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## **CLIMATE CHANGE – Every Little Bit Helps**

One of the world's most significant environmental challenges – climate change – is the theme of this year's World Environment Day – launched today by Environment Minister Marion Scrymgour.

"Climate change is a major environmental issue facing the global community," Ms Scrymgour said.

"And it is not something that is restricted to any particular part of the planet – climate change impacts all of us.

"As Territorians we have one of the greatest lifestyles – it truly is the envy of the world, and this is why we must all work to protect our natural environment and keep it as it is for future generations."

Ms Scrymgour said that there is growing evidence that human-induced climate change will result in hotter weather throughout the Territory, including more hot days above 35C in both the Top End and Central Australia.

"A major contributing factor underpinning climate change is increased carbon emissions through burning of fossil fuels across the globe.

"Already the NT Government is working towards minimising greenhouse gas emissions to play our part in minimising human induced, global climate change – mainly through targets set out in our *Greenhouse Gas Strategy*."

Ms Scrymgour added that 2005 National Greenhouse Gas Inventory data for the NT, recently released by the National Greenhouse Office, shows that the NT emissions have dropped slightly since 2004.

"This is based on our successful reduction in savanna burning.

"However it is vital that all Territorians play a part in climate change – by changing our behaviour we can make a difference, and this includes small things like walking and cycling where possible, or simply reducing the amount of electricity we use in our homes.

"The success of the changes we make won't truly be measured for many years but it is important that we start acting now to minimise the impact climate change will have on our kids and grandkids."