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QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT SUPPORTS EARTH HOUR

The Queensland Parliament was proud to again successfully participate in Earth Hour on Saturday night.

Speaker Mike Reynolds said that this was the second year in which the Parliament had joined with Queenslanders in switching their lights off as part of Earth Hour.

"The Parliament’s external lights were turned off at 8pm and all non-essential internal lighting was switched off as well," Mr Reynolds said.

Mr Reynolds said that the Queensland Parliament had continued to focus on reducing its energy consumption, and that resource saving initiatives had been in place in the Parliamentary complex for many years.

"The Queensland Parliament has taken a lead on reducing our energy and water consumption and we support the aims of Earth Hour which are to reduce carbon emissions and raise awareness of climate change issues," Mr Reynolds said.

The Queensland Parliament has purchased green energy from a number of renewable power sources since 2002.

"The suppliers of this energy guarantee the Parliamentary Service that the input of power purchased from renewable sources is equal to the power drawn from the grid by the Queensland Parliament and all 94 state electorate offices," Mr Reynolds said.

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