



# **Robyn Parker MP**

## **Minister for the Environment**

## **Minister for Heritage**

---

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

---

Thursday, 6 June 2013

#### **MAITLAND RESIDENTS CAN CUT POWER BILLS FOR FREE**

Environment Minister Robyn Parker today joined energy saving experts in Maitland to announce that the NSW Government is now offering free in-home power assessments to eligible pensioners, veterans and families on lower incomes.

Ms Parker joined local energy experts at Maitland District Leagues Club to brief the community about this free NSW Government program.

“Energy experts will be working in Maitland and across the Hunter region over the coming months to help households get ready for the cooler months,” Ms Parker said.

“By signing up to this free program now, you’ll receive an in-home assessment of your appliances so you can find out the cheapest ways to stay warm this winter.

“There are more than 11,000 households in the Maitland that are eligible for the program and so far only 2000 have joined.

“I know that many residents are looking for ways to cut bills and this program will help you do that.

“All pensioners and concession card holders who are eligible for the Low Income Household Rebate are also eligible for this program.

“As well as offering an immediate reduction on your bills, the NSW Government’s Home Power Savings Program also gives pensioners tips on how they can continue to make even bigger savings.

Ms Parker said that the NSW Government’s Home Power Savings Program has already helped more than 178,000 households across NSW to collectively save more than \$29.5 million a year off their power bills.

“Home Power Savings Program energy experts will be in the Hunter and Central Coast area as part of a region-by-region campaign to promote the program,” she said.

Eligible households across NSW can take part in the program by calling 1300 662 416.

Visit [www.savepower.nsw.gov.au/freehelp](http://www.savepower.nsw.gov.au/freehelp) to find out more about the program.