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Detailed are the press releases for the Minister for Climate Change and Water the Hon Penny Wong and the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP.

The Hon Peter Garrett AM MP

Environment, Water and Arts portfolio

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\$3.0 BILLION FOR A SUSTAINABLE AUSTRALIA

Australia will be better placed to meet future environmental challenges through \$3.0 billion of initiatives in the 2008-09 Budget, including the \$2.2 billion *Caring for our Country* program.

Minister for the Environment, Peter Garrett, said this investment was further evidence of the government's commitment to protect Australia's unique environment through sustainable natural resources management, tackling climate change and minimising the negative impacts of inappropriate development, pollution and pests.
<http://www.environment.gov.au/garrett/2008/pubs/budmr20080513a.pdf>

GREEN LOANS FOR AUSSIE HOMES

Up to 200,000 working families will be eligible for Green Loans over five years to improve the energy and water efficiency of their homes, as part of the 2008-09 Budget, the Minister for the Environment, Peter Garrett, announced today.

"Green Loans will provide people with easy access to practical household improvements that combined could reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by more than 600,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent every year.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/garrett/2008/pubs/budmr20080513b.pdf>

REBATES FOR LANDLORDS, ENERGY COST SAVINGS FOR RENTERS

Renters will save money on energy costs and landlords will be entitled to a rebate of up to \$500 to install insulation under a new program announced today by the Minister for the Environment, Peter Garrett, and Minister for Housing, Tanya Plibersek.

Mr Garrett and Ms Plibersek said the initiative will help working families save on energy bills by making their homes warmer in winter and cooler in summer, in turn lowering greenhouse gas emissions.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/garrett/2008/pubs/budmr20080513c.pdf>

GOVERNMENT MAKES IT EASIER TO BE GREEN IN ONE EASY STOP

Doing your bit for the environment will now be even easier thanks to the Rudd Government's investment of \$3.0 million to develop the *One Stop Green Shop* online environmental resource for schools, businesses and families. "The *One Stop Green Shop* will provide the Australian community with a single window to all federal, state and local government environmental programs for sustainability at home," Mr Garrett said.
<http://www.environment.gov.au/garrett/2008/pubs/budmr20080513d.pdf>

ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES ***Putting Australia on the Energy Efficiency Fast-Track***

The energy efficiency of electrical and gas appliances will be improved over the next four years under a \$14.0 million Rudd Labor Government scheme to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Minister for the Environment Peter Garrett said today.

The scheme will include implementing a 10-star energy rating system, introducing Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (GEMS) and accelerating the 1-watt standard for appliances with standby power.
<http://www.environment.gov.au/garrett/2008/pubs/budmr20080513e.pdf>

INCREASED FUNDING FOR SOLAR REBATES IN 2008-09

The Rudd Labor Government will bring forward \$25.6 million in funding under the Solar Homes and Communities Plan in 2008-09, and introduce a means test to make the program more equitable, Minister for the Environment, Peter Garrett, said today.

"There has been a substantial increase in solar power installations across the country, so the Government has increased the funding available for rebates in 2008-09."
<http://www.environment.gov.au/garrett/2008/pubs/budmr20080513f.pdf>

Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Climate Change and Water portfolio

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\$1 BILLION PLAN TO HELP SECURE CITIES' WATER SUPPLIES

The Australian Government will provide \$1 billion over six years to help secure water supplies for working families and businesses through desalination, recycling and stormwater harvesting.

"The effects of climate change mean most of Australia's cities and towns have less water, and we can no longer rely on rainfall to supply all our drinking water," Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, said.
<http://www.environment.gov.au/wong/2008/pubs/budmr20080513a.pdf>

\$2.3 BILLION TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

The Rudd Government has delivered \$2.3 billion in funding to tackle climate change through initiatives across government over the four years of this Budget.

Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, said the funding boost delivered on the Rudd Government's election commitment to take real action on climate change.
<http://www.environment.gov.au/wong/2008/pubs/budmr20080513b.pdf>

\$250 MILLION FOR HOUSEHOLDS AND SURF CLUBS TO SAVE WATER

The Rudd Government will provide \$250 million to help working families and surf lifesaving clubs save precious drinking water by installing rainwater tanks and greywater systems.

Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, said the *National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative* formed part of Labor's election policy on water.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/wong/2008/pubs/budmr20080513c.pdf>

\$254.8 MILLION IN WATER SECURITY FOR CITIES AND TOWNS

The Rudd Government will invest \$254.8 million to increase the security of water supplies in cities and towns as part of its \$12.9 billion *Water for the Future* plan.

"The effects of climate change mean that most of Australia's towns and cities are facing a future with less water," Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, said.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/wong/2008/pubs/budmr20080513d.pdf>

\$400 MILLION BROUGHT FORWARD TO ACT ON MURRAY-DARLING

The Rudd Government has brought forward \$400 million in funding to accelerate water purchase and infrastructure projects in the Murray-Darling Basin.

Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, said bringing the \$400 million forward in the Murray-Darling Basin delivered on a key election commitment.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/wong/2008/pubs/budmr20080513e.pdf>

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BUDGET DELIVERS FOR WATER IN WA

The Rudd Government has provided urgent funds to help secure water supplies in Western Australia with early downpayments for two major infrastructure projects.

Minister for Climate Change and Water, Penny Wong, said the funds are part of the Rudd Government's \$12.9 billion longterm plan *Water for the Future*.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/wong/2008/pubs/budmr20080513f.pdf>

BUDGET DELIVERS ON WATER FOR TASMANIA

The Rudd Government has delivered key water election commitments for Tasmania through the 2008-09 Budget.

Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, said supporting sustainable irrigation projects through an investment of up to \$140 million will help grow the Tasmanian economy.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/wong/2008/pubs/budmr20080513g.pdf>

For more information on the Budget visit:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/about/publications/budget/2008>