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\$75,000 environmental grant for the Caravan and Camping Industry

The Caravan and Camping Industry in partnership with the University of Western Sydney has received a \$75,000 grant from the NSW Government's 2008/09 Environmental Trust program, the Deputy Premier and Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Carmel Tebbutt, announced today.

"It is encouraging to see the caravan and camping industry is adopting a greater level of responsibility to improve sustainability and reduce its impacts," Ms Tebbutt said.

The grant will be used to develop an online distance learning program that will engage caravan parks and manufactured home villages in regional and remote areas across NSW. It will encourage them to adopt sustainable practices, and is an extension of the Gumnut Award program.

"This Gumnut Award Distant Learning Program will improve access to education and training for industry members in remote areas and will increase the commitment and sustainable practices of the industry as a whole," Ms Tebbutt said.

"The program will engage business, establish processes and require reporting on performance and competency levels with clear and achievable progressive steps that demonstrate they are adopting sustainable practices.

"It will build the capacity of the industry to respond to climate change, as well as delivering financial savings to members and the industry as a whole."

The local grant is one of 185 totalling over \$36 million provided by the NSW Environmental Trust in 2008/9, and just part of an expected \$90 million it is investing in environmental projects and programs across the state.

"These innovative projects represent some of the amazing research, education and restoration projects funded through the NSW Government's 2008/09 Environmental Trust program," Ms Tebbutt said.

"Each year this important program highlights the innovative thinking taking place around the environment in NSW and this year has been no exception."

The Environmental Trust is an independent statutory body established by the NSW government to support environmental projects that do not receive funds from the usual government sources.

For information about the Environmental Trust visit: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/envtrust.htm

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