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**Power down for climate change**  
**Earth Hour 2010**

Switch off and power down to make a stance for climate change for Earth Hour on Saturday 27 March 2010, from 8.30pm – 9.30pm. For the wellbeing of current and future generations community services provider UnitingCare NSW.ACT is encouraging the Australian public to participate in the global initiative.

The organisation will be participating by switching off all unnecessary lights in its 417 offices and services to save energy and take action against climate change. Additionally, all 7,000 staff are being asked to participate in their households.

Executive Director, UnitingCare NSW.ACT, Reverend Harry Herbert urged everyone who hadn't already registered to take part in the event.

"It may not seem like much but collectively, the small action of turning of a light has enormous power to create long lasting sustainable change.

"Although the Earth Hour only occurs for one hour each year, it motivates people to explore ways to reduce their energy consumption in the long term", Rev. Herbert said.

"We are promoting Earth Hour to all of our facilities and services and asking them to consider how they can participate in this event, as well as the ways they can contribute in their own homes."

UnitingCare NSW.ACT provides community services to people throughout all stages of life from children, young people and families through to older people and people with disabilities. As a practical arm of the Uniting Church it provides a voice for vulnerable people and is a strong social justice advocate.

Earth Hour takes place on Saturday 27 March 2010, from 8.30pm – 9.30pm. For more information on how UnitingCare NSW.ACT is participating in the event please visit [www.unitingcarenswact.org.au](http://www.unitingcarenswact.org.au).

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