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Amanda Rishworth MP

Federal Member for Kingston

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TAX BREAKS TO HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES GO GREEN

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston today welcomed Federal Labor's tax breaks for green buildings, which will help local businesses save money and reduce emissions.

Ms Rishworth said "Around \$1 billion is expected to be provided over the life of the scheme to help 'green up' existing buildings.

"It will encourage the creation of thousands of new green jobs across Australia and the development of green building products.

"This is another example of the Gillard Labor Government taking action on climate change and moving towards a competitive, low pollution Australian economy."

Ms Rishworth said that Tony Abbott doesn't believe in climate change and does not have a credible plan for addressing climate change.

Ms Rishworth said "Tony Abbott rejected setting a price on carbon and has made it clear he would cut funding for renewable energy and energy efficiency."

Ms Rishworth said that these Gillard Labor Government tax breaks are in addition to Federal Labor's \$10 billion commitment to energy efficiency, renewable and other clean energy, including through the \$1.5 billion Solar Flagships program.