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Behavioural Change and Energy Efficiency

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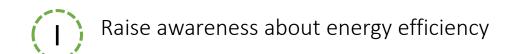


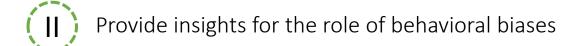
















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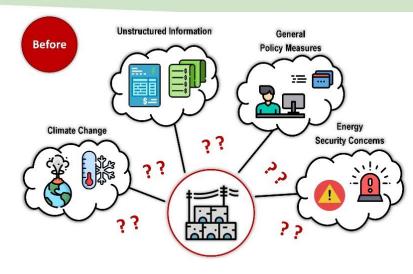
What is energy efficiency for EVIDENT? How can we help?

- Premise people are well-intentioned and want to use less energy
- Oftentimes consumers get confused or frustrated in their efforts to translate their intentions into behaviours

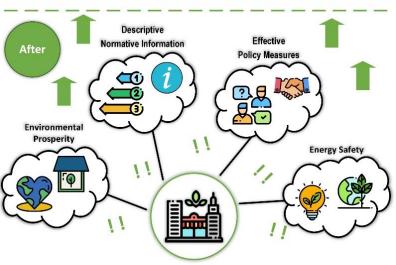
If I'm constantly working to survive, the last thing I'm thinking about is my energy consumption.

Social responsibility keeps getting put on the people who can't afford to have these conversations or they don't have time to have these conversations.

• EVIDENT is investigating **how** people make energy decisions, and will provide policy measures to **help** people make these decisions more easily, while providing other scientists with our data sets and results.



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Initial Findings



Nudges



10% reduction in electricity

consumption, prosumers

(seasonal pattern - most reduction taking place during spring and summer, intraday changes in electricity consumption)



Environmental & Financial Literacy



Respondents with high financial literacy and high environmental literacy made more energy efficient choices

- Financial literacy for under 30s is much lower than those aged 40+
- Environmental literacy, conversely, is higher for under 30s
 compared to those aged 40+







How can we change....?

..... by helping consumers to easily make the energy decisions they want to, and by shaping informed consumers.....



Governments



Energy Providers



Education



Retailers



Regulators





Media



Repair/Maintenance Providers



Consumer Groups

