TERRITORIANS joined the fight to save the planet last night.

People were brought back to basics when it came to mood lighting and not stepping on the cat — the candle made a big comeback during Earth Hour.

Novotel Darwin Atrium had a full house with 140 rooms booked and about 200 guests.

Room services manager Jack Cheung said everyone was asked to turn off their luxury electronics — mobile phone chargers, mp3 players and laptop chargers — as a candlelit dinner took place in the restaurant from 8.30pm.

"Only the corridor lights will stay on, and that’s for people’s safety," he said last night.

“We want to help save the earth and reduce our carbon footprint, and we wanted our guests to support the campaign."

"So we thought we would chip in to the cause."

He said switching off was a simple action that sent a powerful message that people cared about the planet’s future.

The romantic dinner, sponsored by Darkness on the Pledge of Town, was her bit for the environment.

On the other hand, darkness must be turned off as a candlelight dinner took place before authorities could retrieve the body.

On Thursday, senior constable Sean Stanley and his mate Dan White stumbled across its corpse on the Adelaide River bank.

The 4.5-metre saltie had been "murdered" — shot in the head at close range and reportedly left to rot — when off-duty water police officer Tom Nichols said a couple of blokes were sent to collect the beast early the next day.

"Some time overnight someone had cut off its head," he said.

"It was definitely taken as a trophy."

They knew what they were doing, "it happens six or so times a year."

Mr Nichols said it had been the killers coming back to claim their trophy after being disturbed after shooting the crocodile.

"It takes a long time for them to get that big."

The maximum penalty for moinsing, killing or taking parts of a protected animal is $50,000 or six months in prison.

Mr Nichols urged anyone with information to come forward.

"But that’s just speculation," Mr Nichols said, adding it could have been an opportunistic crime.

"The photo was up on social media sites so anyone could have found out about it."

"Social media is great but it’s also dangerous."

Nichols said it was a senseless killing.

"It’s annoying to see people shoot iconic crocs," he said.

"It wasn’t a problem animal."

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