



## **Record electricity demand forecast for South Australia tomorrow**

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AGL has again urged customers to use electricity wisely tomorrow (23/1/2001) as the State heads towards another record day of electricity demand.

South Australia's demand reached 2,714 megawatts (MW) at 5.00pm today, the highest recorded since the previous peak of 2,646 MW in February last year.

ElectraNet SA the company which operates and manages the electricity transmission network throughout the South Australia has forecast demand to reach 2,816 MW tomorrow (24/1/2001) - the State's highest ever electricity consumption. The forecast temperature for tomorrow is 39 degrees Celsius.

AGL General Manager, Mr Sandro Canale, thanked customers for their voluntary support during today's hot weather conditions but urged for a continued effort.

"The Bureau of Meteorology has forecast high temperatures across South Australia, Victoria, the ACT and New South Wales which will place the electricity system under great strain."

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Mr Canale said AGL would also like to remind customers not to expose themselves to health risk during the hot weather conditions.

"We request customers Switch Off non-essential appliances and refrain from running air-conditioners at the strongest setting."

AGL suggests customers set air-conditioner thermostats between 24 and 27 degrees Celsius.

Other tips to reduce power consumption and save money include:

- Air condition only occupied rooms and seal off those rooms not in use
- Switch off electrical items when leaving the home
- Wash full loads of clothes in cold water
- Use the economy cycle on dishwashers
- Clean filters on electrical appliances to remove build up of dust.

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Residential customers can telephone AGL on 131 245 for more tips on how save energy.

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