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# Switch and save on power

A new free service has been launched which can potentially show people in Corryong, Walwa and surrounding areas how to get cheaper electricity.

The creators of Switchselect.com highlight that with consumer confidence plummeting, this new free impartial service – which allows individuals and families to compare many of the electricity and gas deals now in the market place in Victoria – has the potential to save people money.

Through Switchselect.com consumers can immediately compare the prices of various electricity suppliers and then select the one that is the cheapest option.

The creators of Switchselect.com say the new service has already helped hundreds of people to get cheaper power.

Switchselect.com estimates an average 4 bedroom home with 2 adults and 2 kids could be saving up to \$150 a year on its power bills.

The creators of the

new service emphasise that they can never guarantee savings to consumers but because many current deals are being compared on the website, people should be able to find a deal that can save them money.

The service comes on the back of concerns about rising power prices following the deregulation of the power industry in Victoria – and reports that electricity prices are set to rise in the coming months. Victorians are estimated to spend over one billion dollars a year on electricity.

Leon Hayes, one of the founders of Switchselect.com, says the new service has been launched following the deregulation of the power industry.

Leon was originally based in the UK for over 5 years and after deregulation happened there, services like Switchselect.com started to appear at a rapid speed to show consumers how to get a cheaper and better deal.

“Put simply, we

show consumers on our website numerous available prices of many suppliers and then consumers can decide what’s best for them – and easily switch in less than 5 minutes,” Mr Hayes said.

“It sounds remarkably simple and it is. We have set up a shop window so that consumers can see many of the deals that are out there.”

For example, a Switchselect.com comparison of five power companies shows that a house of two adults and two children consuming 7500kWh of electricity per year in the Corryong area could pay between \$1,204.68 and \$1,289.84.

Mr Hayes says thousands of consumers across Australia are paying more than they should because they simply don’t realise there is cheaper power out there.

He highlights that at a time when consumer confidence is rapidly plummeting and petrol prices are sky-rocketing, this new free impar-

tial service can help families to make savings.

“We cannot guarantee that people will save money every single time. The reality is though that many people are finding a better deal through Switchselect.com.”

To switch companies consumers have to provide their postcode, current supplier and usage details. A recent energy bill will also assist. By following five steps on Switchselect.com people can switch in around 5 minutes. All information is securely protected.

People can also search for green energy through the website. Switchselect.com can compare all the current options for consumers. All results shown on Switchselect.com include GST – just like an energy bill.

People wanting to know more should simply call 1800 279 482 or visit [www.switchselect.com](http://www.switchselect.com) to find out more.