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ACT LEADS AUSTRALIA IN CLEAN ENERGY CONSUMPTION

Canberrans are again environmental leaders on the national stage, this time in terms of GreenPower consumption according to a new report, Minister for Energy, Simon Corbell said today.

“Not only are Canberrans leading the nation, but we are using more than double the amount of GreenPower per capita than the next best performing jurisdiction,” Mr Corbell said.

“GreenPower is a great way that people can make a difference to carbon emissions in their own homes and on a grass roots level.”

The report shows that during 2009 the ACT used more than 344 Kilowatt hours (KWh) of GreenPower per head of population. The amount of GreenPower purchased in the ACT also rose by 33% to 118,897 Megawatt hours, while nationally consumption grew by 23%.

In the 2009 year, the number of customers consuming GreenPower grew by 24% in the ACT to 15,788 customers, which is about 10 % of all connections.

“This is very encouraging data, and shows that a change to legislation by the ACT Government last year that require energy companies to offer GreenPower as the first choice product to new customers, are making a difference,” Mr Corbell said.

“Renewable energy is the energy of the future and the ACT Government has invested heavily in renewables, and has facilitated significant growth in the use of solar panels through the nation leading Feed-In Tariff scheme.

“In the 2010-11 ACT Budget, the Government signalled its ongoing commitment to using clean energy by providing almost \$1.3m over four years in new funding to increase the amount of renewable energy it uses from 30% to 32.5% of total energy use.

“The Government has also set the target of being a carbon neutral city by 2060, and GreenPower is a great way everyday Canberrans can get involved in reducing emissions and moving closer to zero net emissions.”

“GreenPower is proof that living more sustainable lives need not be expensive – in the ACT it can cost as little as \$2.63 extra a week to connect to GreenPower.”

For more information, visit www.environment.act.gov.au/greenpower.

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