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Leader of the Opposition Tony Abbott takes a tour of the energy efficient TNT Express in Welshpool. Photographs — Matt Devlin

TNT jumps on a low carbon train

Leader of the Opposition Tony Abbott visited TNT Express in Welshpool last Tuesday with Federal Member for Swan Steve Irons to see first hand how the facility operated its business energy efficiently.

Managing director Bob Black said environmental considerations had been a high priority for the facility, which opened last year.

Vehicle access was planned to minimise emissions.

Environmentally sustainable development initiatives include rain-water harvesting, energy efficient light fittings and use of sunshades and facade awnings, which were all designed to meet or exceed required standards.

Mr Irons said TNT was a great

example of how businesses already implement measures to reduce carbon emissions.

“It is great to see a business of this scale leading the way in environmentally friendly design as well as using state of the art technology to match the growing needs of its customers,” he said.

“Our local businesses need to stay competitive in a global market and the productivity report on international climate policies has confirmed that none of our major trading partners has an economy-wide carbon tax in place.

“Other countries and companies like TNT are showing that you don’t need a carbon tax to take action on climate change.”