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**\$1.5m for
war on
pollution**

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THE Government's greatest campaign in the coming year will be for the environment, a senior official said yesterday.

A massive \$1.5 million has been allocated to the drive which is aimed at raising public awareness on pollution and the environment.

This represents a 50 per cent increase on the \$1 million campaign to be launched next month.

Mr Martin Lewis, the Deputy Secretary responsible for the environment at the Planning, Environment and Lands Branch, said yesterday the \$1.5 million scheme illustrated the Government's commitment to environmental protection.

In his policy speech yesterday, the Governor said greater emphasis would be given to environmental education in the coming year.

"The coming campaign will give the public an impression of the horror of the pollution," he said.

"And the following one will convey messages on what the public can do to protect our environment."

Outlining other Government initiatives on environmental education scheduled for the coming year, Mr Lewis said a new body, called the Environmental Campaign Committee, would be set up to co-ordinate all anti-pollution activities.

He said the Government felt that there was a need to form a focal point for all the activities.

Respected persons and community leaders would be invited to head the committee, he said.

Environmental education would also be boosted by a \$5-million film package sponsored by the Jockey Club, he said.

Films showing various types of pollution would be released early next year and would be available for schools and community groups to borrow, he said.