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HOTELS TO BENEFIT FROM ENERGY TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT

The Australian Hotels Association (AHA) and Tourism Accommodation Australia (TAA) have congratulated the Federal Government for their investment to help hotels lower their emissions and reduce operating costs.

AHA National CEO Stephen Ferguson welcomed the allocation to hotels through the additional \$1.62 billion investment in the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA).

“Today’s announcement includes the provision of a sector specific grant program for hotels to support equipment and facilities upgrades,” Mr Ferguson said.

“Electricity costs represent a significant portion of a hotel’s operating costs, so we salute the Government for its support to incentivise the reduction of emissions and associated energy costs.”

In a demonstration of the existing commitment to reduce emissions and drive down energy costs, AHA NSW have already partnered with ENGIE ANZ and Simply Energy in NSW and the ACT to build the world’s first industry-scale aggregated Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), drawing from renewable solar farms.

This landmark aggregation deal - the first of its kind - combines the energy load of almost 250 pubs and accommodation hotels to deliver improved price visibility and competitiveness.

Hotels also use a range of other energy saving mechanisms such as solar, LED lighting and power factor correction.

TAA CEO Michael Johnson said Australia’s accommodation hotels already go to great lengths to reduce electricity use and maximise efficiency, so today’s funding announcement will build on this work.

“Energy productivity is driven by both environmental and financial objectives, so investment in supporting emerging and existing technologies is critical to meeting both of these goals,” Mr Johnson said.

“Investments made to reduce emissions and costs today will reap significant returns for many years.”

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