



**Deputy Premier
Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism**

Our ref: 72-51252

Mr Ian Holland
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Yalgoo
PO BOX 40
YALGOO WA 6635

ceo@yalgoo.wa.gov.au

Dear Mr Holland

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICITY SUBSIDY

Thank you for your email of 10 May 2024 to Hon Rita Saffioti MLA, the Treasurer, regarding the availability of the electricity credit for households and small businesses and that are under an off-grid electricity supply arrangement. The Treasurer has asked me to respond on her behalf.

As you have indicated, to date the Household and Small Business Electricity Credit payments that have been delivered by the Western Australian Government have been directed to customers with a connection to the Western Power and Horizon Power electricity networks as they have focussed on relief from electricity costs.

I appreciate the concerns you have raised and understand that broader cost of living pressures impacting Western Australians. In response to your feedback, the State Government has decided to make the 2024-25 Household Electricity Credit available to eligible off-grid residential households.

Eligible off-grid residential households include dwellings approved to be used as a place of residence that are not connected to the Western Power or Horizon Power electricity networks but have established infrastructure to generate their own electricity (for example, electricity generators, wind turbines and solar panels).

Applicants under an off-grid supply arrangement are required to demonstrate proof of permanent residence and confirmation that a payment by an electricity retailer has not been received. Applicants are also required to provide evidence of incurred costs to generate electricity, such as generator system installation or maintenance costs, or purchase of fuel supplies for electricity generation.

Further information on the eligibility criteria and application process is available at <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/household-electricity-credit> or by calling RevenueWA on 08 9262 1165.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of the Treasurer's Office and I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**OLIVIA CROWLEY
CHIEF OF STAFF**

09 SEP 2024