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Sharon Bird MP
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\$75 million programme to help manufacturers tackle climate change now open

The Commonwealth has launched a \$75 million *Re-tooling for Climate Change* grants programme to help manufacturers reduce the environmental impact of their production processes, Federal Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird, said today.

The *Re-tooling for Climate Change* offers small and medium sized manufacturers' grants ranging between \$10,000 and \$500,000 to help tackle climate change and place manufacturing businesses on a more sustainable footing.

Grants will meet up to one-third of the costs of projects to improve energy and water efficiency of manufacturing production processes.

Support will be available for initiatives such as:

- small-scale co-generation plants capturing waste and re-use electricity on-site
- stormwater capture and improve water recycling
- improve insulation and recover waste heat and
- process re-engineering involving the adoption of energy efficient manufacturing tools.

"This new initiative is on top of the Climate Ready programme which supports the development of technologies to provide solutions to climate change and the Green Building Fund helping building owners improve the energy efficiency of commercial office buildings", Ms Bird said.

Additional information on Re-tooling for Climate Change is available from AusIndustry on 13 28 46 or www.ausindustry.gov.au

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