**Suggested text for an email to your Energy Minister to lift the standard of Australian homes**

Please use the text below as a guide and personalise it as you wish, reflecting your experience. Let your Energy Minister know how living in an efficient or inefficient home has been for you.

Renew, as part of a coalition of groups, is calling for the following:

* Improved energy performance standards for new homes and major renovations
* Improved energy performance standards for existing homes
* Targeted measures to Improve energy performance in low-income households

The benefits of energy-efficient homes are: lower energy bills, improved health and wellbeing, improved resilience of the electricity system and reduced greenhouse emissions.

*Dear Minister,*

***[suggested heading] Please don’t miss this opportunity to improve the efficiency of Australian homes***

*I am writing to urge you to support recommendations to improve the energy performance of all Australian homes when you meet with your COAG Energy Council colleagues on December 19.*

*I know from personal experience what it’s like to live in an energy efficient/inefficient home: Describe your experience.*

*Australian homes are inefficient by world standards. As a result many Australians live in homes that are too hot in summer, too cold in winter or waste too much expensive and polluting energy to maintain at a safe and healthy temperature.*

*With energy prices rising and extreme weather events such as heatwaves becoming more frequent and more severe, we need homes that are capable of providing safe and affordable shelter into the future. We also have no chance of keeping global warming under 1.5 degrees unless we cut emissions from the building sector by making our homes more efficient.*

*Improving the efficiency of our homes just makes sense, not only lowering energy bills for households but also reducing health risks, cutting emissions and creating jobs. I urge you to commit to policies that will safeguard our homes and our climate for the future.*

*Yours sincerely,*

**Energy ministers**

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