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BOB BALDWIN MISSING IN CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson says Bob Baldwin’s election-eve discovery of solar power can’t make up for eleven years of Howard Government climate change scepticism.

“Only Labor’s comprehensive policies to fight climate change will drive sustainable energy investment in Newcastle and the Hunter,” Ms Grierson said.

“While Bob Baldwin’s election-eve discovery of solar power is welcome, it shows how far behind the Liberals are on this issue. Labor announced back in May a \$50 million investment in an Australian Solar Institute in Newcastle.”

“And Kevin Rudd has also announced a \$500 million Renewable Energy Fund to develop, commercialise and deploy renewable energy in Australia.”

“Along with Labor’s renewable energy target of 20 per cent by 2020, this will drive innovation and investment in sustainable energy technologies.”

“After eleven years of scepticism by Bob Baldwin’s Liberals, Newcastle needs Labor’s new approach to make our region one of climate change solutions.”

Labor’s other commitments include:

- A \$55 million Hunter Clean Coal Package.
- Ratifying the Kyoto Protocol.
- Establishing an emissions trading scheme by 2010.
- \$240 million Clean Business Fund - to help business and industry deliver energy and water efficiency projects, with a focus on productivity and innovation.
- \$150 million Energy Innovation Fund - to keep our world leading scientists and researchers in Australia, rather than losing them overseas.

“As Newcastle’s voice in a Rudd Labor Government, I’ll make sure this plan is delivered for our community.”

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