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The ACT Tariff-Tracking Project

This project has tracked electricity and gas tariffs in the ACT from July 2009 to July 2026 and developed a spreadsheet-based tool that allows consumer advocates to build on the initial analysis while continuing to track changes as they occur.

To analyse changes to energy costs in the ACT, we assume typical household consumption of 48,000MJ per annum for gas, 6,500kWh per annum in electricity consumption for dual fuel households, and 8,000kWh per annum for all-electric households, thereof 30% off-peak for customers with controlled load (off-peak 1).[1]

We have also developed workbooks that allow the user to enter consumption levels and analyse household bills for regulated electricity and gas market offers from July 2009 to July 2026, as well as published electricity and gas market offers post the price resets in July 2013 to July 2026.[2]

Workbook 1: Regulated electricity offers July 2009-July 2026
Workbook 2: Gas offers July 2009-July 2026
Workbook 3: Electricity market offers July 2013-July 2026
Workbook 4: Gas market offers July 2013-July 2026
Workbook 5: Solar offers post July 2016-July 2026

The jurisdictional update reports will be followed by a NEM comparison report that discusses market issues and customer impacts in more detail as well as making recommendations.

All workbooks and reports can be accessed at the St Vincent de Paul Society's website: www.vinnies.org.au/energy

1. Gas and electricity consumption for dual fuel households is based on a mix of ICRC figures (see ICRC, Compliance and Performance Report for 2010-11, Licensed Electricity, Gas, Water and Sewerage Utilities, November 2012), ACT Government Canberra Quick Stats 2009-2010 and our own estimates. Note that we have consulted on whether the consumption levels used should be lowered to reflect the overall decrease in average consumption (mostly due to the uptake of solar). Consumer advocates, including the Project Reference Group, however, supported then view that the overall average usage does not reflect the usage of non-solar households and should therefore not be used. Furthermore, there was a preference to keep using the same consumption level to track cost developments over time. Also, the Tariff-Tracking tool (the workbooks) is designed so users can insert their own consumption levels.
2. All market offers are published offers and do not include special offers that retailers' market through campaigns or brokers. We use the retailers' websites and Energy Made Easy to collect market offers for the Tariff-Tracking tool. If the retailer has more than one market offer, we use the offer with the best rates/discounts that do not require direct debit arrangements.

Key findings

In terms of general trends, the tariff analysis has found that:[3]

- The annual bill for households on **ActewAGL's regulated rate** (single/flat rate tariff) has typically **increased by $90, or 3%,** since July 2025. [4] **See chart 1 in section 1.**
- Households' annual **gas costs have increased by $90, or 3.4%,** since July 2025. **See table 1 in section 1.**
- When **combining ActewAGL's regulated electricity rate and gas standing offer,** the total cost of energy, for average consumption households, has **increased by $165 (or 3%). See chart 3 in section 1.**
- A typical consumption household can **save $845 per annum** on electricity costs by **switching from the regulated rate to Origin Energy's market offer. See chart 6 in section 2.1.**
- The maximum price-spread, **the difference between the best (Origin Energy) and the worst (Nectr) electricity market offers, is currently $820** per annum. **See section 2.1.**
- On average, an **electricity market offer bill (inclusive of discounts) is $3,095** for households using 8,000 kWh and that is a **rise of $230, or 8%, since last year** (July 2025). In terms of changes to individual retailers' bills, ActewAGL's market offer increased the most (17%) while Red Energy, 1st Energy (replacing Energy Locals) and Nectr's offers increased by 15%, 10%, 3% respectively. Energy Australia and Origin Energy's offers increased by 2%.[5] **See section 2.1.**
- A typical gas consumption household can **save $350 per annum on gas costs by switching from Energy Australia to Origin Energy** (including discounts). **See chart 9 in section 2.2.**
- On average (across all retailers), the gas market offer bill has increased by 2% since last year (July 2025). In terms of changes to individual gas retailers' bills, **ActewAGL's market offer decreased** by -5%, Energy Australia's increased by 4%, Origin Energy by 3% and Red Energy by 6%.[6] **See section 2.2.**
- **Electricity supply charges have increased between 1.5% to 4.6% (depending on metering type) since July 2026.** Electricity customers on the flat rate or a time of use tariff now pay around $490 per annum in fixed supply charges while customers on the inclining block tariff will pay approximately $620. **ActewAGL's gas supply charge increased by 3% in July 2026.** ACT households now pay around $325 per annum in order to be connected to natural gas. **See section 3.**

3. These calculations are based on changes to the regulated offer for dual fuel customers using 6,500kWh per annum, changes to the regulated offer for all-electric customers using 8,000kWh per annum (thereof 30% off-peak for customers with controlled off-peak load) and ActewAGL's offers for gas customers using 48,000MJ per annum.
4. Note that these calculations are based on retail offers only and do not take government assistance such as the Energy Bill Relief Fund (that ended in 2025) into account.
5. This chart only includes retailers that had published market offers post July 2025 as well as July 2026. As Origin Energy has acquired Energy Locals Retail and consolidated these customers under the 1st Energy brand (also owned by Origin Energy) the comparison includes Energy Locals for 2025 and 1st Energy for 2026. As retailers may discontinue offers and/or introduced new market offers, this analysis is based on market offers deemed best value as well as "standard" (e.g. no direct debit requirements etc.) in both July 2025 and July 2026. Where a change in offer has occurred, the offers used for this comparison (2025/2026) are: Energy Locals' Online Member/1st Energy's Home Choice, ActewAGL (Capital City Plan/Certain Saver) and Nectr (Home Buzz/Green Power).
6. This chart only includes retailers that had published market offers post July 2025 as well as July 2026. As retailers may discontinue offers and/or introduced new market offers, this analysis is based on market offers deemed best value as well as "standard" (e.g. no direct debit requirements etc.) in both July 2025 and July 2026. Where a change in offer has occurred, the offers used for this comparison (2025/2026) are: ActewAGL (/ Winter Warmer/Simple Saver).

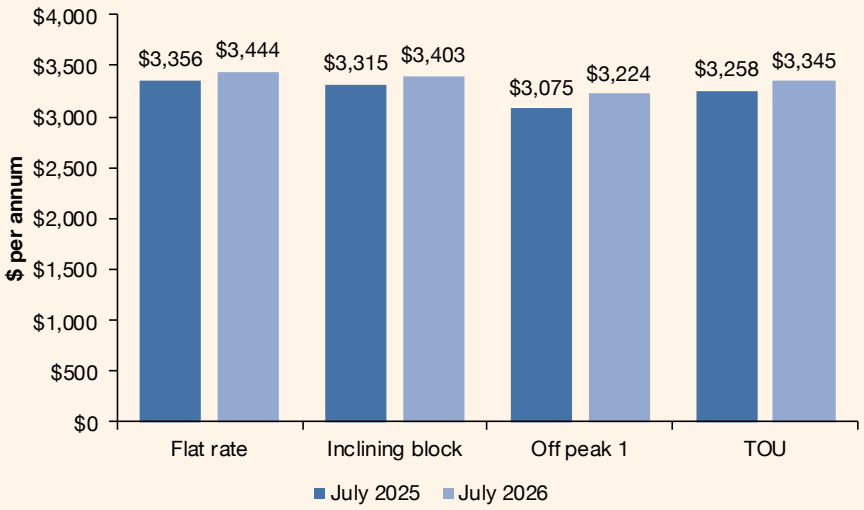
- In July 2026, the **electricity Network Use of System (NUOS) charge increased by 19%** and as the the standing offer retail bill increased by less, the NUOS as a proportion of the bill has gone from around 29% to 33%.[7] **See section 4.1.**
- The **gas Distribution Use of System (DUOS) charge increased by 6%** but the DUOS proportion of gas retail bills has remained unchanged at 24%. **See section 4.2.**
- The **average annual bill** is approximately **$2,280 for households with 3kW** systems, **$1,350 for households with 6.6kW** systems, and **$980 for households with 10kW** systems installed. Compared to non-solar households the average annual bill is around $815 less for solar households with 3kW systems installed, $1,745 for households with 6.6kW systems and $2,115 for households with 10kW systems.[8] **See section 5.**
- Compared to last year (July 2025), **the average market offer for solar customers (3kW systems) has increased by approximately $230 or 11%**.[9] **See section 5.**
- Retailers' feed in tariff (FIT) rates range from zero to 10 cents per kWh. **A household with a 6.6kW solar system installed will receive approximately $500 per annum in FIT credits from Origin, $395 from Energy Australia, $215 from ActewAGL, $180 from Red Energy and $110 from 1st Energy.** Nectr's offer does not include a FIT.

7. Note that Evoenergy had two types of metering charges between July 2015 and July 2024: the metering non-capital charge and the metering capital charge. Only the non-capital metering charge is included in the NUOS calculations from July 2015 to July 2023. Since 1 July 2024, these charges have been replaced by a single metering charge. These metering charges have been included in the fixed supply charge when calculating the NUOS. Note that the cost of jurisdictional schemes (such as 'green' schemes) is not included in these NUOS charges.
8. This comparison is based on the average market offer for non-solar customers (inclusive of discounts) and the average market offer for solar customers (inclusive of discounts) using 8,000kWh per annum (flat rate).
9. For non-solar households, the average offer increased by $230 or 8%. See section 2.1.

1. Energy price changes from July 2025 to July 2026

Chart 1 below shows increases to the regulated electricity rates from July 2025 to July 2026 for each of the four tariff types. The annual bill for all-electric households with a typical consumption level will range from around $3,225 to $3,445, depending on the tariff type. Average consumption households on a single/flat rate electricity tariff will experience an increase of around $90 (3%) to their annual bill.[10]

CHART 1 | Changes to the annual cost of regulated electricity offers for all-electric households from 2025 to 2026, based on annual consumption level of 8,000kWh, GST inclusive.[11]



Gas prices increased on 1 July 2025. A household using 48,000MJ per annum will have an annual gas bill of around $2,785 which is $90 (3.4%) more than last year.

Charts 2 and 3 below show changes in electricity and gas costs for dual fuel households. As these households typically use less electricity compared to all-electric households, any changes to the electricity bill will naturally be lower. Typical consumption dual fuel customers on a single rate tariff, can expect an increase of around $75, or 3%, to their annual electricity cost (chart 2). When combining the electricity and gas costs, the total cost of energy, for average consumption households on a single/flat rate electricity tariff has increased by 3% or around $165 (see chart 3).[12]

10. Note that these calculations are based on retail offers only and do not take government assistance such as the Energy Bill Relief Fund (that ended in 2025) into account.
11. Thereof 30% off-peak and 70% flat rate for households with controlled load (off-peak 1) and 20% peak, 50% shoulder and 30% off-peak for households on a Time of Use (TOU) tariff.
12. Based on annual consumption of 6,500kWh on a single/flat rate tariff.

CHART 2 | Changes to the annual cost of regulated electricity offers for dual fuel households from 2025 to 2026, based on annual consumption level of 6,500kWh, GST inclusive.[13]

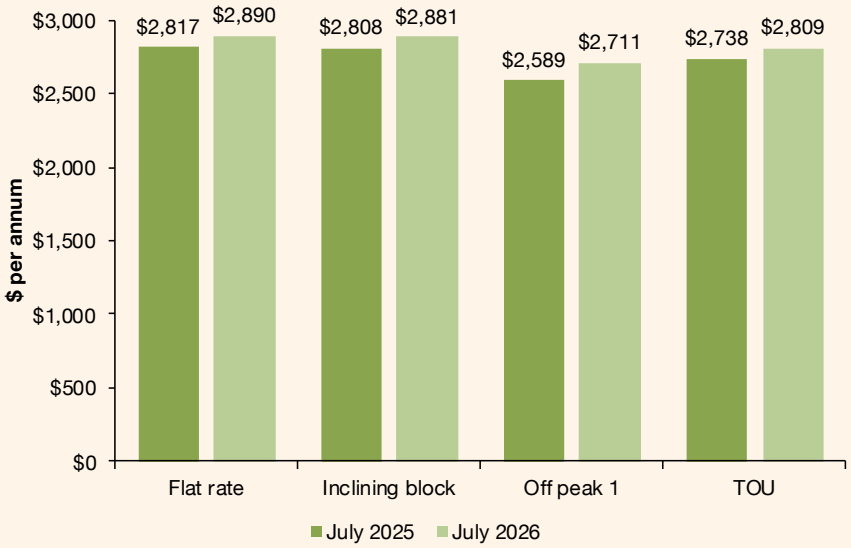


CHART 3 | Changes to the annual cost for dual fuel customers and gas only from 2025 to 2026, dual fuel based on 6,500kWh (flat rate) and 48,000MJ per annum, GST inclusive.[14]

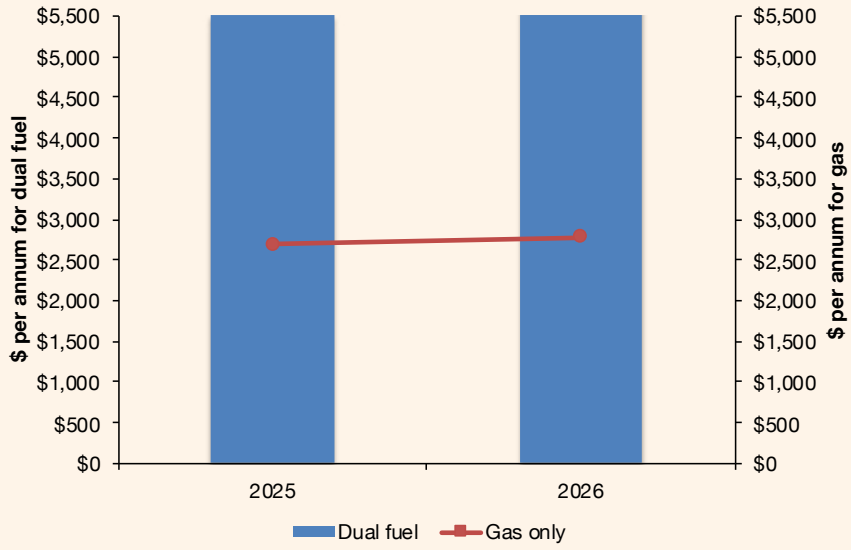


Table 1 below highlights the price trends for electricity and gas offers in the ACT from 2025 to 2026.

TABLE 1 | Electricity (single rate) and gas price changes from July 2024 – July 2025[15]

	All-electric (8,000kWh)	Gas (48,000MJ)	Dual fuel (6,500kWh + 48,000MJ)
$ Change	$90	$90	$165
% Change	3%	3.4%	3%

13. Thereof 30% off-peak and 70% flat rate for households with controlled load (off-peak 1) and 20% peak, 50% shoulder and 30% off-peak for households on a Time of Use (TOU) tariff.
14. Based on ActewAGL's gas rates only.
15. Note that these calculations are based on retail offers only and do not take government assistance such as the Energy Bill Relief Fund (that ended in 2025) into account.

2. Regulated vs. market offers post July 2026

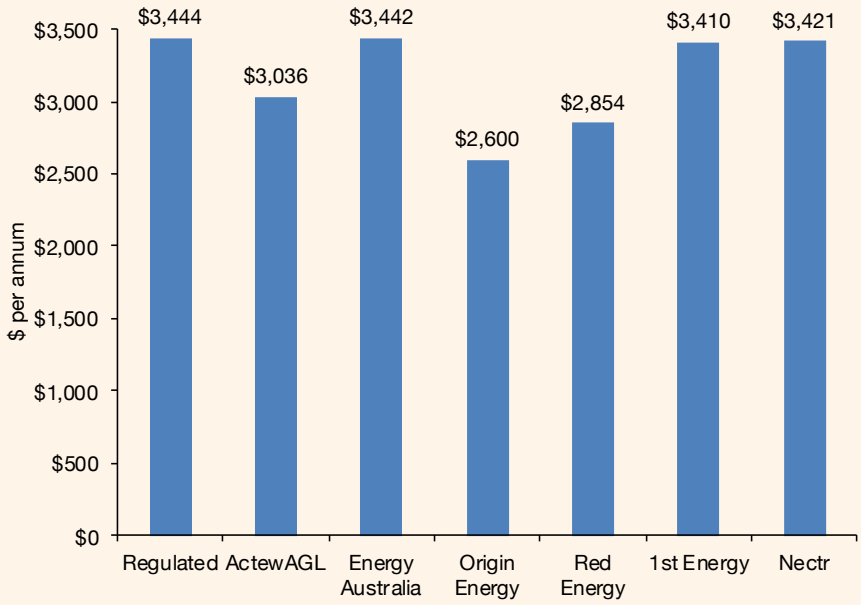
Since the introduction of full retail competition in the ACT energy retail market in 2003, households have been able to choose between regulated and market offers.[16] Host retailer ActewAGL, along with EnergyAustralia, Origin Energy, Red Energy, Nectr and 1st Energy are offering market contracts to residential electricity customers. A majority of customers continues to be with ActewAGL, which currently has around 70% of the market share in the ACT electricity market.[17] For gas, there continues to be only four retailers in the ACT (ActewAGL, Energy Australia, Origin Energy and Red Energy) and ActewAGL has approximately 73% of the market share.[18]

The electricity price-spread (or the maximum difference between offers) is currently around $820 per annum. This saving may be obtained by switching from Nectr to Origin Energy. The maximum potential saving for gas is around $350 (by switching from Energy Australia to Origin Energy's offer).[19]

2.1 Electricity: Regulated vs. market offers post July 2026[20]

Chart 4 below shows that households using 8,000kWh per annum (flat rate) will have an annual electricity bill of between $2,600 and $3,445, and that none of the market offer rates are higher than the regulated rate (when calculated as annual bills and noting that this chart is based on rates prior to additional discounts).

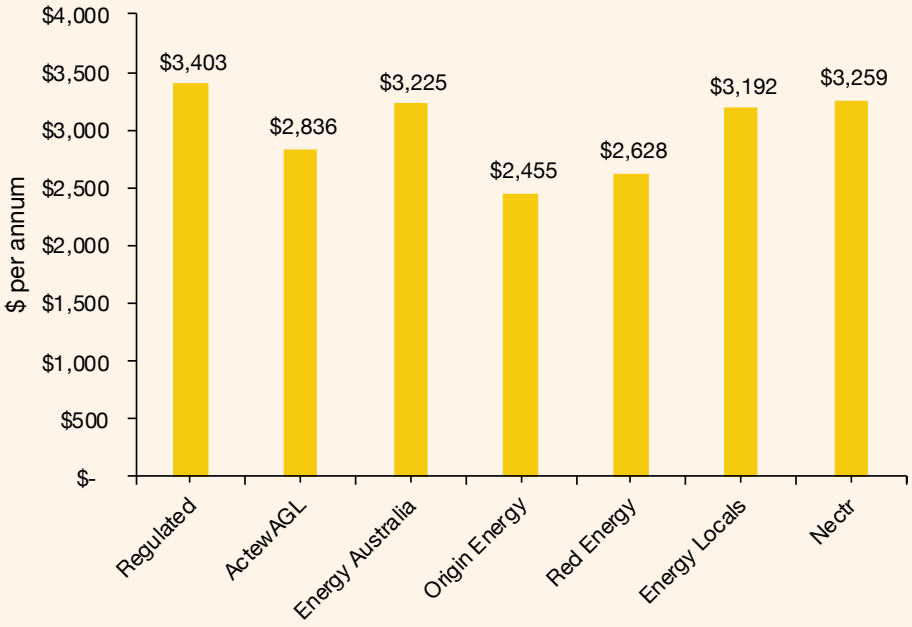
CHART 4 | Electricity offers as annual bills, post July 2026, Flat rate, not including discounts, 8,000 kWh per annum (GST incl).



16. Also referred to as franchise customers (those on the regulated rate and non-franchise customers (those on a negotiated market contract). Note that gas retail prices are not regulated.
17. AER, data for the Retail energy market performance update for Quarter 3, 2025-26, Indicators s2.1.ai, s2.2.ai and s2.6.
18. AER, data for the Retail energy market performance update for Quarter 3, 2025-26, Indicators s2.1.bi, s2.2.bi and 2.6.
19. Based on an annual consumption of 8,000 kWh/annum for electricity (single rate) and 48,000 MJ for gas. Market offers inclusive of guaranteed and pay on time discounts.
20. These market offers were collected from the retailers' websites or from Energy Made Easy on 18 September 2026. The effective from date for these offers is listed in Table 2. It should be noted that retailers can change their rates at any time.

Chart 5 below shows households with controlled off-peak load will have an annual electricity bill of between $2,455 and $3,405, and that all six retailers offer lower rates than the regulated rates (when calculated as annual bills and noting that this chart is based on rates prior to additional discounts).

CHART 5 | Electricity offers as annual bills, post July 2026, controlled load, not including discounts, 8,000kWh per annum, thereof 30% off-peak (GST incl).



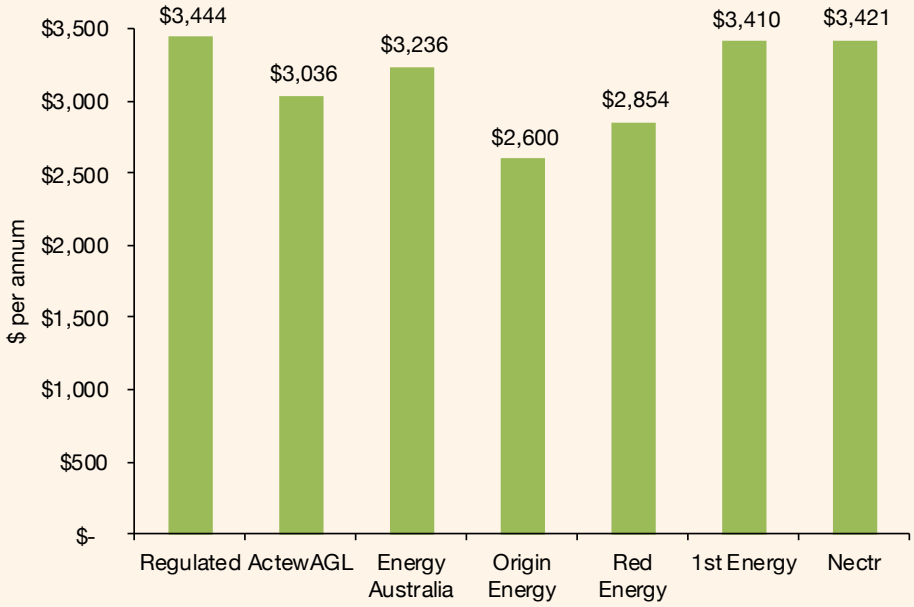
As stated above, the calculations for the market offers in charts 4 and 5 are based on rates only (cost per kWh and fixed charges) and do not include other market offer features such as discounts on consumption rates and welcome credits.

Consumers assessing market offers should take these additional features into account as well as being aware of contract conditions such as late payment fees, the length of the contract, potential fees for exiting the contract early as well as shorter billing cycles.

Chart 6 below shows annual bills after including additional guaranteed discounts and conditional pay on time discounts. It shows that average consumption (8,000kWh) households currently on ActewAGL's regulated rate can save around $845 per annum by switching to Origin Energy's market offer. On average, a market offer bill (inclusive of discounts) is around $3,095 for households based on the assumed consumption level, which is an increase of $230, or 8%, since last year (July 2025).[21]

21. Note that the average includes 1st Energy in 2026 instead of Energy Locals (2025).

CHART 6 | Annual bills including discounts. Electricity offers post July 2026 as annual bills, flat rate, 8,000kWh (GST incl).[22]



The discounts used to estimate the annual bills for chart 6 above are shown in table 2 below. Some retailers have multiple market offers and the offers with the best rates/discounts that do not require direct debit arrangements have been included here. In recent years many electricity retailers have moved away from pay on time discounts to offer a guaranteed discount or no discount at all. This trend has continued in July 2026 and only one electricity retailer currently offers a discounted market offer.

TABLE 2 | Published electricity market offers taking effect after 1 July 2026: Key additional features and contract conditions.

Retailer	Name	Guaranteed discount	Pay on time discount	Effective from
ActewAGL	Certain Saver	No	No	2/7/26
Energy Australia	Flexi Plan	6% off bill	No	1/9/26
Origin Energy	Go Variable	No	No	2/7/26
Red Energy	Living Energy Saver	No	No	15/9/26
1st Energy	Home Choice	No	No	15/9/26
Nectr	Green Power	No	No	7/8/26

22. Calculations include discounts off usage or bill as well as pay on time discounts off usage or bill.

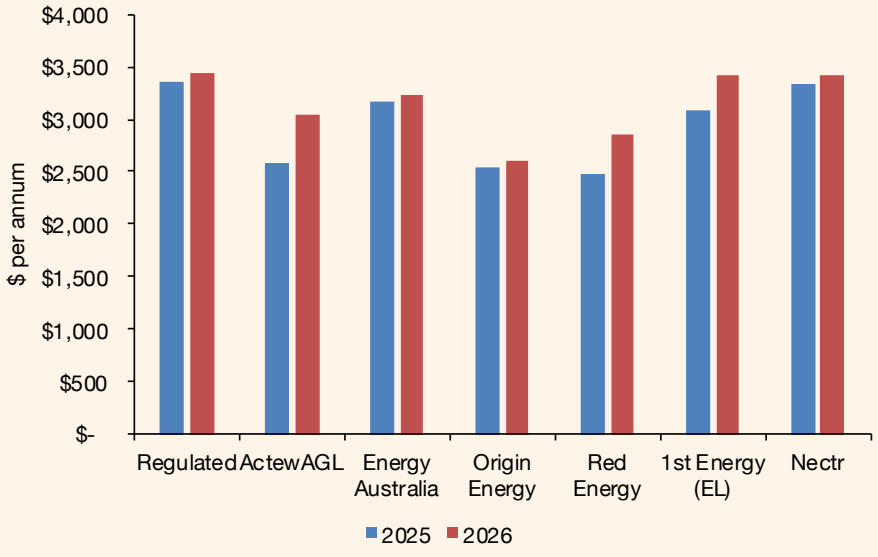
Figure 1 below shows estimated annual bills for market offers post discounts as well as how they ranked compared to other retailers. The maximum price-spread for market offers is currently around $820 per annum.

FIGURE 1 | Lowest to highest annual bills (incl GST) for market offers post July 2026, including discounts and pay on time discounts - Households consuming 8,000kWh per annum (single rate)

origin	Origin Energy	$2,600
red energy	Red Energy	$2,854
	ActewAGL	$3,036
EnergyAustralia	Energy Australia	$3,236
1stenergy.	1st Energy	$3,410
nectr share the energy	Nectr	$3,334

As discussed above, the average market offer (across all retailers) has increased by 8% since last year. Chart 7 below shows changes to individual electricity retailers' offers from 2025 to 2026 and it shows that ActewAGL's market offer increased the most (17%) while Red Energy, 1st Energy (replacing Energy Locals) and Nectr's offers increased by 15%, 10%, 3% respectively. Energy Australia and Origin Energy's offers increased by 2%.[23]

CHART 7 | Electricity offers post July 2024 and July 2025. Annual bills including discounts, flat rate, 8,000kWh (GST incl).

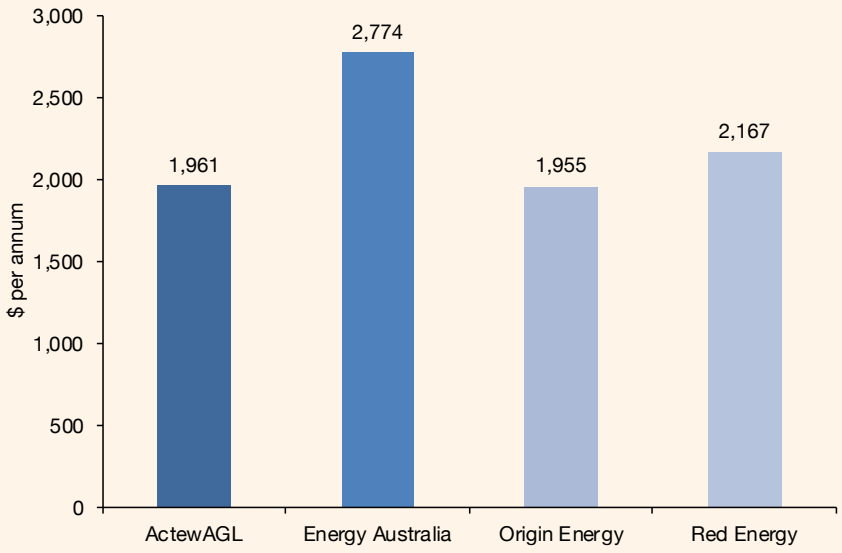


23. This chart only includes retailers that had published market offers post July 2025 as well as July 2026. As Origin Energy has acquired Energy Locals Retail and consolidated these customers under the 1st Energy brand (also owned by Origin Energy) the comparison includes Energy Locals for 2025 and 1st Energy for 2026. As retailers may discontinue offers and/or introduced new market offers, this analysis is based on market offers deemed best value as well as "standard" (e.g. no direct debit requirements etc.) in both July 2025 and July 2026. Where a change in offer has occurred, the offers used for this comparison (2025/2026) are: Energy Locals' Online Member/1st Energy's Home Choice, ActewAGL (Capital City Plan/Certain Saver) and Nectr (Home Buzz/Green Power).

2.2 Gas market offers post July 2026[24]

There are no regulated gas offers in the ACT and only Energy Australia, Origin Energy, Red Energy and ActewAGL currently have gas market offers for residential consumers. Chart 8 below shows that Origin Energy has the lowest rates while Energy Australia's rates are highest (excluding additional discounts).

CHART 8 | Gas offers post July 2026, as annual bills (48,000MJ per annum).

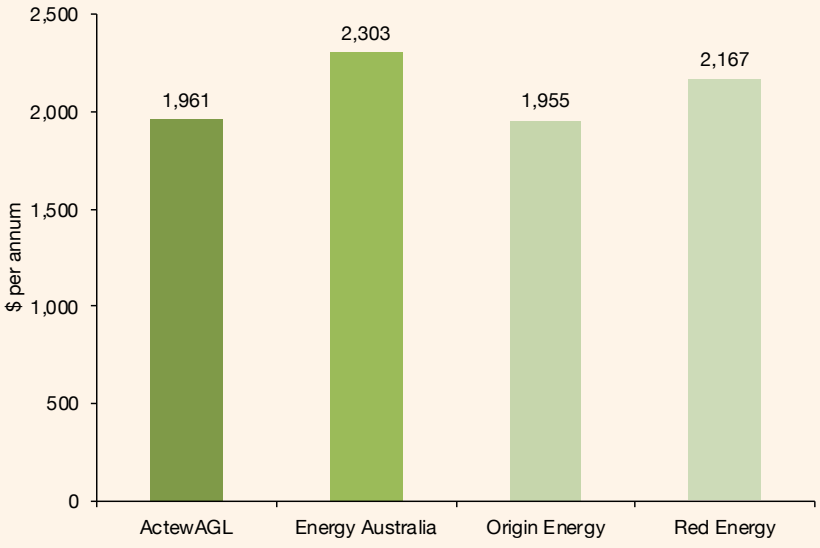


However, the calculations for the above market offers are based on their rates only (cost per MJ and fixed charges) and do not include other market offer features such as guaranteed discounts. Customers assessing gas market offers should take additional features into account as well as being aware of contract conditions such as late payment fees, the length of the contract and fees for exiting the contract early.

Chart 9 below shows annual bills inclusive of additional discounts. It shows that only Energy Australia currently applies a discount their offer. The discount produces a saving of around $470 per annum for Energy Australia customers. However, Origin's offer still produces the lowest bill. On average, a market offer bill (inclusive of discounts) is around $2,095, which is 2% more than last year (July 2025).[25] The maximum potential saving for gas is around $350 (by switching from Energy Australia to Origin Energy's offer).[26]

24. These market offers were collected from the retailers' websites or from Energy Made Easy on 9 September 2026. The effective from date for these offers is listed in Table 3. It should be noted that retailers can change their rates at any time.
25. Note that these calculations are based on retail offers only and do not take government assistance such as the Energy Bill Relief Fund (that ended in 2025) into account.
26. Based on an annual consumption of 8,000 kWh/annum for electricity (single rate) and 48,000 MJ for gas. Market offers inclusive of guaranteed and pay on time discounts.

CHART 9 | Annual bills including discounts. Gas offers post July 2026 as annual bills, 48,000MJ (GST incl).[27]



The discounts used to estimate the annual bills for chart 9 above are shown in table 3 below.

TABLE 3 | Published gas market offers post July 2026: Key additional features and contract conditions

Retailer	Name	Guaranteed discount	Pay on time discount	Effective from
ActewAGL	Simple Saver	No	No	2/7/26
EnergyAustralia	Flexi Plan	17% off bill	No	1/9/26
Origin Energy	Go Variable	No	No	2/7/26
Red Energy	Living Energy Saver	No	No	1/7/26

The difference between the best and the worst gas market offer is significant. Origin Energy's offer is $350 less than Energy Australia's market offer post discounts for households with this consumption level. Figure 2 below shows estimated annual bills for market offers post discounts.

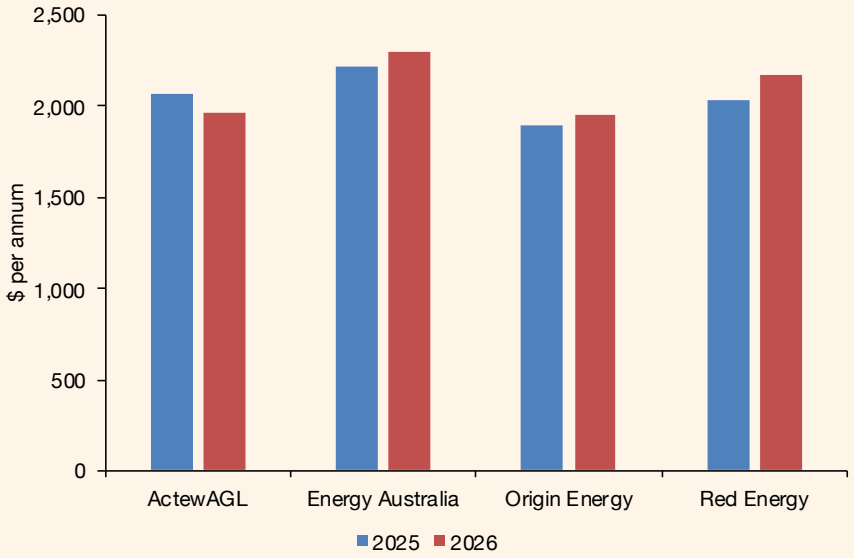
FIGURE 2 | Lowest to highest annual bills (incl GST) for market offers post July 2025, including discounts and pay on time discounts - Households consuming 48,000MJ per annum

origin	Origin Energy	$1,955
	ActewAGL	$1,961
red energy	Red Energy	$2,167
EnergyAustralia	Energy Australia	$2,303

27. Calculations include discounts off usage or bill as well as pay on time discounts off usage or bill.

As discussed above, the average market offer (across all retailers) has increased by 2% since last year. However, ActewAGL has actually slightly decreased their bill since last year. Chart 10 below shows changes to individual gas retailers' offers from 2025 to 2026. It shows that ActewAGL's market offer decreased by -5%, Energy Australia's increased by 4%, Origin Energy by 3% and Red Energy by 6%.[28]

CHART 10 | Gas offers post July 2025 and July 2026. Annual bills including discounts, 48,000MJ (GST incl).



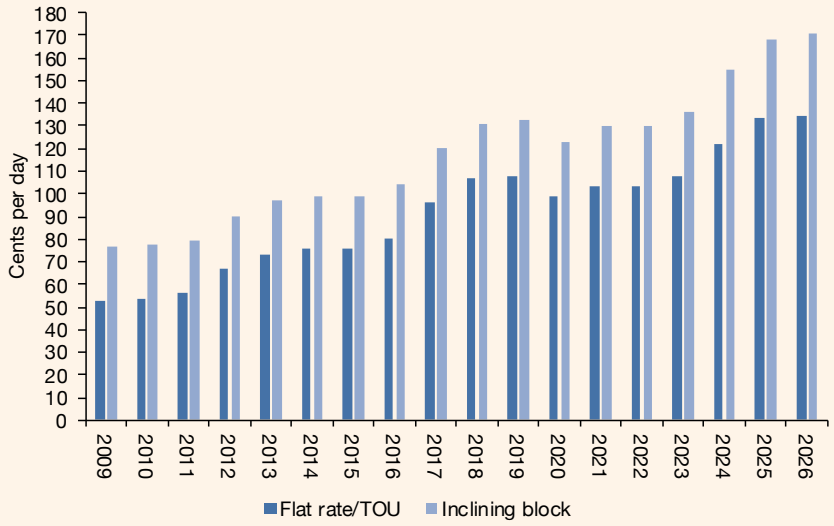
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3. Supply charges

3.1 Electricity supply charges

The supply charge is a fixed daily charge that is paid in addition to the consumption charges for electricity used. In the ACT the supply charge for electricity customers on the flat rate (and the less common TOU rate) has increased by 153% since July 2009, while the overall higher supply charge for the inclining block tariff has increased by around 122%. In the July 2026 price-set the regulated supply charge for flat and TOU rate increased by 1.5% and the supply charge for inclining block tariff customers increased by 4.6%. Customers on the flat rate or a TOU tariff will now pay around $490 per annum in fixed supply charges while customers on the inclining block tariff will pay $620. Chart 11 below shows the changes to the daily supply charges for regulated electricity rates from July 2009 to July 2026.

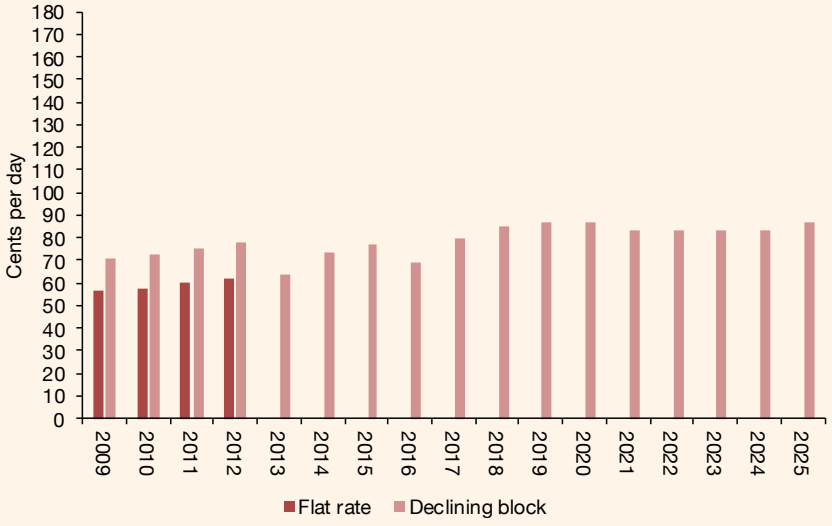
CHART 11 | Daily supply charge (incl GST), regulated electricity offers, 2009 to 2026



3.2 Gas supply charges

ActewAGL's gas supply charge increased by just over 3% in July 2026. ACT households now pay around $325 per annum in order to be connected to natural gas. Chart 12 below shows gas supply charges from July 2009 to July 2026.

CHART 12 | ActewAGL's gas supply charges from 2009 to 2026, cents per day (incl GST).[29]



29. ActewAGL merged their tariff products to a single gas offer in 2013. Note: The declining block tariff was actually an inclining block in 2009 and 2010.

4. Network charges

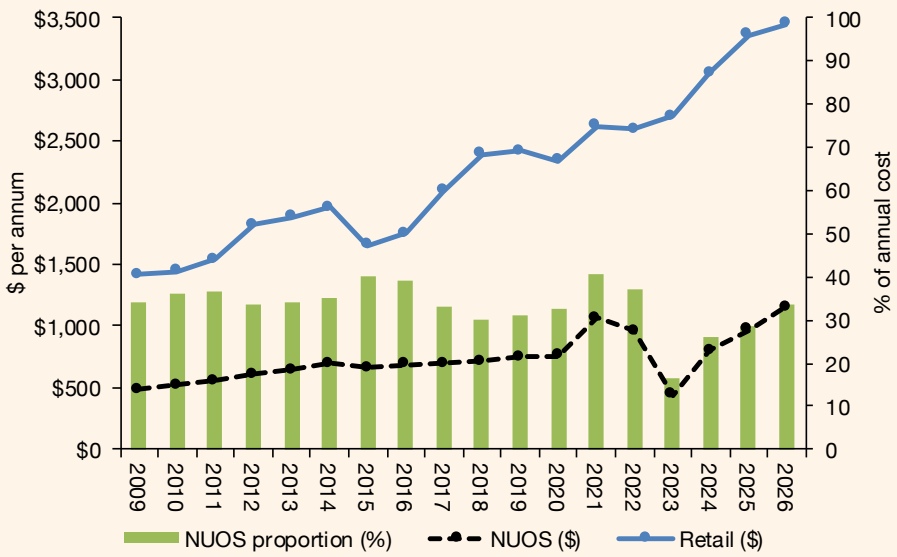
This section examines changes to electricity network charges since 2009 and gas distribution charges since 2020.

4.1 Electricity network charges

The ACT electricity network, Evoenergy, introduces new Network Use of System (NUOS) charges as of 1 July every year. These NUOS charges are approved by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) and comprise Transmission Use of System (TUOS) and Distribution Use of System (DUOS) as well as other costs such as jurisdictional charges, and in some cases, metering charges. The retailers can, and generally will, build changes to the NUOS (in relation to both shape and price) into their market retail tariffs. As the ACT also has a regulated retail offer, the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) also changes the regulated retail rate to reflect changes to the NUOS.

Chart 13 shows annual retail bills (solid line), NUOS charges as annual cost (dotted line) and NUOS as proportion of annual bill (columns). It shows that the NUOS charge increased in July 2026 (by 19%) and as the the standing offer retail bill increased by less, the NUOS as a proportion of the bill has gone from around 29% to 33%.[30] The NUOS cost for households consuming 8,000 kWh per annum is currently $1,155.

CHART 13 | Electricity retail bill per annum (incl. GST), NUOS charges and NUOS as proportion of total bill (incl. GST) from 2009 to 2026 (based on the regulated retail tariff, single rate, 8,000kWh per annum)[31]



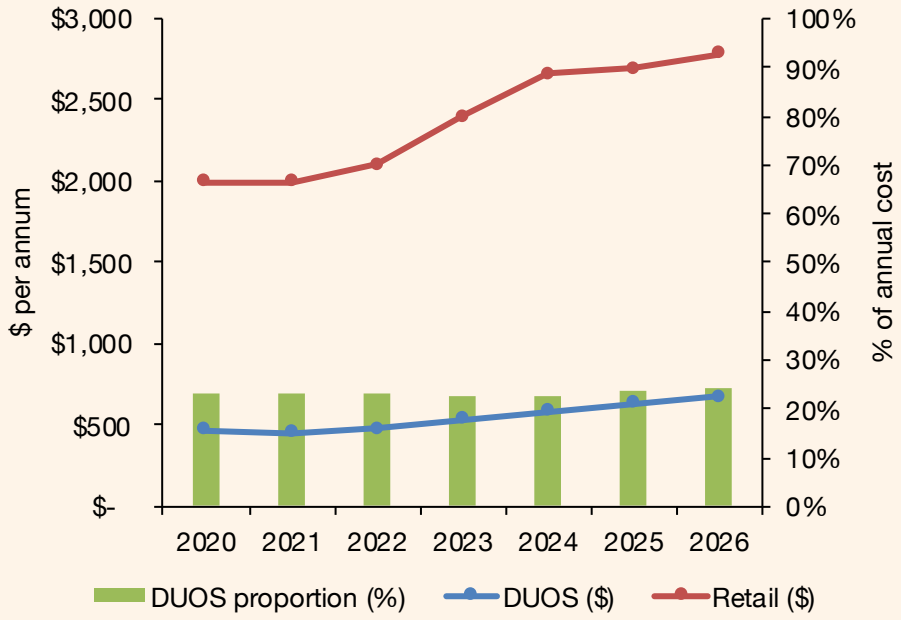
30. Note that Evoenergy had two types of metering charges between July 2015 and July 2024: the metering non-capital charge and the metering capital charge. Only the non-capital metering charge is included in the NUOS calculations from July 2015 to July 2023. Since 1 July 2024, these charges have been replaced by a single metering charge. These metering charges have been included in the fixed supply charge when calculating the NUOS. Note that the cost of jurisdictional schemes (such as 'green' schemes) is not included in these NUOS charges.
31. Based on the regulated rates from 2009 to 2026, presented as annual bills for households using 8,000kWh per annum (flat rate). The annual NUOS charges have been calculated by allocating 2,000kWh per quarter (again based on annual consumption of 8,000kWh) to the step charges stipulated in the NUOS. The annual NUOS cost also includes fixed charges.

4.2 Gas distribution charges

As for electricity, the ACT gas distributor, EvoEnergy, introduces new Distribution Use of System (DUOS) charges as of 1 July every year. In the EvoEnergy network, the current DUOS charge for households using 48,000MJ is almost $675 per annum and it has increased by 6% since last year (July 2025). The DUOS proportion of gas retail bills has remained unchanged at 24%.[32]

Chart 14 shows annual retail bills (red line), DUOS charges as annual cost (blue line) and DUOS as proportion of annual bill (columns).

CHART 14 | Gas retail bill per annum (incl. GST), DUOS charges and DUOS as proportion of total bill (incl. GST) from 2020 to 2026 (based on the standard retail rate, 48,000 MJ per annum)



32. Based on ActewAGL's standard gas offer as of July 2026. Presented as annual bills for households using 48,000 MJ per annum

5. Solar offers[33]

Customers looking for solar electricity retail offers should assess both the retailers' Feed in tariff (FIT) rates as well as the cost of electricity imported.

This section analyses and compares market offer bills for ACT customers with 3kW, 6.6kW and 10kW systems installed.[34] As retailers are not required to publish rates for solar products purchased and installed through them, this analysis only examines electricity offers available to customers independently of solar panels and installation.

Methodology and assumptions
To calculate the annual bills for the various solar market offers the following assumptions and methodology have been applied:

- An annual household consumption of 8,000kWh (including both produced and imported).
- Calculations have been produced for households with 3kW, 6.6kW and 10kW systems only.
- An annual generation capacity per kW installed of 1.801MWh and an export rate of 55.1% for 3kW systems, 60% for 6.6kW systems and 70% for 10kW systems.
- Only FIT rates available to new customers have been included. Retailer funded FIT rates have been applied as per offer (see table 4 below).
- For tariffs with controlled load, 30% of the total load has been allocated to the off-peak rate.
- For TOU tariffs, 20% of the load has been allocated to the peak rate, 30% to the off-peak rate and 50% to the shoulder rate.
- A flat annual consumption has been assumed.
- The annual bills have been based on quarterly bill calculations and all step increases have been applied as quarterly thresholds (including when the retail offer refers to daily or monthly thresholds). Daily fixed charges have been multiplied by 91 to calculate the quarterly amount.

33. These market offers were collected from the retailers' websites or from Energy Made Easy on 1 October 2026. It should be noted that retailers can change their rates at any time.
34. Note that the analysis previously was based on 3kW and 1.5kW systems. While these systems are small compared to the size of the typical systems that are currently being installed, we have kept the 3 kW to compare developments over time and replaced the 1.5kW system with 6.6kW and 10kW systems.

Table 4 below shows that FIT rates range from zero to 10 cents per kWh. Based on the assumptions listed above, a household with a 6.6kW solar system installed will receive approximately $500 per annum in FIT credits from Origin, $395 from Energy Australia, $215 from ActewAGL, $180 from Red Energy and $110 from 1st Energy. Nectr's offer does not include a FIT.

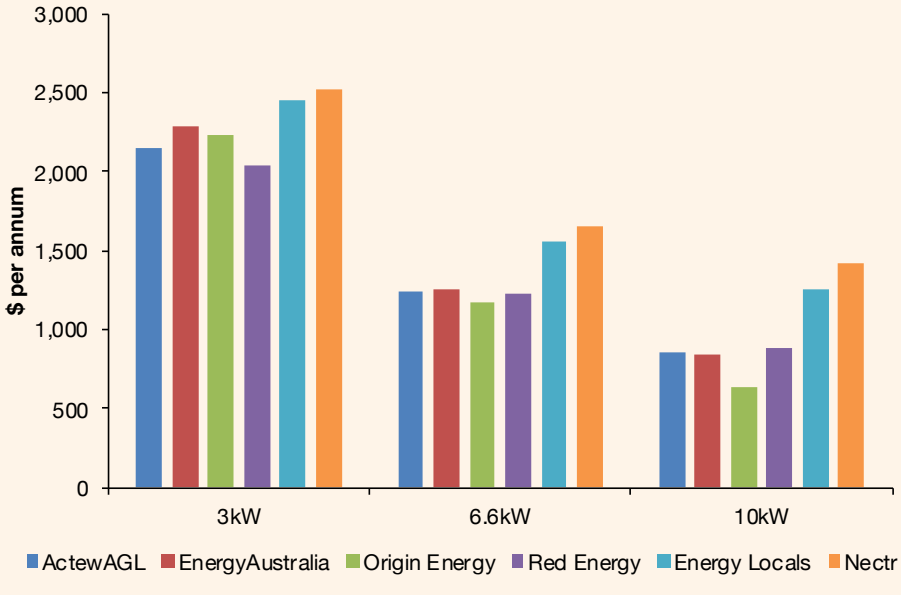
TABLE 4 | Retailers' FIT rates as of July 2026.

Retailer	Offer	First FIT rate (c/kWh)	Export threshold (kWh/quarter)	Second FIT rate (c/kWh)
ActewAGL	Certain Saver	3		
EnergyAustralia	Solar Max	8	910	3
Origin Energy	Go Solar Boost Variable	10	728	5
Red Energy	Living Energy Saver	2.5		
1st Energy	Home Choice	3	455	1
Nectr	Green Power	0		

The average annual bill is approximately $2,280 for households with 3kW systems, $1,350 for households with 6.6kW systems, and $980 for households with 10kW systems installed. Compared to non-solar households the average annual bill is around $815 less for solar households with 3kW systems installed, $1,745 for households with 6.6kW systems and $2,115 for households with 10kW systems (see section 2.1 above).[35] Compared to last year, the average market offer for solar customers (3kW systems) has increased by approximately $230 or 11%.[36]

Based on the assumptions outlined above, solar customers on a flat electricity rate with a 3kW system installed would pay approximately $480 less per annum on Red Energy's offer compared to Nectr's offer. Households with 6.6kW and 10kW systems would pay $490 and $780 less on Origin's offer compared to Nectr's offer (see chart 15).

CHART 15 | Annual bills including discounts and FIT credits for customers with 3kW, 6.6kW and 10kW solar systems. Electricity offers post July 2026 as annual bills, flat rate, 8,000kWh (GST incl).[37]



35. This comparison is based on the average market offer for non-solar customers (inclusive of discounts) and the average market offer for solar customers (inclusive of discounts) using 8,000kWh per annum (flat rate).
36. For non-solar households, the average offer increased by $230 or 8%. See section 2.1.
37. Calculations include discounts off usage or bill as well as pay on time discounts off usage or bill.

Figure 3 below shows estimated annual bills for market offers (flat rate) post discounts.

FIGURE 3 | Lowest to highest annual bills (incl GST) for solar market offers post July 2026, including FIT credits, discounts and pay on time discounts - Households consuming 8,000kWh per annum (single rate), 6.6kW system

Origin Energy	$1,167
Red Energy	$1,226
ActewAGL	$1,243
EnergyAustralia	$1,256
Energy Locals	$1,552
Nectr	$1,655