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'Green' electricity customers help power Ekka show arena

SOUTH East Queensland electricity customers will power up the main show ring at this year's Brisbane Exhibition which will be known as the ENERGEX Green Arena.

Acting Chief Executive Andrew Kremor said funds for the Green Arena would come from ENERGEX's **earth'schoice** renewable energy program. The arena project alone will be equivalent to saving 16 tonnes of greenhouse gases or removing almost 200 cars off the road for the 10 days of the Ekka.

Mr Kremor said the arena would become another of the many projects supported by south-east Queensland electricity customers who currently help save more than 800,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases every year

By joining **earth'schoice**, ENERGEX customers are helping reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide emissions equivalent to removing more than 260,000 cars off the road for a year, planting some 3.4 million trees or turning off more than 8.9 million office lights.

Mr Kremor said ENERGEX had long been regarded as one of the 'greenest' companies in the country and earlier this year received a national award for its greenhouse gas reduction success.

And ENERGEX customers are also supporting the 'green power' message with a record 32,600 customers linked to the **earth'schoice** program at the end of June.

Mr Kremor said that according to the latest National Green Power Accreditation Program quarterly report, ENERGEX's **earth'schoice** had almost a quarter (22.5%) of all green power subscribers nationally - more than New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory and Western Australia combined.

The report highlighted that Queenslanders made up almost 40% of the Australia's total green power subscribers.

"ENERGEX's **earth'schoice** is powering forward with about 6500 additional householders committing to green electricity in the past 12 months," Mr Kremor said. "By joining **earth'schoice** residents and businesses can select -environmentally-friendly 'green-energy' solutions.

"From as little as \$10 per bill householders can buy enough green power to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that would be equivalent to leaving a car in the garage for two months."

Mr Kremor said **earth'schoice** renewable energy was generated in Queensland at sites including the Browns Plains Landfill, Kareeya (hydro), Landers Shute Pipeline (hydro), Windy Hill Wind Farm, Rocky Point Sugar Mill (biomass) and several solar photovoltaic systems.

He challenged Queensland householders and businesses to make the switch and "go green".

Information regarding the **earth'schoice** program is available at www.energex.com.au/environment or by phoning the ENERGEX general enquiries line on 13 12 53.

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