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LABELS TO REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION

A new law being introduced to Parliament today will make it mandatory for suppliers to label appliances with water efficiency ratings, Environment Minister Marion Scrymgour announced.

People purchasing products such as toilets, dishwashers and washing machines will soon be able to consider their water saving benefits through this new labelling policy.

“This will save families money – plus help our environment,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“Water is a precious resource and it has to be used wisely. This legislation will empower consumers to make decisions regarding their water consumption and to promote effective water-use technology.

“At the moment purchasers do not have water efficiency information to consider when buying appliances ... one way to provide this information in the market place is through water efficiency labelling.

“From July 1 this year it will be an offence for a manufacturer to supply a product that is not efficiently labelled and does not comply with efficiency requirements.”

Ms Scrymgour said the legislation is part of a national scheme which will see it being rolled out across Australia.

Earlier this year the NT Government introduced rebates of up to \$50 for Central Australian residents who purchase water saving devices.

"The NT Government is taking a leadership role by encouraging Territorians to save water in simple ways which saves money on bills while protecting the environment.

“The \$50 rebate - a pre-election commitment - is available to Alice Springs and Tennant Creek residents who purchase water saving devices, including devices such as shower heads.”

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