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GOVERNMENT PARTNERS WITH AIR CHANGE ON COOL AIR

The Australian Government's *Climate Ready* program is providing \$458,370 to Air Change to build 'The Green Machine', a world-first air conditioning system which is expected to be up to 12 times more power efficient than traditional systems.

Senator Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry Science and Research, is visiting the Air Change premises in Caringbah this morning to view the groundbreaking technology firsthand.

"With the support of the Labor Government, Australian industries are developing new technologies to help us meet the challenge of climate change," said Senator Carr.

"Projects such as 'The Green Machine' play a vital role in the reduction of Australia's urban energy consumption.

"Air Change will use a combination of technologies, including solar, to significantly reduce power consumption. This system will eliminate the need for refrigeration compressors, with the only external energy requirement being to drive the fans.

"The technology is not only for the use in new developments, but can be retrofitted in existing buildings.

"As the Government's *Climate Ready* program continues to support innovative solutions to climate change, we will see significant increase in the number of more comfortable and energy efficient buildings."

The \$75 million *Climate Ready* program offers matching grants from \$50,000 to \$5 million to help develop innovative solutions to climate change.

Climate Ready is part of the *Clean Business Australia* initiative - a \$240 million partnership over four years between the Rudd Government and industry to deliver energy and water-efficient projects with a focus on productivity and innovation.

For more information on the *Climate Ready* program, visit the AusIndustry website or contact the hotline on 13 28 46, or hotline@ausindustry.gov.au

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