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Sharon Bird MP
Federal Member for Cunningham

\$75 million Climate Ready Programme opens for business

Federal Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird, said today that the Commonwealth's \$75 million Climate Ready Programme (CRP) is open for applications from Wollongong and Illawarra small and medium-sized businesses.

The CRP provides dollar for dollar grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$5 million for research and development, proof-of-concept and early stage commercialisation activities.

The CRP will support innovations designed to address the impact of climate change. These innovations may include:

- water recycling, waste recovery or small scale renewable energy technologies
- technologies that reduce energy used for appliances or increase the efficiency of industrial processes
- product, processes or services to monitor emissions or energy use
- using biotechnology or nanotechnology to address the effects of climate change on people and the environment
- information systems for businesses and consumers to compare the carbon footprints of different activities and
- green building materials to make homes more energy efficient.

The Climate Ready Programme is a competitive merit-based grants programme that aims to increase the level of high quality innovation activities by small and medium-sized businesses in Australia.

AusIndustry's website www.ausindustry.gov.au contains additional information on the programme.

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