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POWER SAVINGS TO BENEFIT HOMES AND BUSINESSES

NSW households and businesses will be rewarded for modifying their power consumption this summer through demand management.

Minister for Energy and Utilities Don Harwin today announced four pilots are being co-funded with the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) to free up electricity supply during peak periods.

Minister Harwin said the \$7.2 million investment is another step in ensuring reliable electricity supply for the people of NSW.

“This program will deliver 61 MW of spare capacity for NSW this summer and ramp up to 80 MW by year three of the pilot,” said Minister Harwin.

Minister Harwin said the program rewards participating households and businesses that voluntarily reduce their consumption through batteries and smart appliances.

“These initiatives will see advanced technologies introduced to thousands of NSW homes and businesses to help them save energy and money.”

“The NSW Government is acting to minimise the risk of disruption to household electricity supply during high demand periods this summer,” Mr Harwin said.

Energy retailers AGL, Energy Australia, Flow Power and demand response aggregator Enernoc are the successful NSW applicants.

The demand response trial is being jointly run with the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) across NSW, Victoria and South Australia, with a total of 200 MW of electricity to be available by 2020.

The AEMO will begin testing the pilot program next month in readiness for December.

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