WESTERN AUSTRALIA ANALYSIS OF SMALL BUSINESS RETAIL ENERGY BILLS

FINDINGS FROM ENERGY CONSUMERS AUSTRALIA'S DECEMBER 2022 SME TARIFF TRACKING REPORT

Electricity bills were, on average, 19% higher across Australia for SMEs consuming 20,000 kWh per annum compared to a year ago, and were **3% higher in Western Australia.**

Gas bills were, on average, 21% higher across Australia for SMEs consuming 100 GJ per annum compared to a year ago, and were **6%** higher in Western Australia.

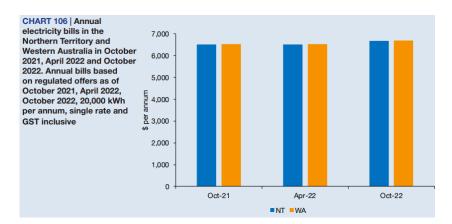


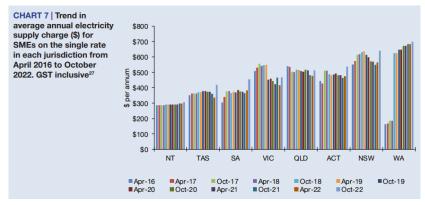
ELECTRICITY BILLS

The typical annual bill for small businesses consuming 20, 000 kWh is **\$6,690**.

This is a \$165 increase from a year ago.







FIXED SUPPLY CHARGES

For electricity, WA has the **highest fixed supply charge** in the country, at **\$700 per annum**.

Fixed supply charges as a proportion of the annual bill are also highest in WA (10.5%).

GAS BILLS

All retailers have **increased their bills** since April 2022 for small businesses, by between **2% and 5%** (\$95 to \$135) per annum.

The **typical annual bill** for a small business consuming 100 GJ in **Albany** is approximately **\$5,140** per annum and customers in **Kalgoorlie** will pay around **\$3,875**.

Additional discounts have the greatest impact in WA, reducing an average annual bill by approximately \$610.

Fixed supply charges remain the **lowest** in WA (with an increase of 3.5%). As a proportion of the annual bill, fixed supply charges are also the lowest (4%).



CHART 108 | Comparison of April 2021, October 2021 \$5,000 and April 2022 annual gas bills in Western Australia. Annual bills \$4,000 based on Alinta's offers as of April 2021. \$3,000 October 2021, April 2022, 100 GJ per annum and GST inclusive \$1,000 \$0 South West Albany Oct-21 Apr-22 Oct-22