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State Government recognises eco-efficient business TODAY at Parliament House

The State Government has recognised Sunfresh Linen, an innovative company in the Ipswich electorate for its outstanding contribution to eco-efficiency.

Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation, Andrew McNamara, will present the organisation with a certificate of recognition during a ceremony at Parliament House today.

"The certificate recognises the partnership of these businesses with the Environmental Protection Agency's ecoBiz program," Mr McNamara said.

Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan, congratulated the organisation on its efforts to help the environment and improve business practices.

"The ecoBiz program helps Queensland businesses decrease their operating costs, gain a competitive advantage, and position themselves at the forefront of eco-efficient practices.

"Sunfresh Linen is an Ipswich based commercial laundry and linen supplier and also offers a range of rentable linen supplies such as towels, sheets, table linens and uniforms.

"The company undertook a \$2 million facility upgrade to improve eco-efficiency and replace manually intensive practices with more efficient processes.

"The ecoBiz program contributed \$150,000 to this project which has projected cost savings of \$416,272 per year and a payback period of just over four years.

"Environmental savings from this project include 44.8 megalitres of potable water and 16,742 kilolitres of trade waste a year.

"Energy reductions amount to 61,400 kilowatt hours of electricity and 1,872 gigajoules of natural gas a year while the use of chemicals will be cut by 312 tonnes annually.

"Furthermore, this project has resulted in a reduction of 192,236kg of greenhouse gas emissions each year."

Mr McNamara said that the 17 Queensland businesses to be recognised had achieved combined annual savings of 153 terrajoules of energy, the equivalent of that consumed by 4000 average Queensland homes.

"Collectively they have also saved 15,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, equivalent to taking 3700 cars off Queensland roads.

"The businesses have achieved this through energy and water innovations that will ultimately help reduce emissions and mitigate global warming.

Further information about ecoBiz is available at epa.qld.gov.au/ecobiz, or contact the ecoBiz call centre on 1300 369 388.