took NSW from the lowest electricity bills in the nation to higher than the national average.
- Due to Labor's policies, in the 5 years to 2013, network prices rose by 158%.

“In stark contrast to Labor's electricity blowouts and blunders, the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is getting on with the job of taking pressure off electricity prices, while maintaining energy security,” Mr Perrottet said.

The NSW Government has:

- Introduced the nation's most comprehensive energy relief package, which:
  - boosts energy rebates by 20 per cent for around 900,000 households doing it tough;
  - provides discounts on energy efficient lighting and air conditioner upgrades for households, that can save up to \$500 per household a year;
  - helps around 10,000 small businesses access discounts to upgrade inefficient equipment;
  - ended unnecessary charges from retailers, such as exit fees.
- Introduced the Service NSW one-click Energy Switch, helping households get the best deal that can save them over \$1,000 a year.
- Approved one of Australia's largest wind farms at Liverpool Plains which will power nearly 500,000 homes and deliver 800 jobs.
- Provided support for 51 renewable energy projects worth close to \$10 billion in investment and 6,500 megawatts of capacity, since 2013.
- Legislated to ensure network prices are lower in 2019 than they were in 2014.

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