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Zero bills with zero emissions

South Australian households that moved early to access the Marshall Liberal Government's subsidies of up to \$6000 for home batteries are now seeing the benefits, with some household electricity bills dropping to zero.

"The Marshall Liberal Government's Home Battery Scheme (HBS) means participating households' can slash their electricity bills while helping to deliver cheaper electricity for all South Australians and generating valuable local jobs," said Minister for Energy and Mining Dan van Holst Pellekaan.

"This is great news for households that have already successfully applied for the subsidy of up to \$6000 and a powerful incentive for those considering installing the new technology."

The Harris family of Marino Rocks is just one the almost 1300 households that have signed up for a subsidy for a battery under the Marshall Government's HBS.

Despite a scorching summer and the additional demands that places on household electricity consumption the Harris family are a net contributor to the grid since the installation of their State Government subsidised home battery.

'We are producing significant power at this season of the year – more than we need – so that we are self-supporting,' said Dr Ross Harris.

'It's great – excellent.'

The fact the State Government has invested \$100 million in the HBS was important in convincing the Harris family to install a home battery.

'We looked at this because the State Government made a major investment in it. That was pretty impressive. It meant that a group of people who know more than we do about this have examined the technology and decided it's a goer.'

"One in three South Australian homes have solar panels and the addition of a home battery will allow householders to store the electricity they generate during the day and use it when they get home in the late afternoon," said Minister van Holst Pellekaan.

"Harnessing the energy that is generated by solar panels during the day and using it when demand peaks in the late afternoon is good for the individual householder's electricity bills, good for their neighbour's electricity bills and good for the environment.

"More and more people are realising that the Marshall Government's Home Battery Scheme is a great way to cut their electricity bills."