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## **Joint Media Release**

# **Rudd Government funding helps local business cut energy bills**

A Rudd Government grant is helping local business Autopak-Vetlab install new technology that will cut its energy emissions and water consumption.

Federal Member for Lindsay, David Bradbury, and Parliamentary Secretary for Innovation and Industry, Richard Marles, today inspected a new water purification plant installed by St Marys-based Autopak-Vetlab and funded with the help of a \$70,000 Re-tooling for Climate Change grant.

The Re-tooling for Climate Change program offers grants of between \$10,000 and \$500,000 to businesses to make their operations more energy efficient.

“Autopak-Vetlab develops chemical formulations for animal health and crop protection and is a leader in its field,” Mr Bradbury said.

“Water purification is essential to Autopak-Vetlab’s operations, but it can be costly and requires large amounts of water and energy.

“The Rudd Government’s Re-tooling for Climate Change grant has helped Autopak-Vetlab install a new, state-of-the-art water purification system that will significantly cut down the company’s energy and water consumption.

“Once the new system is operational, Autopak-Vetlab will use 32 per cent less water and 71 per cent less electricity - a massive saving,” Mr Bradbury said.

Autopak-Vetlab Managing Director, Dr Paul Kearney said the new system would help to improve their efficiencies.

“Of equal importance is that the water produced is of superior quality and the throughput is higher than with the old technology. This is essential for a modern animal health manufacturing operation,” said Dr Kearney.

“I would like to congratulate Autopak-Vetlab for the work it has done in researching ways to make its business more energy efficient,” said Mr Marles.

“Through the Re-tooling for Climate Change program, the Rudd Government is supporting businesses like Autopak-Vetlab to reduce their energy and water costs. This will make their operations more competitive as we move towards a low-carbon economy.”

For more information on the Re-tooling for Climate Change program, go to [www.ausindustry.gov.au](http://www.ausindustry.gov.au), or contact the AusIndustry Hotline on **13 28 46**.