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The Environment and Resources Committee is a select committee of the Queensland Parliament. It was established by resolution of the House on 23 April 2009 to monitor and report on: environmental protection; climate change; land management; water security; and energy.

Media Release

Government work on energy efficiency programs under the spotlight

A parliamentary hearing tomorrow will review the government's energy efficiency programs and consider the future impacts of a carbon trading scheme on Queensland.

Environment and Resources Committee Chair, Carryn Sullivan MP said using energy more efficiently at home, on the road and in business remains by far the best option for people to do something about climate change.

"As much as half the savings in greenhouse gas emissions we need to achieve as a state by 2050 could be met through energy efficiency improvements.

"Improving energy efficiency is about making homes and buildings less dependent on air-conditioning to be comfortable, and choosing energy efficient lighting and appliances that cost less to run.

"In business and industry energy efficiency can also involve investing in new plant and equipment that produce the same or more output with less energy.

"Government has a vital role to play in promoting the benefits of energy efficiency and helping people and businesses to make it happen.

"Every level of government now has plans and strategies and funding programs in place to help. Yet many people still aren't taking advantage of the opportunities being offered to them. My committee would like to know why.

"We will use the hearing to investigate what the government's programs are actually achieving, and how they can be improved. The committee will hear evidence from:

- Office of Clean Energy, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation;
- Building Codes Queensland, Department of Infrastructure and Planning;
- Sustainable Industries Programs Branch, Department of Environment and Resource Management; and
- Department of Public Works.

The hearing will commence at 1.30pm in the Dandair Room on level 5 of the Parliamentary Annexe. Submissions to the inquiry are available online at <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/erc>

The committee will report to Parliament in November.

For further information, please contact the committee's secretariat at Parliament House ph 3406 7908 or 1800 504 022.