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***Energy efficient fit out for Council Offices “a smarter way” says Mayor***

Roper Gulf Regional Council will speed up improvement to the energy efficiency of its nine regional offices following the granting of just over \$1/2 Million from the Australian Government.

The funding grant will pay for the upgrading of insulation, energy efficient lighting and air conditioning, timer switches and solar hot water. Improvements will provide both an improved working environment and long term cost saving in operating these facilities.

These energy efficiency improvements will also be a model demonstrating the benefits of improved energy management practices for both Council and the broader community. Linked with the installation of newer and more efficient materials and fit out will also be community education programs looking at both energy and water conservation.

Mayor Tony Jack praised program saying,  
“Today’s cost will be tomorrow’s benefit. As well as the obvious cost saving for Council in both the short and long term, we are starting to manage what has been a costly and ultimately wasteful use of energy. We are also showing the community the benefits of reducing our carbon foot print. This is smarter thinking and good business!

I would like to acknowledge the generous Commonwealth Government funding. Without this project funding our improvements would have been a much slower process.

Very remote and regional Councils do not normally have the economic base and disposable income to seed these important projects”.

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