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### Going Green Gracefully

Head of sustainability for VELUX, Kevin Brennan, has praised the Government's plans to overhaul the microgen grant scheme and planning rules, helping homeowners make environmentally friendly improvements to their home.

Responding to energy minister, Malcolm Wicks, as he announced the changes, Kevin said "It is encouraging that the Low Carbon Buildings Programme (LCBP) grant scheme has been extended until 2010. The £10 million support available to homeowners is a much needed incentive to get solar hot water systems into homes. The revised grants cap for public organisations, schools and charities is also a welcome boost. It is something that this sector, historically short of cash, really needs to help combat climate change.

"Joined up thinking across the energy and planning sectors makes it easier for people to install something as simple as solar hot water system without planning permission. This is a step towards greener living and the extended grant makes it an affordable option."