



Getting off gas cost saving claims ignore the true costs for Australians

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Over recent weeks, a number of media releases and reports have been released containing claims as to how much money Australians can save on their energy bills by swapping their gas appliances with electric alternatives. However, according to GAMAA President Mr. Ross Jamieson, these ignore the substantial up-front costs involved. “The costs not only include the appliances themselves, but also any necessary electricity supply upgrades, the costs associated with removal of the existing appliances and any associated rectification of ductwork and air outlets, plastering and painting, which can amount to tens of thousands of dollars, depending upon the house and the level of comfort desired” Mr. Jamieson said. “Unfortunately, we are experiencing very real cost of living pressures with the cost of just about everything going up, including our gas and electricity bills. But swapping out gas appliances in response would be a knee-jerk reaction that will do nothing to alleviate cost of living pressures” according to Mr. Jamieson.

Victorians in particular rely heavily on gas, with more than 2 million households using gas for heating, hot water and cooking. The additional cost to Victorian households of replacing their existing gas appliances with electric alternatives, compared to replacing them with new renewable hydrogen fuelled gas appliances, will fall somewhere between \$4 and 31 billion [between \$2800 and \$21800 per household], according to a recent report commissioned by the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association of Australia (GAMAA) and prepared by Frontier Economics. To view the full Frontier Economics report, you can click [here](#).