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ABORIGINAL ENERGY EXPERTS HELP REMOTE COMMUNITIES TO CUT POWER BILLS

More than 2,000 remote Aboriginal households will now get free help to cut energy bills delivered right to their doorstep, thanks to an agreement signed today between the NSW Government and Dubbo-based Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation Ltd.

Environment Minister Robyn Parker said that this unique agreement will help more Aboriginal households to access the Home Power Savings Program, a free service that provides in-home energy assessments and energy savings kits to cut bills.

“We’ve joined forces with Murdi Paaki to make sure that all eligible households across the state have access to this program,” Ms Parker said.

“Under this agreement Murdi Paaki will recruit energy experts to travel from Bourke to Broken Hill and everywhere in between to provide this program to remote communities.

Dubbo MP Troy Grant said that the best way to improve Aboriginal communities’ access to services is by developing partnerships with local Aboriginal people and organisations.

“Murdi Paaki is an extremely well respected service provider and we are excited to work with them to further connect with remote Aboriginal communities,” Mr Grant said.

Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation Ltd’s, CEO, Janelle Whitehead said that the partnership is a great way to build community skills and capacity to manage household power use.

“We’re pleased to work with the NSW Government to deliver this program ‘from the ground up’ and taking into account the unique social and economic issues that remote communities face,” Ms Whitehead said.

The Home Power Savings Program has already helped around 193,000 households across NSW to collectively save more than \$32 million a year off bills.

For more information about the program, visit www.savepower.nsw.gov.au

Visit www.mprec.org.au for more information about Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation Ltd.