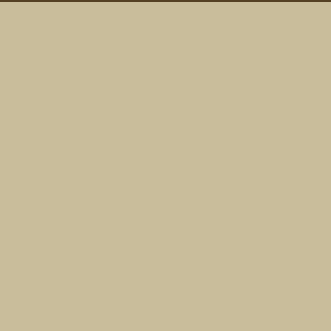
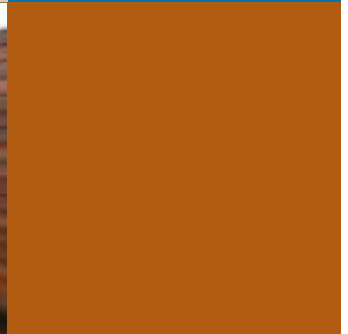
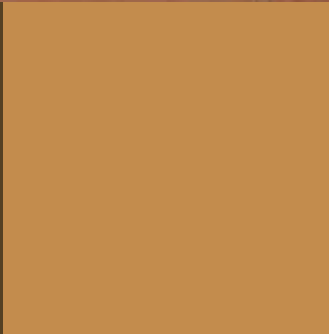
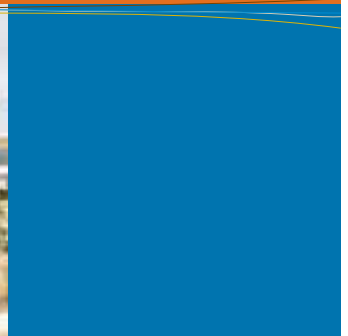


SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES



The government will encourage local communities to better manage their water and energy use for current and future generations.

More than \$500.0 million is being provided for schools, Green Precincts and Solar Cities to educate and encourage Australian communities.

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE – SOLAR CITIES

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Expands the Solar Cities program to build new Solar Cities in Perth and Coburg, supported by \$18.8 million in funding.
- Facilitates the collection of information to help families better manage their energy use and save money, while creating opportunities for industry to develop and test innovative new and sustainable energy options.
- Demonstrates how new approaches to energy efficiency, such as solar power and smart meters, can combine to provide a sustainable energy future in urban Australia.
- Identifies and addresses the barriers to the use of sustainable energy options.

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE – GREEN PRECINCTS

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Invests \$15.0 million over four years towards the establishment of Green Precincts, with \$6.2 million over three years initially provided in new funding, and the remaining \$8.8 million to be funded from the Water for the Future – National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns program.
- Supports the development of at least 10 high profile Green Precincts around Australia, by investing in demonstration projects that ensure water and energy saving initiatives are in the public eye.
- Projects will demonstrate significant water savings and reductions in energy use, including substantial use of renewable energy, and will be built in facilities used by thousands of people.
- Encourages families to use water and energy saving measures in their own homes.

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE – NATIONAL SOLAR SCHOOLS PLAN

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Assists schools to take practical action to tackle climate change by providing grants of up to \$50,000 for each school to install a wide variety of energy and water saving measures.
 - Invests \$480.6 million over eight years to ensure all our schools can become solar schools.
 - Reduces school energy and water bills, and raises awareness of clean energy technologies in our communities.
 - Creates new jobs and investment in Australia's sustainable industries and trades.
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TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE – DECEPTION BAY POOL – CONTRIBUTION

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Provides \$0.3 million from existing resources for the installation of solar heating panels on the Deception Bay Police Citizens Youth Club to provide water heating to the Deception Bay Pool.
- Enables the Deception Bay (Caboolture Shire, Queensland) community to have heated pool facilities without additional carbon emissions.



