

When should you consider your **next energy contract?**

The energy market is volatile with constant hikes in prices, regular compliance and legislation changes and other external factors.

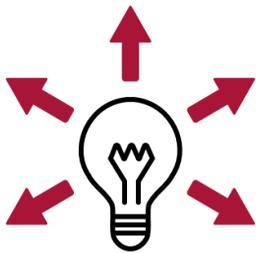
The sooner you think about your next options, the better your odds of achieving a better price next time around; even if you're locked in to a contract for the next few years.



Did you know you can forward buy your energy up to **4 years before your contract is due for renewal?**

Let's have a look at the **options on the table**

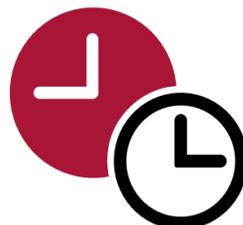
Which of these buying strategies you chose will likely be determined by a number of factors:



How much you consume



How much you understand about the market



How much time you have to dedicate to managing your energy consumption

FIXED

Buying energy at a set rate years in advance offers stability and budget certainty. Think of it very much like a fixed rate mortgage, which shields you from any extreme price spikes.



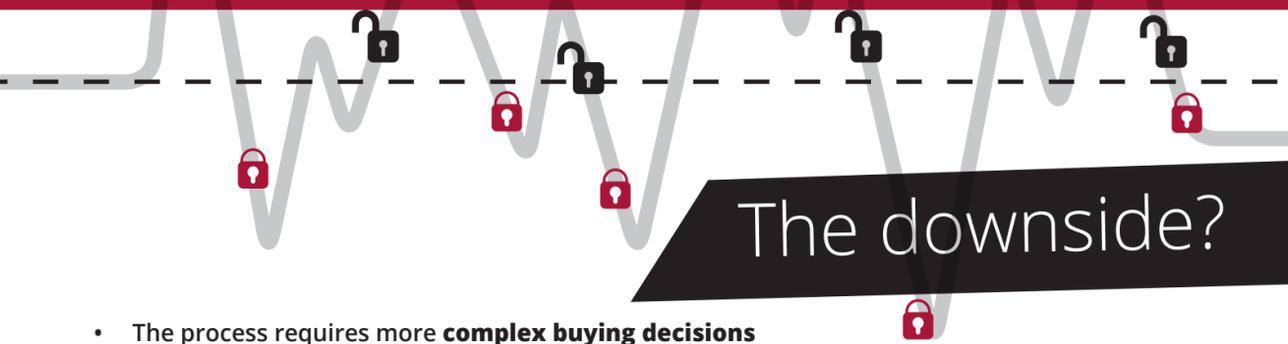
- You are **bound by the volumes set at the time** of purchase
- You pay a **higher price for security**
- If prices go **down, you don't benefit**



FLEX

what makes a flex contract different is that you can buy in smaller chunks, taking advantage of fluctuations in the market and locking in prices at optimum time.

By taking full buying control, there is potential for very good savings opportunities; if you know what you're doing of course.



- The process requires more **complex buying decisions**
- There is a **minimum volume required**
- You need to have **half hourly/smart meters**
- It exposes you to **risk if not properly managed**

What if my business is too small for this option?

If your business' energy consumption is between 1.5GWh - 10GWh, you can pool your tradeable volume with other companies to achieve better buying power, this is called an 'energy basket'.

What's important to understand is that there's no need to wait for a limited window of opportunity to consider your next move.

To discuss your next option speak to one of our experts today.