



Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Minister for Climate Change and Water

Sharon Bird MP

Federal Labor Member For Cunningham

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GRANTS HELP LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLAN FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird today announced \$50,000 in funding to assist Wollongong Council plan for the impacts of climate change.

The funding is provided through the Government's Local Adaptation Pathways Program.

Ms Bird said, "This is an excellent program as the funding will help our local Council measure and address the impacts of climate change in our area."

"The program recognises that local governments are crucial to managing the effects of climate change on their communities.

"These grants will help build their capacity to manage these impacts, encouraging them to take climate change into account when they are making decisions. This is critical given their important role in planning and development, natural resources management, infrastructure, and health and recreational facilities."

Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, said the program was just one way the Rudd Government was delivering on its plan to deal with climate change.

"The Rudd Government's climate change policy is built on three pillars: reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions; adapting to climate change that we can't avoid; and helping shape a global solution," Senator Wong said.

"These grants will help local governments manage adapting to climate change."