



TONY PASIN MP

Federal Member for Barker

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GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANUFACTURERS IN BARKER

Small and medium food and beverage manufacturers in Barker can now apply for a grant of up to \$25,000 each to save money on energy bills, improve energy efficiency and adopt new energy technologies under the latest \$19.9 million round of the Energy Efficient Communities (EEC) program.

Federal Member for Barker Tony Pasin the program targets food and beverage manufacturers, which include some of the most energy intensive small and medium businesses in Barker.

“The food and beverage manufacturing industry is the largest manufacturing sector in Australia, contributing around \$22.4 billion to the economy. In Barker alone there are more people per capita engaged in food manufacturing than in any other electorate in Australia. The Australian Government is supporting this vital sector of the economy as it recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.” Mr Pasin said.

“The grants can be used to replace existing equipment with more energy efficient models, carry out energy audits, or improve energy monitoring and management.” Mr Pasin said.

“The funding will help manufacturing businesses in Barker lower their power bills and emissions.” Mr Pasin said.

“Reducing needless energy consumption also cuts emissions and is at the heart of the Australian Government’s focus on technology, not taxes, because it boosts competitiveness, creates new jobs and reduces Australia’s environmental footprint.” Mr Pasin said.

“I look forward to seeing local businesses benefiting from the Australian Government’s commitment to back business as part of our journey to becoming carbon neutral.” Mr Pasin said.

Applications close on 18 February 2022 or earlier if funding is exhausted prior.

More information, grant guidelines and application forms are available at www.business.gov.au/EECFB, or telephone on 13 28 46.

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