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### **GRIERSON WELCOMES GREEN PAPER**

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson has welcomed the release of the Government's Green Paper on the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

"The time for inaction on climate change is over," Ms Grierson said.

"The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme charts a responsible middle course to tackle climate change by establishing an economically responsible framework for reducing our carbon emissions."

"As a city with some carbon intensive industries it is important to note that eligible businesses will receive assistance through the Electricity Sector Adjustment Scheme."

"This recognition for the need for a measured approach during the transitional period will be particularly important for the Hunter economy."

"Low and middle income earners will also be compensated for any increases in cost. Every cent that the Government earns from the scheme will be used to help households and businesses adjust to the scheme and to invest in clean energy options."

"As many local residents and businesses contemplate the effect that the scheme will have on them financially, it is important to pause and consider the costs of inaction."

"As a coastal and industrial city Newcastle must accept that climate change poses real and serious risks to our region."

"In addition to the geographical vulnerability of living in a coastal area, the cost to industry, human health, infrastructure and our tourism sector need to be recognised."

"The release of the Green Paper also underscores the need for our city to push on in leveraging our credentials as a hub for research and development in the renewable energy sector."

"Newcastle is well placed to capitalize on the Government's commitment to invest in renewable energy research and to link into global research and enterprise networks currently working to find sustainable energy solutions."

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