

Funding For Qld Small Businesses To Go Green -- 14 September 2007

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Small businesses with an environmental focus in Queensland will benefit from an Australian Government project to help them "green" their operations.

The Minister for Small Business and Tourism, Fran Bailey, today announced funding of \$294,680 to Kleinhardt Pty Ltd to help them fund their 'Going Green – learn, do, and save' initiative.

The funding was made under the Government's *Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business (BESB)* program and is one of 44 nationwide totalling more than \$10 million.

Fran Bailey said the Kleinhardt's workshops project aims to involve many small businesses in North Queensland and the Northern Territory to highlight the advantages of using "green" business practices.

Participants will be trained in easy to understand methods of how to implement environmental sustainability practices.

The program will target 800 small businesses in the tourism, agriculture, engineering and retail sectors and cover Cairns, Port Douglas, Mossman, Cooktown, Tully, Innisfail, Mareeba, Atherton, Ravenshoe, Cardwell, Ingham, Charters Towers, Thuringowa, Ary/Home Hill in Queensland, and Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs in the Northern Territory.

"The Australian Government is helping small businesses to 'go green'. Sustainable environmental practice makes good business sense and helps the environment," Fran Bailey said.

"Successful projects include assisting small business to adopt best practice in energy and water conservation. Through this initiative, we are helping small business to do their bit to address climate change.

"I encourage small businesses to reduce their environmental impact. Simple changes can reap big benefits, both in their bottom line and in helping the local environment. For great tips, please visit www.business.gov.au."

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