



Marion Scrymgour

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ENVIRONMENT ELECTION COMMITMENTS DELIVERED IN BUDGET 06

The Martin Government will deliver on 2001 election commitments for the environment when tomorrow's budget is announced, said Minister for Environment and Heritage, Marion Scrymgour.

"Budget 2006 will help to build the Territory's future by protecting our great environment and unique lifestyle," said Ms Scrymgour.

"I am pleased to announce that Government will spend \$120 000 to establish a Rapid Creek Environment Hub for community groups.

"The Hub is an Election Commitment to co-locate community environment groups in a one stop environment shop in Darwin's northern suburbs.

"Groups will be offered free office space in a 'green office' fit-out, which will showcase ways to reduce waste and save energy and water in the workplace.

"Government has commenced the process for securing a suitable location for the Hub and will be consulting with potential users over the next two months to determine their needs and expectations."

Ms Scrymgour also announced last week the Government's commitment to provide a subsidy of up to \$50 to residents for the purchase of water saving devices.

Other election commitments fulfilled this year include :

- \$1 million for the protection of the Daly River
- \$50 000 for Cool Communities projects in Alice Springs
- \$90 000 for Indigenous rangers in the Ntaria area
- \$280 000 to protect the environment from cane toads , with Government continuing to provide a \$30 subsidy for each cane toad trap purchased

"The Martin Government is committed to the Territory's environment, and ensuring it remains in a pristine condition for future generations."

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