

## The wrong energy provider could cost you up to 2k annually

### Mozo reveals best value electricity plans nationally

**Wednesday 30 August, 2017:** To help Australians get a better deal on their energy bills, comparison site [Mozo.com.au](http://Mozo.com.au) today revealed the winners in its Experts Choice Residential Electricity Awards.

Mozo analysed 274 plans from 27 electricity providers in VIC, NSW, ACT, SA and QLD to identify the nation's best value standard Electricity, Solar-friendly Electricity and GreenPower plans.

Price differences between the best and worst performing plans amounted up to over two thousand dollars annually, meaning the right plan could result in major savings.

"When selecting an energy provider it can be difficult to cut through the marketing jargon to decipher who is offering the best value for money. You're not alone if you've looked at your energy bill and felt baffled," says Kirsty Lamont, Mozo Director.

"As energy prices continue to rise, households are feeling the strain on their finances. Mozo is taking the legwork out of energy comparison, working to find the best energy provider for consumers."

The Experts Choice Awards are designed to acknowledge energy providers and plans that offer great ongoing value and help Australians to cut down on their energy bills.

Australia's best value energy providers and plans are as follows:

Mozo Experts Choice Winners 2017 Electricity NSW		
Category	Provider	Plan
Electricity	Alinta Energy	Fair Deal 23
	Dodo Power & Gas	Market Offer
	Power Direct	Market Offer
Solar-Friendly Electricity	Dodo Power & Gas	Market Offer
	Commander Power & Gas	Market Offer
GreenPower	Red Energy	Living Energy Saver
Mozo Experts Choice Winners 2017 Electricity VIC		
Category	Provider	Plan
Electricity	GloBird Energy	EasySave
	Simply Energy	Simply Plus

	GloBird Energy	GloSave
<b>Solar-Friendly Electricity</b>	GloBird Energy	EasySave
	GloBird Energy	GloSave
<b>GreenPower</b>	Red Energy	Living Energy Saver
<b>Mozo Experts Choice Winners 2017 Electricity QLD - Southeast</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Plan</b>
<b>Electricity</b>	Energy Australia	Flexisaver
<b>Solar-Friendly Electricity</b>	Origin Energy	Solar Boost Plus
<b>GreenPower</b>	Red Energy	Easy Saver
<b>Mozo Experts Choice Winners 2017 Electricity SA</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Plan</b>
<b>Electricity</b>	Powerdirect	Market Offer
	Origin Energy	Energy Maximiser
<b>Solar-Friendly Electricity</b>	Origin Energy	Solar Boost Plus
<b>GreenPower</b>	Diamond Energy	Retail Supply Offer
<b>Mozo Experts Choice Winners 2017 Electricity ACT</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Plan</b>
<b>Electricity</b>	ActewAGL Energy	Rewards Home Saver
<b>Solar-Friendly Electricity</b>	Origin Energy	Solar Boost Plus
<b>GreenPower</b>	No providers were eligible for this award.	No products were eligible for this award.

#### Tips for selecting the best energy provider and plan:

- **Check the discount:** There are many different types of discounts so you'll need to check what the discount applies to, for instance, usage charges only or your total bill. Once you understand this, it'll be easier to compare apples with apples to determine the best value plan for your household.
- **Look beyond advertised discounts:** Avoid making huge advertised discount the deciding factor in which energy plan you choose, instead take stock of things like daily supply and usage charges to get the most bang for your buck over time. A larger discount may not equate to higher savings. For example, Globird won a Mozo Expert's Choice Award for both the Glosave and Easysave plan. While Glosave has a 35% discount off the total bill,

Easysave has no discount – however both won based on providing affordable electricity.

- **Consider what type of user you are:** Different plans work for different households so think about your energy usage. If you're a larger household with items that run large amounts of energy, like a pool, a discount off usage will result in long term cost savings. If you have a smaller household or have gas electricity, your bill is likely to be less, meaning a discount in supply charges may be better suited to you.
- **Think longer term:** Introductory offers like '\$50 off your first bill' may be good incentives to switch but it's important to look for an energy plan that will result in lower energy bills over the whole year – not just your first bill.
- **Always read the T&Cs:** Check what happens at the end of your contract period and if you're rolled over onto a less competitively priced energy plan, consider switching energy providers.

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For a full list of winners and Awards methodology report, visit:

<https://mozo.com.au/expertschoice/best-electricity-plans>

#### **About the Mozo Experts Choice Awards**

The Mozo Experts Choice Awards are an initiative that recognises Australia's best value products and helps Australians to save money by choosing better products. Experts Choice Awards are given to those products that represent the best value in their category. In carrying out the Mozo Experts Choice Residential Electricity research, Mozo analysed 274 different products from 27 different electricity providers, based on data contained in Mozo's product database as at 1 May 2017 and 10 August 2017 (except VIC where we used 1 November 2016 and 10 August 2017).

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