

MEDIA RELEASE

Moree Plains Shire commits to Earth Hour

Global warming is the most significant threat to life on Earth in modern times.

The **Earth Hour** campaign is a symbolic statement that demonstrates individuals can make a difference and reduce their carbon footprint.

At 8.30pm on Saturday, 28 March 2008, businesses and households are encouraged to turn off lights and non essential electrical equipment for one hour - Earth Hour.

Mayor, Councillor Katerina Humphries said "Earth Hour is an opportunity for everyone in the Moree community to make a contribution."

"Together we can achieve tangible environmental changes" she said.

General Manager, Mr David Aber said "The Council staff will be asked to turn off non essential lighting and electrical equipment for the weekend, as our contribution to Earth Hour."

Moree Plains Shire Council is dedicated to finding solutions to climate change through major projects and daily activities.

Mr Aber said the innovative development of the Waste Management Facility and the desalination plant are conscience environmental projects.

Council also promotes waste recycling projects, Clean up Australia Day and health initiatives.

Earth Hour concept began in NSW and has become a global movement.

Around the world, cities and towns are taking stand on the greatest threat our planet has ever faced, and millions of people uniting to turn the tide on global warming. It is the chance for the people of the world to make their voice heard.

In 2009, WWF (World Wide Fund Nature Australia) aims to reach 1 billion people in 1,000 cities. Global Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen 2009 will determine official government policies to take action against global warming,

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