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## **BAN WASHING MACHINES WITHOUT A 5 STAR RATING**

The Australian Democrats have launched an urban water policy that calls for a ban on washing machines with less than a five star rating by 2010.

“Governments are fixated on desal and dams but the shops are still selling washing machines that use 120 litres per cycle– that locks households into 15 years of wasting water,” said lead SA Senate candidate Ms Russell.

“Expensive and destructive options like dams and desal plants should only be considered after we have worked our way through the 4 r’s –rain, reduce, reuse and recycle.”

“We can do that by banning water wasters and giving incentives for water saving with rebates for grey water diverters and rainwater tanks.”

“That is just one of the measures outlined in the Democrats comprehensive Urban Water Plan,” said Ms Russell.

For the complete Democrats Action Plan go to:

[http://www.democrats.org.au/docs/ActionPlans/Environment\\_UrbanWater\\_2007.pdf](http://www.democrats.org.au/docs/ActionPlans/Environment_UrbanWater_2007.pdf)

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