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CRIPPS MP**  
Member for Hinchinbrook



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### ***Everyone's Environment* grants encourage environmental action in Hinchinbrook**

Hinchinbrook MP, Andrew Cripps, said the LNP Government has delivered on its election promise by announcing details of its \$12 million *Everyone's Environment* grants program.

Mr Cripps said he hoped the funds allocated in the initiative would encourage local community groups in the Hinchinbrook electorate to take part in pursuing practical environmental projects in North Queensland.

"The aim of this program is to support community groups in Hinchinbrook who want to take action to help improve their local environment," Mr Cripps said.

"The natural environment is an integral part of the Hinchinbrook electorate. We live in a unique part of the world. It is worth protecting for future generations of locals and visitors to enjoy too."

The three-year *Everyone's Environment* program will provide grants ranging between \$2,000 and \$100,000 for a wide range of local environmental initiatives including:

- Tree-planting and land restoration;
- Community and waterway clean-ups;
- Run-off reduction and water quality improvement;
- Enhancement of the natural beauty of local communities; and
- Monitoring pollutants in streams

Mr Cripps said the allocation of funding will provide for some significant results in creeks, waterways, bushland and parks across the Hinchinbrook electorate, as long as community groups take up the offer.

"The money is there to be spent on environmental projects, so I implore local groups to apply for a grant."

"In particular, I encourage interested groups to pursue partnerships with local schools to involve our young people in such an important venture."

“The State Government has an important role in protecting the environment, but this is a great opportunity for community groups take part in practical environmental initiatives at the local level.”

Everyone’s Environment grants are available from July 1, 2012. For more information visit [www.ehp.qld.gov.au](http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au)

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