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ADDITIONAL \$80,000 TO HOME ENERGY ADVISORY SERVICE

The Canberra community will continue to have access to free advice about improving the energy efficiency of their homes, with a \$80,000 boost over four years to the Home Energy Advisory Service, Chief Minister and Minister for the Environment Jon Stanhope said today.

“Through targeted environmental funding initiatives such as this, the ACT Government is helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and creating a more environmentally sustainable city.

“This service is delivered by the Home Energy Advice Team (HEAT), which since 1998, has been providing free and independent advice to residents on improving the energy efficiency of existing houses, the environmentally responsible design of new houses and extensions, and energy-efficient domestic appliances and services.

“Energy use in buildings generates about 67 per cent of the ACT’s greenhouse gas emissions. This additional funding will allow the HEAT service to continue to promote the environmental and economic benefits of greater energy efficiency measures in the home.

“HEAT can help Canberrans make their homes more comfortable year-round and lower their energy bills.

“An example of the excellent recent work of the HEAT service was the renovation of an ex-government home with an energy efficiency rating of zero. Following advice from the HEAT service, the monocrete home, built in the 1950s and cold in winter and hot in summer, was transformed into a comfortable, five-star family home.

“The Government is serious about reducing the ACT’s greenhouse gas emissions. Through HEAT and a range of other initiatives, such as ACT Energy Wise, we are working to achieve this goal.”

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