



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

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Mr Les Armstrong
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Dear Mr Armstrong

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 August 2009 to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, concerning the Home Insulation Program. I have been asked to respond.

The Energy Efficient Homes Package was announced on 3 February 2009 by the Prime Minister the Hon Kevin Rudd MP as part of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan. The Home Insulation Program, a key part of the Package, aims to drive employment, help the environment and boost the economy.

The Government is very conscious of the circumstances of people living in aged care facilities, and has ensured the Energy Efficient Homes Package addresses their needs. People living in an independent unit, either as an owner-occupier or tenant, in a retirement village or in an aged care facility, can now access insulation assistance of up to \$1,600 under the Home Insulation Program, provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

Aged care and other facilities such as nursing homes and hostels can apply for insulation assistance of up to \$1,600 per dwelling under the Program.

Yours sincerely

Avril Kent
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