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**Senator Hollie Hughes**

Liberal Patron Senator for the Hunter Region

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**Media Release**

**Powering Community Groups in Shortland**

The Morrison Government is supporting community groups across Shortland to help them increase energy efficiency and reduce emissions.

These grants from the Powering Communities Program will enable the not-for-profit groups to cut their power bills and carbon emissions while supporting local jobs.

Charlestown Youth and Community Centre Inc	LED Upgrade at The Place Charlestown Community Centre	\$12,000
Eastlakes U3A Inc	LED lights for Energy Efficiency	9,940
Gateway Church Hunter Incorporated	Empowering Non-profits of Lake Macquarie	10,991
Redhead Surf Life Saving Club	Installation of solar system at Redhead SLSC.	12,000
San Remo Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Replacing Broken Air Conditioners at San Remo Neighbourhood Centre	12,000
St Vincent De Paul Society NSW	Purchase and installation of solar panels on a shop/community Centre	8,220

Announcing the grant outcomes, **Minister for Industry, Energy and Emissions Reduction Angus Taylor** said that lowering the energy costs of community groups would have positive effects both locally and nationally.

"This funding of between \$5,000 and \$12,000 to community groups from all the 151 federal electorates of Australia will allow them to spend more on their essential activities," Minister Taylor said.

"At the same time as these groups are providing increased assistance to their local communities, they will be playing a part in our national efforts to reduce emissions. Local jobs will be created through the energy-efficiency measures undertaken by the successful funding applicants under the program."

**Assistant Minister to the Minister for Industry, Energy and Emissions Reduction Tim Wilson** said that the grants are part of the Morrison Government's commitment to increase the nation's energy efficiency, while meeting and beating our emissions reduction targets.

"The Morrison Government is focused on empowering community groups, businesses and households to be part of our journey to carbon neutrality," Assistant Minister Wilson said.

**Patron Senator for the Hunter Region, Hollie Hughes**, said this would help local community groups reduce their power bills and emissions while also supporting local jobs.

"Energy bills are often one of the biggest overheads for volunteer organisations, and these grants will be a welcome boost," Senator Hughes said.

"Unlike Labor's tax-first approach, our focus on technology is helping to lower Australia's emissions, while also reducing electricity bills."

Applications for grants under the program opened in March 2021. Each Federal MP, with the assistance of a committee representing the local community, nominated projects and invited groups to apply for the grant funding.

The Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources selected the successful applicants after considering them for eligibility and completeness.

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