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## It pays to switch to natural gas

Rebates of up to five hundred dollars are now available to Dalby residents who replace electric appliances with gas appliances under the state government's Gas Installation Rebate Scheme.

Announcing the four million dollar scheme in Brisbane recently, Queensland Mines and Energy Minister Geoff Wilson said the three year initiative was designed to help homeowners across the state upgrade to energy efficient gas hot water systems, stoves and ovens, clothes dryers and room heaters.

"Eligibility for the rebate will apply from the very day we announced our commitment, the seventh of September 2006," Mr Wilson said.

"Householders will apply directly to their gas retailer who will process the application and deliver the rebate on behalf of the state government by crediting the customer's gas bill," he said.

Residents who replace their existing electric hot water system with a five star rated gas system will be eligible to claim a \$300 rebate.

Residents who already have a gas hot water system installed will be eligible to claim rebates of up to \$200 to replace electric appliances, and residents who meet the criteria will be eligible for a maximum rebate of \$500 per installation address.

Council's spokesperson for utility services Councillor Greg Nearhos encouraged Dalby residents to take advantage of the rebate scheme to not only save money but also help save the environment.

"Clean green natural gas is a reliable and cost effective alternative source of energy which also plays a major role in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions," Cr Nearhos said.

"Electric hot water systems will soon be a thing of the past, so now is the best time for residents to replace their old electric system with a modern gas alternative," he said.

For more information on how to claim a gas rebate residents should contact Dalby Town Council's utilities marketing officer Toni Hohn on 4672 1182.

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### Photo Caption

(L-R) Council's utilities marketing officer Toni Hohn meets with Queensland Mines and Energy Minister Geoff Wilson in Brisbane at the official launch of the state government's Gas Installation Rebate Scheme.

