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Implementing Energy Efficiency At Your Business

Improving energy efficiency is a central element of the Gillard Government's Clean Energy Future package because it can help businesses save money on their operating costs while also lowering Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.

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Small businesses can register for FREE Online Training Webinars, ONLINE Energy Efficiency FREE 'ASK AN EXPERT' Forums and FREE mentoring.

There is a selection of quick, easy and cost effective ways to reduce your heating, cooling, lighting and office energy usage.

Heating and Air-conditioning – The good news is that significant savings can be achieved with simple adjustments in the way the equipment is used. E.g. set thermostat to 24 degrees when cooling and 20 degrees when heating, use fans when possible, and keep systems well maintained.

In addition, install window tinting, insulate and install high star rating inverter style air-conditioning units.

Lighting – Lighting accounts for a significant portion of energy costs in TCF businesses and is one of the easiest areas in which you can save energy and money. Tips include installing sensors in low usage areas, painting walls and ceilings in light colours and replacing all old-style incandescent lighting.

Office Process and other Equipment – Switch equipment off when it's not in use, put equipment on energy saving mode, buy 5 star rated equipment when upgrading.

Some of the top tips for TCF businesses in particular include:

- Air-conditioning system adjustments

- Fluorescent lighting upgrades
- Hi-bay light upgrades

To make sustainable changes to your energy practices:

Build an energy efficient culture

And Start small and aim high!

To find out more about the Energy Efficiency business advisory services offered, or register for services as part of this project please visit

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