



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill  
Minister for Multiculturalism and  
Minister for Disability Services

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### HELPING SENIORS WITH THE COST OF LIVING IN THE CASTLE HILL AREA

The NSW Government has secured a two-year deal with one of Australia's biggest energy suppliers, creating savings of up to 25 per cent for seniors across Castle Hill on their gas and electricity usage charges.

The NSW Government recently announced the renewed commitment from energy retailer AGL, which will begin offering new discounts to NSW Seniors Card members from July 1.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams said the Government had been working hard to secure these competitive discounts for seniors in Castle Hill.

"Older people have worked hard all their lives and given so much to their communities, so I am both thrilled and proud to be able to deliver the renewal of a partnership that eases the cost of living pressures for them," Mr Williams said.

From 1 July, AGL will offer Seniors Card members a **25 per cent guaranteed discount off electricity usage and 19 per cent guaranteed discount off gas usage** charges on a two year energy plan.

"Given we are now well and truly into winter, the timing of this renewal could not be better. We know every dollar counts for seniors," Mr Williams said. "Castle Hill functions better, is more inclusive and effective, thanks to the contributions made by older people. When they are active and involved in community life, everyone benefits".

More than 1.5 million older people in NSW have a Seniors Card. More than 5600 businesses now offer Seniors Card discounts, up from 1600 in January 2015.

For more information on the Seniors Card, visit [www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au](http://www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au)  
To contact AGL or to sign up, call 13 12 45 or visit [www.agl.com.au](http://www.agl.com.au).

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#### **New Offer – 1 July 2017 to 31 August 2017**

- *From 1 July 2017, AGL will offer new AGL Seniors energy plans for NSW Seniors Cardholders which will include a 25% guaranteed discount off electricity and a 19% guaranteed discount off gas usage charges.*
- *This AGL Seniors offer is available to NSW Seniors Cardholders and is subject to change. These energy plans last for 24 months and include variable rates.*
- *For more information on this offer you can call AGL on 131 245 or visit the NSW Seniors Card website [www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au](http://www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au) from 1 July 2017.*