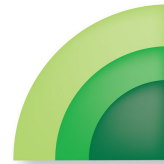




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Free service gives tips on utility costs

RESIDENTS in Sale, Maffra, Heyfield and surrounding areas can find out how to get cheaper electricity and gas through a new free service.

Switchselect has just been launched.

The impartial website allows for consumers to compare their current gas and electricity providers with others and as a result, can help people find the cheapest deal available in their area.

In a sample survey carried out by Switchselect for the Gippsland and Latrobe Valley area, the top five cheapest providers were shown, based on a yearly expenditure in a household of two adults and two children using

7500kWh of energy.

According to the survey, the cheapest provider was Click Energy, which had an estimated annual spend of \$1204.68, followed by Red Energy at \$1236, Neighbourhood Energy at \$1236, Victoria Electricity at \$1277 and Simply Energy at \$1289.

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

To compare your own gas and electricity bills, visit switchselect.com.