

# Dunlite is for real

**The Adelaide-based Dunlite company, sees itself as a realist in the alternative energy field.**

The company, which has just run a successful 12 month experimental alternative power system to run an average suburban household, has been supplying wind power units to outback users since 1936.

Dunlite is an operating division of Philips Industries Holdings Ltd.

Philips acquired Dunlite when it took over Pye three years ago. The founder of Dunlite, Mr L. B. Dunn had sold out to Pye in 1967 and had stayed on until his death in 1978.

Dunlite set up a house at Gawler East with solar and wind powered generators in March 1980.

General manager of

Dunlite, Mr Ian Besley said the trial had been successful and work was proceeding on cutting down the costs of units to be supplied to outback customers.

The experiment had cost more than \$170,000 and had shown wind power 80 per cent of a household's electricity supply with direct sunlight making up the rest.

Mr Besley said he hoped to be able to supply wind generating sets for around \$15,000.

This compares with around \$8000 for a diesel generator which cost around \$4000 a year in fuel to run compared with an estimated annual maintenance of \$200 for a wind generator.

Mr Besley said other mote applications would provide future sales of Dunlite's products.