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## SENATOR MARK FURNER SENATOR FOR QUEENSLAND

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### **Stimulus package to bring many jobs to Brendale**

Local residents will benefit from the Rudd Labor Government's Nation Building and Jobs Plan with Brendale business CSR Bradford Gold Insulation set to create more jobs for the area.

The new factory, which opened its doors in January, is increasing its employee numbers and will turn its plant into a 24 hours a day, seven days a week business to cater for increased demand.

CSR Bradford invested \$50million to construct the new manufacturing plant, which is a world class facility utilising the best available technology to ensure the sustainability of its operations by minimizing emissions, recycling water and reducing waste.

The Rudd Government's grant to enable owner-occupiers to access free installation and supply of ceiling insulation will be a big boost for our local economy.

"This is excellent news for the area. Not only will this initiative help residents become more energy-efficient, but it will also generate more jobs in the community, which is needed in this tough economic climate," Senator Furner said.

"It's great to see a local business benefiting from the Nation Building and Jobs Plan and I look forward to seeing the outcome of this initiative."

The Energy Efficient Homes Program, under the Nation Building and Jobs Plan will allow eligible Australian owner-occupiers to access the insulation and have it installed for free up to the cost of \$1600 from July 1, 2009 until December 31, 2011.

Renters will also benefit from this scheme with landlords being entitled a rebate of \$1000 to install insulation in their rental properties.

For those who do not currently have insulation and organise for it to be installed from the date of the program's announcement to June 30, 2009 will be able to seek reimbursement.

"The reason the Rudd Labor Government is focussing on insulation is because it is the more cost-effective way to increase energy efficiency and save money on energy bills," Senator Furner said.

“If this initiative is taken advantage of by every eligible household, then we could see nearly all Australian homes operating at a minimum two-star energy rating by 2012.

“This would result in the alleviation of up to 4.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year from 2011.”

CSR Bradford Insulation General Manager Anthony Tannous welcomes the Federal Government initiative regarding energy efficiency and housing.

“We welcome the Federal Government’s acknowledgement of the importance of energy efficiency in housing and further stimulus to the housing sector,” Mr Tannous said.

“Insulation in houses can significantly reduce energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions. Ceiling insulation and energy efficient windows are the most effective ways to improve the comfort and energy efficiency of homes.”

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