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Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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\$250 MILLION FOR HOUSEHOLDS AND SURF CLUBS TO SAVE WATER

The Rudd Government will provide \$250 million to help working families and surf lifesaving clubs save precious drinking water by installing rainwater tanks and greywater systems.

Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, said the *National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative* formed part of Labor's election policy on water.

"The Rudd Government is committed to helping all Australians take action on climate change as we adapt to living with less water," Senator Wong said.

Water for the Future, the Rudd Government's \$12.9 billion long-term water plan, identifies using water wisely in our everyday lives as a key priority.

"We recognise communities across the country want to do their bit to conserve our drinking water supplies," Senator Wong said.

"Through this initiative, households will receive support to install rainwater tanks and greywater systems which will reduce their use of drinking water."

Households will be able to receive rebates of up to \$500 towards the cost of rainwater tanks and greywater products. Funding has been set aside to provide rebates for up to 500,000 homes over six years.

Grants of up to \$10,000 each will be available for 300 surf life saving clubs to become water efficient.

Surf clubs will be able to apply for funding to install rainwater tanks or to contribute towards water saving projects on-site.

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