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As the smart meter fiasco bumbles on residents are set to incur even more costs for monitoring power usage

Residents who have already been unfairly slugged with the cost of the smart meter roll out are now set to pay even more for monitoring their power usage Liberal Member for Evelyn Christine Fyffe confirmed today.

“If you actually want to use the smart meter to help control your power usage, the information is not available from the smart meter itself. Residents will have to purchase a screen which gets fitted inside the home and pay for it to be installed,” Mrs Fyffe said.

“For pensioners and anyone struggling financially who will want to count every penny by monitoring their power consumption, this is yet another blow from the current State Government,” Mrs Fyffe said.

“I am continuing to receive calls, emails, letters and visits from angry residents who object to paying for an item that they have not received,” Mrs Fyffe said.

On 9 June the Legislative Council passed a resolution condemning the Brumby Labor Government over its incompetent roll out of smart meters into every home and small business across Victoria.

The motion supported the Victorian Coalition’s policy which *“calls on the Brumby Government to immediately freeze the roll out of the smart meter program until a full and independent cost-benefit analysis can be undertaken to ensure that consumers will not be worse off as a result.”*

“Every non-government party is in agreement that the smart meter roll out is a fiasco which is why this motion was supported in the Legislative Council,” Mrs Fyffe said.

“The government’s financial mismanagement on projects such as smart meters is further proof that the Brumby Government cannot manage our money,” Mrs Fyffe said.

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