



Sharon Grierson MP

Federal Member for Newcastle

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
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UNION STREET, MEREWETHER**

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson says World Environment Day is a great time for people to make a personal contribution to fighting climate change in their daily lives.

Ms Grierson will today sign up to receive 100% Green Power to her home, and will join students at the Junction Public School to mark World Environment Day.

"A recent survey found that most people in our region believe climate change is real and that we can as individuals have a direct impact on slowing its effects. Many are taking the personal steps that they can as time, money and circumstance allow," Ms Grierson said.

"That is what I'm doing today by changing over to Green Power."

"At the local level we are seeing a greater awareness of the climate change problem, and some great campaigns that people can be a part of."

"The Newcastle Climate Cam is an excellent initiative to measure our community's energy use, as is the Time to Switch campaign encouraging people to move to Green Power."

"Local schools and community groups are also doing great work participating in projects to reduce our energy use."

Federal Labor is also leading by example on climate change by committing to:

- requiring new Commonwealth offices to have a five star greenhouse rating,
- encouraging lights in Commonwealth offices to be turned off at night,
- energy and water audits for Commonwealth agencies with more than 100 staff,
- ensuring appliances and equipment are the most efficient available, and
- setting an objective to power Parliament House and MP's offices with clean energy.

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