Territorians Urged To Support Earth Hour

Chief Minister and Minister for Climate Change Paul Henderson and Environment Minister Len Kiely today urged Territorians to support this month’s Earth Hour.

“Earth Hour on March 29 is a real opportunity for Territorians to think about how they can make a difference in the fight against climate change,” Mr Henderson said.

“Turning off your lights from 8-9 pm on March 29 is a good start and I’d encourage Territorians to consider this as a way of reducing their greenhouse gas emissions.

“Using less energy reduces greenhouse gas emissions and saves households money on their power bills.”

Mr Henderson said he had also asked the Speaker to investigate ways Parliament House could lead by example during Earth Hour.

“Climate change is one of the most critical issues facing the Territory and I am determined that my Government will lead by example,” Mr Henderson said.

“While Earth Hour involves turning off your lights from 8-9pm on March 29, Government agencies will be required to develop strategies to reduce their carbon footprint all year round, including cutting their energy use, and ensuring major cleaning contracts include recycling provisions.”

Mr Kiely said Darwin has signed up to the www.earthhour.org website as a partner city with many centres throughout the Territory – including Alice Springs - set to participate.

“We are encouraging Territorians to sign up to the www.earthhour.org website where they can find out how they can make an ongoing contribution to the fight against climate change,” Mr Kiely said.

“The Territory is the best place to live, work and raise a family – it is essential we continue the fight against climate change to keep it that way.”

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