

### **NSW Announces First Energy Savings Fund Projects**

The New South Wales Government has announced the successful applicants to receive almost \$20 million in the first round of grants from the State's Energy Savings Fund.

Twenty-eight projects have been allocated funds which will see \$200 million supporting energy saving initiatives by large commercial users, government and the residential sector over the next five years.

The first round projects are forecast to save 1.4 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions over the next 10 years and will reduce annual peak demand by 60 MW.

They include: the replacement of 42,000 street lights with energy efficient bulbs to cut annual council power bills by up to 40 per cent; home energy-efficiency programs including a buyback scheme for second fridges; the introduction of new technologies in the food processing and manufacturing industry and a scheme to use cattle manure to generate energy for a feedlot and abattoir.

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