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Helping Whitehorse Buildings Go Green

Commercial office buildings in Whitehorse are undergoing innovative upgrades to reduce their environmental footprint as part of the Rudd Government's Green Building Fund, Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke said today.

Vantage Property has been successful in obtaining over \$1 million in funding for improvements at the following Box Hill sites, for which it is property manager and owner:

- 26-28 Prospect Street (\$550,000)
- 899 Whitehorse Road (\$387,200)
- 991 Whitehorse Road (\$103,455)

"The funding is about ensuring commercial office buildings in Whitehorse are reducing carbon emissions and operating in an environmentally sustainable way," Ms Burke said.

"This investment will go towards improvements like upgraded building management systems, modern heating and air conditioning systems and upgraded lighting.

"Commercial building owners in Whitehorse are becoming aware of the triple bottom line benefits of retrofitting their buildings in terms of cost-savings, reduced emissions and improving their buildings as workplaces.

"By focusing on energy efficiency, Whitehorse businesses are reducing their power bills along with their greenhouse emissions, and that results in ongoing savings.

"Vantage Property is one of 30 building owners Australia wide to share in \$11.6 million in grant funding, with projected savings of almost 26,000 tonnes in greenhouse gas emissions each year.

"This is great news for business and the environment," she said.

Ms Burke said that work is underway at each of the three Box Hill sites, and it is expected that the improvements will be completed by the end of 2011.

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