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GOVERNMENT MAKES IT EASIER TO BE GREEN IN ONE EASY STOP

Doing your bit for the environment will now be even easier thanks to the Rudd Government's investment of \$3.0 million to develop the *One Stop Green Shop* online environmental resource for schools, businesses and families.

"The *One Stop Green Shop* will provide the Australian community with a single window to all federal, state and local government environmental programs for sustainability at home," Mr Garrett said.

"There are eight million households in Australia, and domestic greenhouse gas emissions currently account for around 20 per cent of Australia's total emissions.

"While there's increasing information and programs to help households reduce emissions, it's distributed and sometimes duplicated across different locations and levels of government.

"This new web portal will bring the information to schools, businesses and families in one easy location."

Mr Garrett said the website would see all levels of government working together to meet the challenges that communities, households and families are facing on the domestic front.

"There's a clear willingness in the community to save energy and water, but not having ready access to accurate information can present a major barrier."

The *One Stop Green Shop* will provide practical information such as tips that will help a household reduce their environmental footprint, as well as a guide to government environmental programs for individuals, families, schools and businesses.

"This is an important tool to enable real action in the community," Mr Garrett said.

"Together we can all help to address climate change."