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Gerard Brody
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Dear Gerard Brody

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring energy consumers have access to fair energy prices and has worked hard to keep energy bills low, particularly at this time of high cost of living. Most recently the government has worked with the ESC to deliver energy bill savings for Victorians through the introduction of automatic switching to the best offer for eligible customers experiencing payment difficulty and a reasonable price limit on energy contracts over 4 years old.

I understand that the ESC will shortly commence consultation on the Victorian Default Offer (VDO) for 2026–27. The VDO has ensured that Victorians continue to benefit from some of the lowest electricity prices in the country and operates to put downward pressure on market offer prices. In continuing our focus on keeping energy bills low for Victorian energy consumers, I am requesting the ESC seek information from stakeholders as part of this VDO consultation on the suitability of a regulated free power period offer for residential electricity consumers.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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