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### **LPG AUTOGAS SLASHES FAMILY FUEL BILLS**

Motorist Lys Karagun is laughing all the way to the bowser since having her family-of-four's car converted to run on LPG Autogas.

Mrs Karagun said she was pleasantly surprised to discover Autogas' affordability after switching her 2002 VX Holden Commodore over to the fuel.

"When I sat down and did the sums I realised we were making a huge saving," Mrs Karagun said.

"We were spending \$21 per 100 kilometres on petrol before, but with LPG that's down to \$9. We're stoked with the difference it has made to our household budget and I love that we're helping the environment too."

Mrs Karagun said she soon discovered after buying the V6-engined Commodore that it used more fuel than she had anticipated.

The Federal Government's LPG Vehicle Scheme convinced her to investigate an Autogas conversion.

The scheme provides a \$2000 tax-free grant for private motorists who convert a petrol-powered vehicle to LPG Autogas.

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After discussing the installation procedure with Hornsby NSW-based installation business Broady Automotive, Mrs Karagun said any lingering doubts vanished.

“I was into the LPG idea but my husband had a few reservations because he had heard that old-generation LPG systems can have some problems, and he was worried about losing power. The Commodore is his baby and he likes to wind the gears out.

“Our installer explained that the new-generation injection systems didn’t have any problems and that the car would basically remain unchanged in terms of performance. The only thing that has changed is having the tank in the boot and, of course, our fuel bills.

“As it turns out, the car is lovely to drive. My husband has had to admit there’s no difference in the car’s power.”

The Karaguns have joined more than 82,314 motorists who have received a conversion grant since the LPG Vehicle Scheme’s launch in August 2006.

Mrs Karagun said she and her husband were pleasantly surprised at the simplicity of the scheme and that they received the rebate 10 days after application.

Over \$165 million has so far been paid out under the scheme, which runs uncapped until 2014.

Mrs Karagun expects her family to recover the price of Autogas installation in one-and-a-half years as a result of the LPG Vehicle Scheme’s financial assistance and lower ongoing fuel costs.

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LPG Australia industry development manager Phil Westlake said that Autogas conversions made clear financial sense for families.

“Autogas sells for around half the price of unleaded petrol. It’s an easy and practical way for families to save money and protect themselves against unstable petrol prices,” he said.

Mr Westlake also emphasised Autogas’ strong environmental credentials.

“LPG Autogas has one of the lowest greenhouse gas emissions of all road fuels and has extremely low air-polluting tailpipe emissions.”

Mrs Karagun said Autogas’ green qualities were an attraction for her and her family.

“Even our nine-year-old knows that Autogas is better for the environment because it burns cleanly. He’s been bragging to all his friends and teachers at school about having an LPG car.”

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Caption: Motorist Lys Karagun (pictured with her son Daniel) said her family has made huge savings since having their car converted to run on more affordable LPG Autogas.

