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# Joyce urges community applications for Green Army Programme

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FEDERAL Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce has urged people in the New England Electorate to submit applications for the first round of the Green Army Programme.

Mr Joyce said the Green Army was a key Coalition election commitment and will begin from July 2014.

“This voluntary initiative will recruit young people aged 17 to 24 years who are interested in protecting their local environment while gaining hands-on practical skills and experience,” Mr Joyce said.

“The Green Army will become Australia’s largest ever environmental workforce, building to 15,000 participants by 2018, capable of delivering on-ground environmental projects.

“The Green Army will make a real difference to the environment and local commitments through projects such as restoring and protecting habitat, weeding, planting, cleaning up creeks and rivers and restoring cultural heritage places.”

Mr Joyce said the Green Army Project Selection Guidelines Round 1 were available online at <http://www.environment.gov.au/cleaner-environment/clean-land/green-army>

He said the guidelines provided important information for community groups within the New England electorate to participate in the Green Army Programme and would support the delivery of local environment and heritage conservation projects.

“I encourage the community to identify how the Green Army Programme might be able to assist groups to deliver environmental and heritage conservation benefits.

“The Green Army programme will provide valuable opportunities for young people to gain

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meaningful training and on-ground work experience,” Mr Joyce said.

Applications for project selection close on May 9.

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