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Business attire, particularly the traditional businessman's uniform of long-sleeved shirt, tie and jacket, is ill-suited to the Australian climate. During summer this means cranking up airconditioners to maintain comfortable conditions not only in your own workplace but in shops and food outlets as well. Start with casual Friday, and then adopt a policy that permits more climate-appropriate work wear – short-sleeved open-necked shirts, for instance – so your office thermostat can be set to a slightly higher temperature. Every degree you save will cut up to 20 per cent from airconditioning costs. Provide closet space where staff can keep more formal attire for the occasions it is necessary.

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