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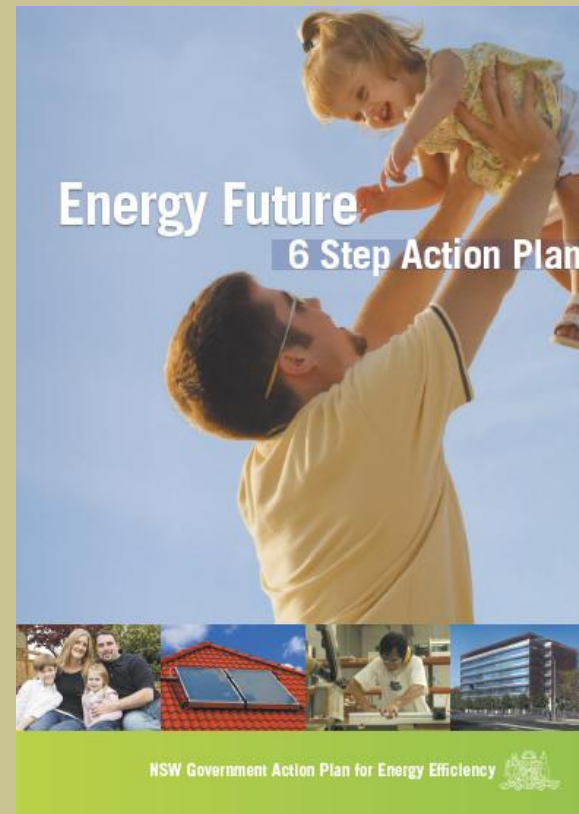
Low Income Household Refit Program

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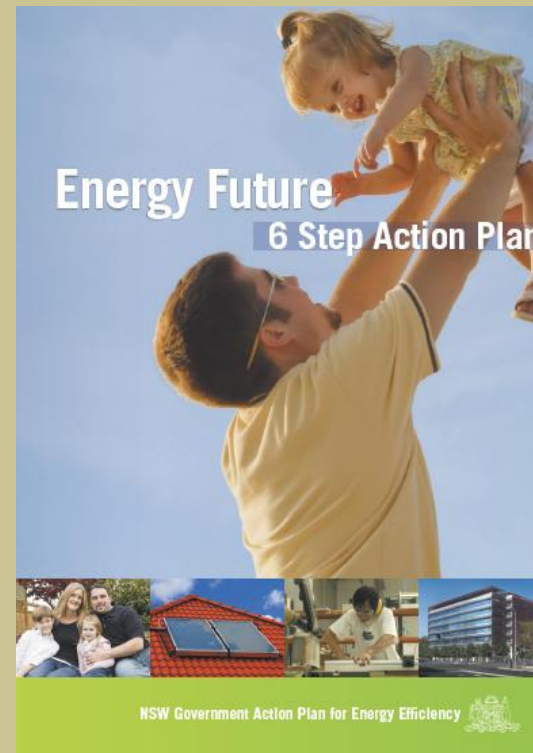
NSW Energy Efficiency Strategy

- To save energy, costs, greenhouse gas emissions
- Six Step Action Plan with \$150M funding
 - Energy efficiency for trades and professionals
 - Sustainability in Government
 - Energy saving trading scheme and target for NSW
 - Community information and support



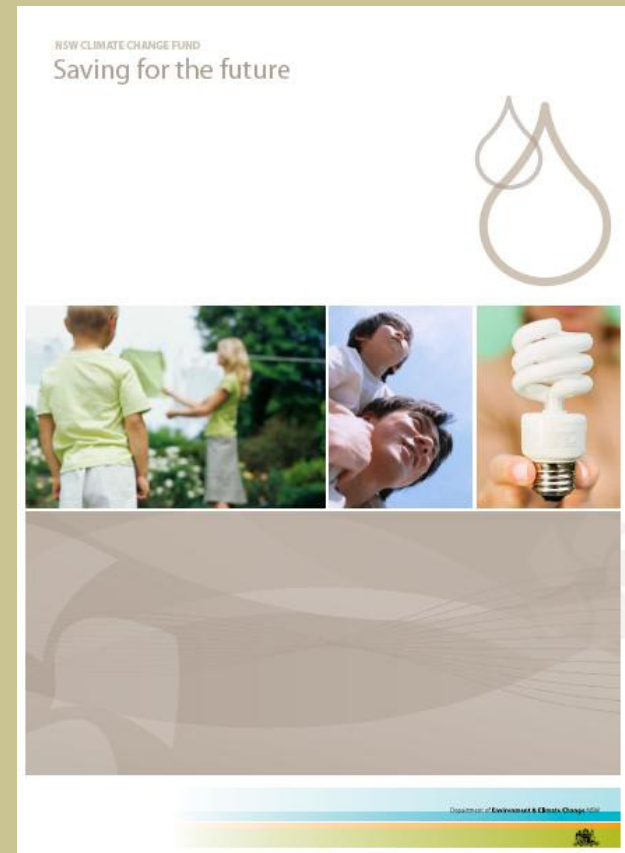
NSW Energy Efficiency Strategy

- Supporting low income households
 - \$63M for 5 year program
- Improving business energy efficiency
 - \$15M for Small Business Energy Efficiency Program
 - \$20M for expanded Sustainability Advantage program
 - Mandating cost effective energy savings measures for high users



NSW Energy Efficiency Strategy

- Builds on our existing programs
- \$340 million Climate Change Fund including
 - \$100M Residential Rebates
 - \$30M Green Business Program
 - \$30M Public Facilities Program
 - \$20M Schools Energy Efficiency Program
- BASIX (Building Sustainability Index)
 - sets energy and water reduction targets for houses and units



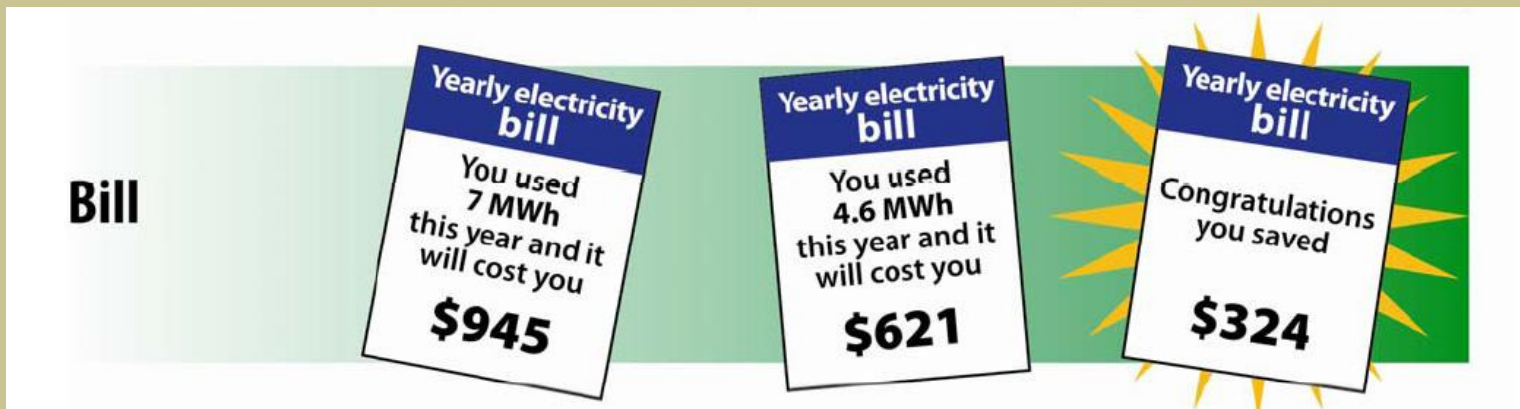
Low Income Household Refit Program

- \$63 million program
- Target = 220,000 low income households
- Visit by assessor
 - energy audit
 - plus energy efficiency kit (lights, showerhead)



Low Income Household Refit Program

- Reduce energy costs for low income households & reduce greenhouse gas emissions
 - average 10% saving on participant's energy bills
 - \$203 million on household bills
 - 1.6 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions



Who is eligible?

- Households which are eligible for NSW Government's Energy Rebate, that is:
- pensioners who are solely or jointly liable for utility bills at their principal place of residence and
 - have Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or
 - have Department of Veterans Affairs Pensioner Concession Card or receive certain Veterans Affairs pensions

The Audit (Assessment)

- Trained Assessor walks around home with householder discussing energy & water use
- Identifies suitable retrofit items
- Identifies other opportunities for energy and water savings:
 - Education/behaviour change (free)
 - Energy efficient appliances (NILS)
 - Hot Water & Insulation (Rebates)



The Retrofit

- Remove incandescent light globes and replace with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs)
- Install water efficient showerhead and tap aerators
- Conduct minor draught proofing
- Fix minor water leaks
- Other (for discussion)



Next steps

- Pilot program incl. Western Sydney from May 2009
- Statewide rollout later in 2009

Let's discuss



Program Contact

- **Environment Info Line 1300 361 967**

