

Seeing the light

ROCKDALE Council has joined the growing list of local government organisations willing to advocate Earth Hour to its ratepayers.

Following representations from Brighton-Le-Sands Chamber of Commerce, the council will publicise through its website and newsletter the hour of darkness on March 31 to send a message to the world on the need for global warming.

The council will write to its sister cities and neighbouring councils requesting them to follow suit on the motion put by councillors Gary Green and Michael Nagi.

Rockdale Mayor Bill Saravinovski said the lights at the council's civic offices, town hall, library and community centres would be turned off where practical.

"If there is a function booked for that night, we will turn off the lights provided the users don't mind," Cr Saravinovski said.

Cr Green applauded the Brighton businesses' initiative as good publicity for the region. "As a Liberal, I am not opposed to consumerism. I love consumerism, but we can save money, and it certainly cannot hurt Brighton as a publicity stunt."



Do your bit! The Earth Hour campaign, supported by the *Leader*, published by Fairfax Community Newspapers, urges businesses and households across Sydney to turn off as many lights as possible from 7.30pm on Saturday, March 31, to send an important message to the world on the need for action on global warming. To be involved, email earthhour-reply@wwf.org.au