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RYDE JOINS NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP

City of Ryde has accepted an invitation to join **City Switch**, a national tenant energy efficiency program.

The program is run in partnership with Australian cities, councils and government agencies to improve office energy efficiency, thereby reducing carbon pollution.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Artin Etmekdjian, said: “The national **City Switch** program is a realistic way for this Council to work with our emerging office tenancy community to achieve tangible greenhouse emission reductions through low and no cost improvements.

“Given Council’s active greenhouse gas reduction activities over past years, and with Macquarie Park soon to become Australia’s fourth largest business precinct, signing up to **City Switch** signals our ongoing commitment to sustainable energy efficiency.”

By exercising control and choice over the way their business office consumes and conserves energy, averaged greenhouse gas saved by businesses in their first year of the project was 30 tonnes (City Switch 2008/09). This equates to a cost saving of \$5,000pa and an additional \$5,000pa every year on investment.

Participants in **City Switch** include the cities of Sydney, North Sydney, Parramatta, Willoughby, Canberra, Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne and Perth. These areas cover approximately 70% of Australia’s office space.

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