

Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement (Priority Household Target) Determination 2014 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI2014–248

made under the

Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement Act 2012

Section 8 (Priority Household Target)

Explanatory Statement

Overview

Section 6 of the *Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement Act 2012* provides that one of the key objects of the Act is to increase opportunities for priority households to reduce energy use and costs. This is in line with the Government's commitment to support households particularly vulnerable to rising energy prices.

A key component that ensures priority households benefit under the Act is the ability of the Minister to set the Priority Household Target (PHT) under section 8 of the Act. The PHT determines the level of greenhouse gas emissions reductions that must be achieved by Tier 1 electricity retailers by undertaking activities in priority households.

Households eligible for 'priority' status are defined in the Dictionary of the Act.

Consistent with the PHT set for the first and second compliance periods of the Scheme, and the success of the target to date, the PHT is set at 25 per cent for the compliance period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.

The determination takes effect the day after notification.