

MEDIA RELEASE

Commissioner of Consumer Affairs

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Don't Get Zapped By Power Savings Scam

The Northern Territory is being targeted by scammers selling bogus power saving devices. The Commissioner of Consumer Affairs, Gary Clements, is warning consumers to be aware of telemarketers from ITS Corp or Power Savers Ltd selling energy saving devices.

“Consumer Affairs and Power and Water Corporation have received more than 100 complaints about telemarketers using aggressive techniques to try and sell a power saving device that they report may save them up to 40% off their power bill,” Mr Clements said.

“The telemarketer scammers say that they are affiliated with the Northern Territory Power and Water Corporation and that consumers can purchase a power saving device that will only cost around \$150 including delivery. The scammers are indicating that they have access to the consumers address and power consumption levels, however, we can confirm that there is no affiliation with Power and Water Corporation.”

“Information from fair-trading regulators around Australia reveals that many consumers have fallen foul of this bogus device.”

“Reducing your power consumption is an attractive enticement for consumers, but don't be misled by claims that such devices can reduce your energy consumption, its just another scam.”

Consumers looking for more information regarding this scam should contact Consumer Affairs on 1800 019 319 or email consumer@nt.gov.au.