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LABOR EXAMINING ENERGY POLICY IN NEWCASTLE

Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson MP and Shadow Minister for Primary Industries, Resources, Forestry & Tourism, Martin Ferguson MP, are today consulting with key stakeholders in Newcastle.

The consultations are part of Labor's energy policy development process.

"Newcastle is the largest and most efficient coal-exporting port in Australia and coal is, and for many years will continue to be, an important source of energy for Australia as well as a valuable export," Ms Grierson said.

"Our challenge is to increase our energy efficiency to help reconcile our need for energy and the industry's contribution to our economy, with the need to protect our environment and natural resources."

"Newcastle is a world leader in developing ways to utilise our energy resources more efficiently."

"The CSIRO Energy Centre is based here, and is doing wonderful work in areas such as clean coal technology and solar power."

"Newcastle City Council is also short-listed to be named one of Australia's Solar Cities, to receive federal funding to explore new ways to use energy in the community."

"NCC has a great track record in this area, having been awarded a National Local Government Award last year for its innovative Greenhouse Action In Newcastle plan."

"I am proud of the proactive approach of the Newcastle community in these areas, and look forward to its input into our policy development process." Ms Grierson said.

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