

# HELPING COMMUNITY GROUPS IN DICKSON LOWER POWER BILLS

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Across Australia, not-for-profit community groups are now saving on their power bills thanks to grants of up to \$12,500 for energy-saving projects under the Government's Energy Efficient Communities Program.

The Member for Dickson Peter Dutton said two community groups in Dickson will receive support for an energy-saving project such as installing a solar PV system, upgrading to more energy efficient equipment or having an energy audit done on their premises.

"Energy bills are often one of the biggest overheads for volunteer organisations, and this funding will help ease the burden," Mr Dutton said.

"I am pleased to see the Northside Skills Training Project and the Dayboro Agricultural Horticultural and Industrial Association will both receive over \$10,000 in federal funding to help support their good work."

The Energy Efficient Communities Program was announced as part of the Government's Climate Solutions Package in the 2019 Budget.

The program will deliver grants to help businesses and community organisations to improve energy efficiency practices and technologies, and better manage energy consumption to reduce their power bills.

In addition to grants for community organisations, the program will provide \$10 million for dairy farming businesses, \$9 million for small businesses and \$15 million for high energy-using businesses.

Applications are now open for the dairy and small business round. Further information on the Energy Efficient Communities Program is available at [energy.gov.au](http://energy.gov.au). Businesses that wish to apply for a grant can access the guidelines and application forms at [business.gov.au](http://business.gov.au) or by telephone on 13 28 46.

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