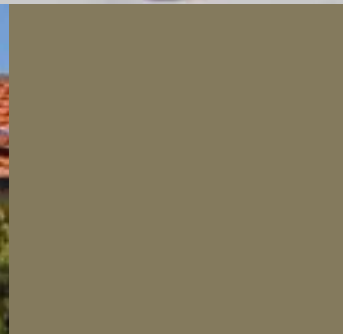
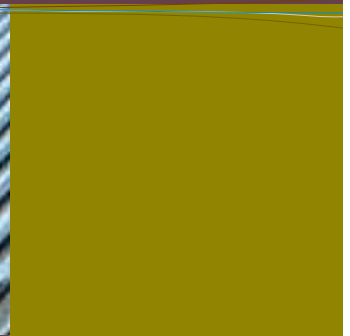


SUSTAINABLE HOMES



The government will invest almost \$1 billion² to help Australians overcome barriers to making their homes more environmentally sustainable.

Through these measures households will receive incentives and information to make responsible choices and take practical action in their own homes.

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE – GREEN LOANS

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Provides \$300.0 million over five years for low interest green loans of up to \$10,000 to assist families to install solar, water, and energy efficient products.
- Provides participating households with a Green Renovation Pack and a sustainability assessment identifying potential energy and water efficient actions, complete with estimated savings to electricity and water bills and environmental benefits.
- Increases awareness of the benefits of energy efficient technologies in Australian households.
- Delivers cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions in up to 200,000 existing households.
- Strengthens the Australian community's contribution to energy efficiency and increases green inspired investment in households, which will benefit the small business sector.

WATER FOR THE FUTURE – NATIONAL RAINWATER AND GREYWATER INITIATIVE

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Provides \$250.0 million over six years for rebates of up to \$500 to help install rainwater tanks and greywater facilities in up to 500,000 homes across Australia.
- Provides up to \$10,000 to three hundred life saving clubs in Australia to install a rainwater tank, or to contribute towards a larger water saving project.
- Expands the community's capacity to conserve our precious water resources through practical measures across Australia.

² Including the Solar Hot Water Systems: Rebate for Households measure, which was previously reported in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08.

SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEMS: REBATES FOR HOUSEHOLDS³

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Provides eligible households with rebates of up to \$1,000 for the installation of solar or heat-pump hot water systems.
- Reduces Australia's total greenhouse gas emissions by providing \$252.2 million over five years to encourage the domestic use of solar and heat-pump hot water systems in Australian homes, providing a cost-effective way for Australians to switch to clean energy.
- Helps consumers save on their energy bills.

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE – HOT WATER SYSTEM PHASE-OUT – DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Provides \$7.9 million over four years from the department's existing resources to support the gradual phase-out of inefficient hot water systems used in Australian homes.
- Works with state and territory governments and industry to develop nationally consistent greenhouse performance standards for domestic hot water products to meet new performance requirements.
- Introduces check-testing for hot water products to ensure suppliers are providing products that meet the new performance requirements.

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE – ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Contributes \$14.0 million over four years to improve the energy efficiency of electrical appliances used by all Australians.
- Expands the current six-star Energy Rating Label to a 10-star rating system and introduces Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards.
- Assists families in identifying the most energy efficient and cost effective appliances for their homes.
- Accelerates and strengthens energy efficiency and greenhouse performance standards.

³ This measure was previously reported in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2007-08.



TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE – LOW EMISSION PLAN FOR RENTERS – ESTABLISHMENT

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Provides \$150.0 million over five years to reduce the significant barriers to the use of insulation in up to 300,000 existing rental homes, particularly by helping landlords overcome the initial cost barrier.
 - Delivers rebates of up to \$500 to landlords to accelerate the greater use of insulation.
 - Reduces greenhouse gas emissions in rental homes across Australia.
 - Assists Australians to save money on their energy bills.
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TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE – ONE STOP GREEN SHOP – ESTABLISHMENT

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Provides \$3.0 million over three years to help households, schools and small business to easily access energy and water efficiency advice and assistance.
 - Links schools, businesses and families to all Australian Government, and state, territory and local government household efficiency programs through a single, user friendly government web portal.
 - Builds on partnerships between all levels of government to streamline and implement household efficiency measures across jurisdictions.
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TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE – SOLAR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES PLAN⁴

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Increases funding in 2008-09 to address the growing demand for photovoltaic rebates by Australian households by bringing forward funding from future years.
 - Ensures that rebates get to the households that need them most through introduction of a means test, with households with an annual taxable income of less than \$100,000 eligible for the rebates.
 - Maintains the maximum rebate available under the program at \$8,000.
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⁴ Previously called the Photovoltaic Rebate Program.

