# What is a typical Energy Consumption?

- Information in the public domain about 'average' consumption
  - Averages are made from many different variations!

#### The Australian Energy Market Commission

Comparison of 'typical' residential consumption  Queensland	Provided by jurisdictional governments /regulators		Provided by the Australian Energy Regulator		ACIL Tasman Electricity bill benchmarks for residential customers, 2011 (persons per household)		
	•)	5,370kWh	***	6-7,000kWh	:	1/hh 2/hh 3/hh 4/hh	4,030kWh 5,331kWh 6,633kWh 7,934kWh
New South Wales	•3	7,000kWh	•	5-6,000kWh	*	1/hh 2/hh 3/hh 4/hh	4,422kWh 5,548kWh 6,673kWh 7,799kWh
Australian Capital Territory	•	8,162kWh	•	7,000kWh		1/hh 2/hh 3/hh 4/hh	5,939kWh 7,219kWh 8,500kWh 9,780kWh
Victoria	*	5,000kWh	( • / )	4.5-5,000kWh	•	1/hh 2/hh 3/hh 4/hh	4,028kWh 4,835kWh 5,642kWh 6,449kWh
South Austr <mark>alia</mark>		5,000kWh		5,000kWh	•	1/hh 2/hh 3/hh 4/hh	4,398kWh 5,306kWh 6,213kWh 7,121kWh
Tasmania	•	7,841kWh	•	9,000kWh	•	1/hh 2/hh 3/hh 4/hh	6,862kWh 8,733kWh 10,064kWh 12,475kWh
Western Australia	i e	5,801kWh	•	n/a	•	1/hh 2/hh 3/hh 4/hh	4,107kWh 5,140kWh 6,173kWh 7,206kWh
Northern Territory		8,904kWh		n/a	:	1/hh 2/hh 3/hh 4/hh	6,266kWh 7,806kWh 9,345kWh 10,885kWh

## The Victorian Government

#### Typical energy consumption depends on:

- The number of people
- The type of housing
- The energy mix
- The lifestyle
- Information in the following graphics is supplied by switchon.gov.vic.au

**Occupants** 



**Energy Type** 

**Dwelling Type** 









**All Electric** 

House

- **Electric hot water**
- **Electric heating** and cooling
- **Electric cooking**
- √ Swimming pool
- ✓ 2 plasma TV
- √ 3 computers
- Dishwasher
- **Clothes dryer**

**Annual power cost:** 

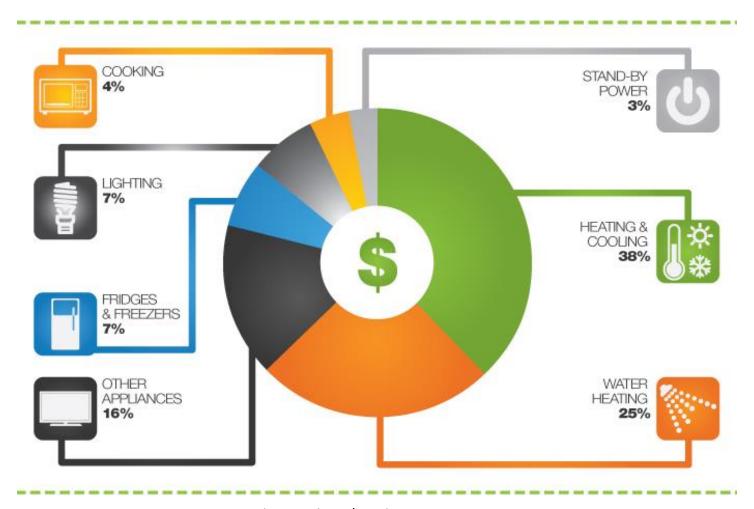
\$3,289.64

15,014.8 kWh

## What is the breakdown?

- Every household is different, but an 'average' gives a basic idea of where it could be consumed
- This household uses an average of 41 kWh per day, average cost = \$9.01 per day
- Heating and cooling is not used all year round, so real 'daily' consumption is much higher

# A 'ball-park' break-down of energy use



Source: DPI Switch On website/Baseline Energy Estimates 2008, DEWHA

# 'Household 1'

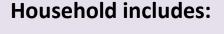
Type of consumption	Percentage	Kilowatt-hours per day
Stand-by power	3	1.2
Heating and cooling	38	15.6
Water heating	25	10.3
Other appliances (including pool)	16	6.6
Fridges and freezers	7	2.9
Lighting	7	2.9
Cooking	4	1.6
Total	100%	41.1 kWh/day

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- **Electric hot water**
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- **Electric cooking**
- Plasma TV
- Computer
- Dishwasher
- **Clothes dryer**

**Annual power cost:** 

\$1,808.54

8,269.5 kWh

## 'Household 2'

- Average daily use = 22.7 kWh per day
- Differences:
- Two less people
- No pool and associated pumps
- Less appliances TV, computers
- Average cost = \$4.95 per day

**Occupants** 



**Energy Type** 



Electric + Gas
Heating,
cooking and
hot water

**Dwelling Type** 



✓ Air conditioning

**Household includes:** 

- ✓ LCD TV
- √ 3 computers
- Dishwasher
- ✓ Clothes dryer

Unit

**Annual power cost:** 

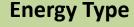
Excludes cost of gas hot water, heating and cooking appliances

\$1,095.34

5,008.4 kWh

- Average daily use of electricity = 13.7 kWh
- Average cost = \$3.00 per day
- Gas costs for heating, hot water and cooking need to be added.

**Occupants** 



**Dwelling Type** 

**Household includes:** 





Electric + Gas
Heating,
cooking and
hot water



- ✓ Air conditioning
- ✓ Plasma TV
- ✓ Computer
- ✓ Dishwasher
- ✓ Clothes dryer

Flat

**Annual power cost:** 

\$560.79

Excludes cost of gas hot water, heating and cooking appliances

2564.2 kWh

- Average use of electricity = 7.03 kWh per day
- Average cost of electricity = \$1.54 per day
- Gas costs for heating, hot water and cooking need to be added.

# Ways to find out your energy consumption:

- Look on your bill!
- Read your meter at regular intervals yourself
- Retailers are now offering web portals of your consumption online
- Individual appliances can be monitored
- Whole-of-house consumption can be displayed on In-House Displays

# Web portals (AGL)



# Web Portals (Origin)



# **In-House Display types**







# Clamp-type meters

- Clamp-type meters measure emf fields which are proportional to current
- Data is transmitted to the display and converted to watts
- An electrician is required to install one



# LED-flash counter types

- Interval meters have an LED which flashes for every watt-hour consumed
- Flash-rate is transmitted to the display and converted to watts
- No electrician required to install



## Demonstration of energy meters

 Our presenter will show how to use commonly available meters to measure various appliances energy consumption

Thank you for your attention