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Climate Change a key election battleground in Chisholm

Tackling Climate Change will be a key battleground in the upcoming federal election contest for the Federal seat of Chisholm, the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Greg Combet said on a visit to the area today.

Mr Combet, who toured Monash University's Green Chemistry Labs with Federal Labor Member for Chisholm Anna Burke today said that climate change would be a big issue in the hotly contested seat.

"Voters in Chisholm are very concerned about climate change and they want action on reducing carbon emissions. It's a big issue and it's one that the Gillard Labor Government takes very seriously," Mr Combet said.

"And the choice for voters concerned about climate change and concerned about the need for a price on carbon couldn't be clearer.

"Voters can choose to support a political party like the Labor party that believes in the climate change science and that believes in the need for a price on carbon or they can choose Tony Abbott and the Liberal party.

"Mr Abbott has been very clear in his position on climate change. He has said that he believes that climate change is 'absolute crap'. He has said 'no' to a price on carbon.

"Mr Abbott and the Liberal party do not have a credible plan for addressing climate change."

Ms Burke, who has long campaigned for action on climate change, encouraged people in Chisholm to vote for Labor and throw their support behind tackling climate change.

"People in Chisholm understand the need for action on climate change - it's certainly one of the key issues in my electorate," Ms Burke said.

"The community sentiment is for action to reduce our emissions and the Government remains committed to tackling this imperative issue."

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