



Marion Scrymgour
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT

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\$460 000 UP FOR GRABS WITH ENVIRONMENT GRANTS

Environment Minister Marion Scrymgour today joined the creators of the “Enviro Girl” community service announcements in launching the 2007-08 EnvironmentNT Grants.

Ms Scrymgour urged individuals, schools and organisations to apply for this year’s grants, which are focused on promoting and enhancing sustainable living in the built-up environment.

She said COOLmob, who received a \$12,000 individual project grant last year, had now used that money to create the latest in a series of television commercials aimed at encouraging a reduction in energy use and costs.

“These community service announcements will shortly broadcast into Territory homes and underline specifically what the EnvironmentNT Grants Program aims to promote -that is effectively and efficiently using our energy resources as best we can,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“These community service announcements provide Territorians with some handy tips, such as using less petrol in a number of different ways as well as minimising the usage of pool pumps as much as possible.”

Ms Scrymgour said this year’s NT Government funding would total \$460,000 in line with last year. She said that new ‘Re-thinking Waste’ categories have been added to strengthen the focus of the program on promoting more efficient use of our resources, reducing waste and identifying opportunities to increase recycling or the reuse of ‘wasted’ materials productively.

A key component of the schools grants in 2007 will be the new *Re-thinking Waste-in-Schools Challenge*.

“The aim of the Challenge is to foster sustainability education in schools through a fun inter-school competition,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“Students can choose the activities they wish to tackle from a weighted list of sustainability activities focussing on recycling, energy and water efficiency and litter abatement.”

She said participating schools will also be required to create fun presentations such as street theatre or song/comedy/dance routines, poems or works of art that challenge us to re-think the way we behave.

People can go to www.environmentgrants.nt.gov.au to find out more about the EnvironmentNT Grants program. *Contact: Maria Billias 0401 119 746*