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Federal Member for Newcastle

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## **GRIERSON CALLS ON BUSINESSES TO GET GREEN WITH CLIMATE READY GRANTS**

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, today encouraged local businesses to consider applying for funding under the Government's recently announced *Climate Ready Grants* which will help support innovations that address the impacts of climate change.

The Climate Ready Grants program provides \$75 million in grants for businesses on a dollar for dollar basis, with grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$5 million.

"This is a great program which provides incentives for businesses to create innovative solutions to the challenge of climate change," Ms Grierson said.

"Any local company that is developing innovative solutions to address the impact of climate change is welcome to apply, and I encourage Newcastle businesses to consider whether they would be eligible."

"The first round closes on 4 September 2008 – less than one month away"

"Examples of eligible initiatives may include areas as diverse as water recycling, waste recovery, small scale renewable energy technologies, green building materials, and other products, processes or services to monitor emissions or reduce energy use."

"Even IT projects that tackle climate change will be considered."

"It is vital that Newcastle continues to work on its credentials as a centre for innovative solutions to climate change."

"This is one of the pathways for our city to create innovative products and processes that help create high-wage, high-skill jobs in Newcastle."

More information on the grants and the application forms are available from [www.ausindustry.gov.au](http://www.ausindustry.gov.au).

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