

May 2008

Perspective

The Rudd Government's first budget funds the key election pledges about tackling climate change and building environmental sustainability into the economy.

Perhaps more importantly it signals that the economy and the environment can no longer be considered separate from one another. And as Minister Wong has said "the cost of inaction outweighs the cost of action."

It is therefore a shame that a strong platform has been undermined by the inclusion of means-testing for installation of domestic solar panels. As with any new technology, access to a market of scope and scale is needed before it can come down its natural cost curve. Clearly households over the \$100,000 provided that start-up market as, anecdotally, 70% of installation projects have been cancelled since the budget. Industry needs clarity and it rightly objects when guidelines are abruptly changed without consultation.

A recommended approach would be to scrap the proposed means-testing and take advantage of wealthier households being the basis of market development leading to reduced costs for lower income households.

EBA most strongly recommends the introduction of a nationally consistent gross feed-in tariff for renewable energy to work alongside the emissions trading scheme. Once this feed-in tariff is showing results *then* the rebate can be means-tested and even phased out. We estimate this will take 3 to 4 years.

Notwithstanding this criticism of an element of the Budget, Environment Business Australia applauds the commitment to the renewable energy target and the emissions trading scheme and expects to see further commitments to technology development and national/regional interest infrastructure projects with the Green Paper and the final Garnaut Review paper.

Part of EBA's advice into Government and the Garnaut Review is that there should be an urgent review of policy across all departments, jurisdictions and levels of government to ensure that all policy levers are working towards a common outcome. Nation-building and the development of our next competitive edge requires more than money, and policies need updating to meet the rapidly changing market, environmental and societal needs. The overhaul of the tax system announced by the Treasurer was therefore a major step forward.

EBA is hopeful that regulation, fiscal incentives and penalties, as well as Government's own procurement and investment, will focus on national and regional interest infrastructure projects that help build Australia's next competitive edge. Climate change is the biggest imperative for the change we need, but the rapidly increasing cost of oil, gas and coal - and the impacts of this on commodities and throughout all our supply chains - is another. Therefore, the faster that systemic efficiencies are put in place throughout the supply chain the more resilient the Australian economy will be.

EBA is encouraged by the attention now being paid to energy efficiency but tangible standards and performance measures need to be put in place. Creating the next great technological era and providing incentives for behavioural change are the short-term drivers that business and governments should focus on.

Fiona Wain, CEO, Environment Business Australia

EBA News

EBA's supply chain forum

The expert panel at the Melbourne event hosted by PricewaterhouseCoopers highlighted a number of issues that are not in the mainstream debate and not being covered by the media. The single most important was that a carbon price of \$30, \$40 or higher is insignificant when compared with the rapidly rising price of oil (and gas) and the impacts this will have on food and other commodities, transport, energy . and therefore the entire supply chain and consumer pricing.

Likewise, the rising price of thermal coal up from \$20 a tonne a year ago to over \$120 a tonne for exports, clearly signals that the era of cheap black coal is over. Not that EBA ever considered coal cheap because of the cost of negative externalities. As energy supply companies have to renegotiate pricing contracts over the next couple of years there are likely to be significant price increases which could be alleviated by rapid implementation of energy and systems efficiencies. Therefore, action to combat climate change could *reduce* rather than increase prices.

The supply chain forum will be re-run in September in Sydney.

Infrastructure and institutional investment forum

EBA is teaming up with FINSIA to stage an event in Melbourne and Sydney in June. Details will be available early next week.

Policy recommendations

Highlights of EBA's submissions to the Garnaut Review and the Government have been aired in previous editions of EBA News – these and the submission to the Innovation Inquiry can be seen at <http://environmentbusiness.com.au/content/view/34/45/>

Wilkins Review should not overlook 'collateral damage' warns EBA

EBA will be meeting with federal climate program review chief Dr Roger Wilkins with the recommendation that the review should take full account of the "collateral damage" caused by high greenhouse gas emitting goods and services. Existing policies and programs do need to be harmonised and this should include a clear carbon life cycle analysis of all projects and all government departments and trading enterprises performing to the same standards demanded of business. EBA will emphasise the need for the renewable energy target and also for an energy efficiency performance target, both of which can sit alongside the emissions trading scheme. "Renewable energy, cleaner energy and energy efficiency targets are necessary in the early years simply to address the urgency of the task ahead," said EBA's CEO Fiona Wain.

EBA events

June 2008 . Forum: Infrastructure and institutional investment - Sydney, Melbourne. Dates tba.

July 2008 . Forum: Export development - Sydney, Melbourne. Dates tba.

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just about putting a price on carbon . it is the driver of solutions and opportunities. A high level plenary conference will be complemented by in-depth workshops and a major trade fair. The Queensland Government and the Gold Coast City Council are foundation sponsors. For further information . www.carbonexpo.com.au EBA web site www.environmentbusiness.com.au

EBA Member News

Generation Investment Management takes equity stake in New Forests Pty Ltd

New Forests Pty Limited, a specialist investment management and advisory services firm, announces it has sold a minority equity position in the company to Generation Investment Management, a London-headquartered fund management business dedicated to long term investment and integrated sustainability research. The link between the two companies will explore and create new opportunities in the burgeoning area of environmental markets. New Forests is an investment management and advisory services firm specialising in land-based business models that deliver returns from emerging environmental markets, such as carbon, biodiversity and water. The company is a leader in commercialising eco-products, such as sustainably-produced timber, forest-based carbon credits, biodiversity conservation, wetlands banking and other emerging environmental markets. Generation Investment Management, created in 2004, is a leading fund management firm focused on researching and investing in companies who create long term competitive advantage through their orientation to sustainable business. The firm was founded by Managing Partner David Blood and Al Gore who acts as Chairman of the company. see www.newforests.com.au and www.generationim.com

Laurimar's grey & black water trial given the green light by Smart Water Fund

Delfin Laurimar's grey and black water trial has been given a \$200,000 grant from the Smart Water Fund towards the research and demonstration of an innovative approach to harvest and treat stormwater, grey water and black water in a new housing development. Since its inception in 2002, the Smart Water Fund has provided over \$25 million in grants to over 150 projects. The Fund is an initiative of Melbourne's water businesses - City West Water, South East Water, Yarra Valley Water, Melbourne Water - and the Department of Sustainability and Environment. The Smart Water Fund encourages innovation in water recycling, water conservation and biosolid management to help secure Victoria's water supplies now and in the future. For further information, visit: <http://www.smartwater.com.au>.

Energetics submission to the Garnaut Review

The Government is being advised to rapidly introduce laws to drive energy savings in the next 2 to 3 years including the adoption of incentives to drive business energy efficiency as a key strategy to avoid the inflationary impact of emissions trading on vulnerable sections of the community. The advice comes from Energetics, Australia's leading climate change and energy solutions company, which has driven some of the biggest energy savings in corporate Australia over the last 20 years. The company's recent submission to the Garnaut Review argues that new energy efficiency measures need to be introduced as a matter of priority in order to reduce the impact of higher energy prices on the poor. "The impact of emissions trading on energy prices will be made worse because we are using more and more energy. We currently have 2% annual growth in energy use in Australia," said Anna Reynolds, Principal Consultant, Carbon Markets and Government Policy. "Energy efficiency incentives are anti-inflationary as they reduce the operating costs for companies which implement them. If companies target energy efficiency improvements we can stabilise energy use within 3-5 years and then a 20% reduction by 2020. This will require regulation, incentives and a range of other measures. [A pdf of Energetics submission to the Garnaut Review can be downloaded here](#)

Australia News

Australian first: Survey reveals foreign investments exceed exports

The Diplomat magazine's second annual *Global 100* - a list of Australia's top international performing companies - shows that for the first time ever, Australian companies are making more revenue from foreign investments than from export. The research found Australia's top 100 globalised companies' offshore revenue of \$112 billion has surpassed Australian company export revenue of \$107 billion.

www.the-diplomat.com/article.aspx?aeid=2714

Climate Leadership Programme

The Climate Leadership Programme (CLP) is designed to help high-level business executives understand how to seize the business advantage inherent in addressing global climate change. Cambridge Programme for Industry currently runs four CLP seminars annually: two in the United Kingdom and one in both South African and Australia. The seminars bring together senior leaders from business, government and non-governmental organisations with responsibilities within their organisation relating to climate, energy, resources and procurement, along with leading keynote speakers and an outstanding faculty including David Hone, Group Climate Change Advisor to Shell, and Martijn Wilder, Global Climate Specialist and Head of Baker & McKenzie international practice. The Australian seminar is being held from 23rd - 26th June just outside Melbourne, and costs \$9950 (+GST). To submit a nomination or nominate a colleague for the Programme, please contact Sonya Wurster at sonya.wurster@cpi.cam.ac.uk or +61 3 9642 0220.

www.cpi.cam.ac.uk/programmes/clp

The ABC of ESG

Nearly half of the funds under management held in Australia are now on the path to ESG (Environment . Social - Governance) integration as signatories of the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI). The \$60 billion Future Fund is also known to be looking into ESG and the Australian Council of Superannuation Investors (ACSI) is promoting draft ESG clauses for investment management agreements. Ethical Investor is hosting a mid-year forum on 3 June in Sydney featuring fund managers, trustees and analysts who will look at this issue from a strategic, theoretical and hands-on analytical perspective. What does the emergence of sustainability analysis mean for the current bear market?

Click here to download the [BROCHURE](#)

Wong's \$12.9bn national water plan

Environmental Manager . Climate Change and Water Minister Penny Wong announced a 10-year, \$12.9bn national water plan, to provide "a clear strategic direction" on future water management. Wong said state and territory co-operation would be crucial. The National Water Commission would be given direct responsibility for checking on the states' performance against the National Water Initiative and agreed funding milestones under the plan. The 'Water for the Future' plan includes: \$5.8bn for a Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program which may provide funding for stage 2 of the Victorian food bowl project; \$3bn to buy water for the Murray Darling Basin over the next ten years; a \$1bn 'Urban Water and Desalination Program'; \$450m for the Bureau of Meteorology to devise "the first ever national water accounts" and a national water monitoring and data collection network; \$250m to encourage households to install grey water and rainwater systems; and \$250m to secure water supplies for towns and cities with populations of less than 50,000. The plan will also fund a centre of excellence in water recycling in Brisbane and in desalination technology in Perth. Wong said the plan had a major three-year review built in to see whether it was meeting its objectives.

Kyoto Protocol: first lap in long race against time

The Kyoto Protocol should be considered just the first lap in a long race to reduce the environmental and economic risks associated with climate change, according to a climate risk

analyst with CSIRO's Energy Transformed Flagship, Dr Roger Jones. Dr Jones said the Kyoto Protocol represents the starting line for a critical assessment of climate change from which the finishing line cannot be seen. He said, according to research conducted jointly by CSIRO and Victoria University, Melbourne, the major benefits of the Kyoto Protocol will not be the reductions in climate change themselves but the lessons we need to learn in order to mitigate the increasing risks. "We need better methods for updating climate risks and assessing the benefits of avoided damages by investing in new technology and other measures," Dr Jones said. "Rapidly emerging climate risks fuelled by faster than projected emissions growth make this task all the more urgent." The research is to be published in the journal; Global Environmental Change. Visit the CSIRO Energy Transformed Flagship website at: <http://www.csiro.au/org/EnergyTransformedFlagship.html>

Minister Wong picks up an EBA question – what is the cost of inaction?

In a speech to the Queensland Media Club in Brisbane on 6 May, Minister for Climate Change and Water, Penny Wong laid out the three pillars of the Rudd Government's response to the threat of climate change, following an analysis of projections, impacts and vulnerabilities in Queensland and Australia as a whole. "I am often asked what the cost will be for individuals and for businesses of the action we are going to take on climate change," Minister Wong explained. "But what I am not asked as often is this: what is the cost if we don't take action? We know that if we fail to act, the cost will be much greater than if we take responsible action now. This is not a choice between a no-cost option and an option with costs. It is a choice about whether we take responsible action now, or wait and face much higher costs and worse impacts in the future."

\$1.8million to help prepare for climate change

Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, has also announced \$1.2 million funding to investigate the effects of climate change on key coastal areas. The Government is providing \$1.2 million for six case studies on coastal sites across Australia. The studies will look at issues including the impact of climate change on the coast, on commercial fisheries, and on infrastructure in remote oil and gas communities. One case study, based in the Central and Hunter Coasts region of NSW, will assess the vulnerability of existing and future residential, industrial and commercial infrastructure to sea level rise, storm surge and intense rainfall. Senator Wong also announced funding of \$600,000 to examine the impact of climate change on Australia's infrastructure. "Research funded through this project will help the Australian Government to develop and deliver the appropriate policy responses to effectively manage climate change risks to Australia's infrastructure, particularly the effect on the Australian economy," Senator Wong said. For more information on the coastal case studies: www.austender.gov.au For more information on the infrastructure risk assessment, email: adaptation@climatechange.gov.au

International

India, the dynamic new market for cleantech

It is an exciting time for the investment in and deployment of cleantech technologies in India. With a surging economy, rapid growth in urban development, and the urgency to address issues such as climate change, energy security and water scarcity, the demand for technological and financial innovation has created a dynamic new market for cleantech solutions. The CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development (Confederation of Indian Industry) and Clean Technology AustralAsia are again partnering to organise the 2nd India Cleantech Forum. Building upon the success of the 1st India Cleantech Forum, this second event will be held in New Delhi, India on 10-11 July 2008 and the focus will be on promoting economic development and reducing poverty and overcoming the barriers to uptake of cleantech. This is a high level event for business, investors, entrepreneurs and policy makers from within India and around the world to exchange knowledge, to make commercial decisions, to implement solutions, and to be part of building the new cleantech sector in India. To participate see details below in the conferences section of this newsletter.

Carbon dioxide, methane up sharply in 07

24.4.08 *Special Broadcasting Service. World News Headline Stories.*

The amount of two key greenhouse gases in Earth's atmosphere rose sharply in 2007, and carbon dioxide levels this year are literally off the chart, the US government reported. In its annual index of greenhouse gas emissions, the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration found atmospheric carbon dioxide, the primary driver of global climate change, rose by 0.6 per cent, or 19 billion tonnes last year. The amount of methane increased by 0.5 per cent, or 27 million tonnes, after nearly a decade of little or no change, according to preliminary figures from scientists at the government's Earth System Research Laboratory in Colorado. Methane's greenhouse effect is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide's, but there is far less of it in the atmosphere. Overall, methane has about half the climate impact of carbon dioxide. The increase in methane emissions after years of little change may indicate that methane locked for thousands of years in frozen Arctic soil known as permafrost is being emitted into the atmosphere as the soil melts. It is also possible that the 2007 rise in methane emissions is due to some other cause. Methane emissions rose sharply between 1978 and 1998 and then levelled off.

See www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends/

Asian Development Bank opens New Climate Fund with \$40million

Madrid, 5.5.08 (ENS) - Because the Asia-Pacific region is so vulnerable to climate change, the Asian Development Bank is establishing a new fund to help the region adapt to the expected devastating impact of global warming, bank officials announced at the opening of the organisation's 41st Annual Meeting in Madrid. The bank will provide an initial \$40 million to the Climate Change Fund, which will be open for further contributions from countries, other development organisations, foundations, the private sector and other sources. The purpose of the fund is to facilitate greater investments in developing countries in Asia and the Pacific to address the causes and consequences of global warming. Money from the fund will be used to provide grant financing for technical assistance, investment projects, research and other activities. The Climate Change Fund expands the resources available to address global warming from solely mitigation activities, such as clean energy and carbon financing, to a more holistic program that includes activities in mitigation and adaptation as well as financing projects. Asian developing countries are now the fastest growing source of new greenhouse gas emissions and they will soon be the largest absolute source. The new fund will help pool resources from around the world to invest in Asia to help deal with this problem.

Researchers develop powerful material for storing CO₂

Paris, 6.5.08. Xinhua News Agency - French researchers working at several laboratories affiliated with France's National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) have succeeded in developing an efficient material for storing CO₂. French researchers have designed several porous materials to sequester greenhouse gases. After conducting many trials, the researchers found that the microwave synthesis of chromium terephthalate, otherwise known as MIL-101 powder, is twice as effective as other material currently marketed for storing CO₂ at room temperature. Apart from its application in the fight against global warming and the resultant climate change, the material can also be used in many applications, especially for electrodes or medicine. The findings of the research could also see the MIL-101 powder being used in filters to reduce emissions from vehicles.

Point Carbon annual report on the state of the carbon market "Carbon 2008" now available

"Carbon 2008 - Post-2012 is now", Point Carbon's annual report on the state of the carbon market, was launched at Carbon Market Insights 2008. The report draws upon the world's largest ever carbon market survey in conjunction with Point Carbon's extensive models, databases and analyses of the global carbon markets. The report provides an in-depth analysis of the global carbon markets in 2007, an outlook for 2008 as well as insight into the remaining of the first Kyoto period (2008-12) and beyond. Download the report from <http://www.pointcarbon.com/Research%20&%20Advisory/article27438-365.html> Power Point presentation of figures and tables: <http://www.pointcarbon.com/Research%20&%20Advisory/Carbon%20Market%20Research/article27440-1473.html>

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The Environment Industry Dinner 2008

Thursday 5th June 2008 at the Great Hall NGV, National Gallery Victoria
Once again EBA, together with a number of other environmental organisations, is supporting The Environment Industry Dinner 2008, which will be held on World Environment Day, June 5. The event celebrates the work and achievements of Victoria's environment sector. The Minister for Climate Change, the Environment and Innovation, the Hon. Gavin Jennings will be the guest speaker. This event supports the Brian Robinson Foundation and will be held at the National Gallery of Victoria. It is always an excellent evening, well supported by those working in the environmental sector. In past years this event has been booked out, so reply early if you would like to attend.

To book a registration Zing at Zing Event Management Tel: 03 9873 2404 Fax: 03 9873 2415 email: zingevents@bigpond.com

India – 2nd India Cleantech Forum

The second India Cleantech Forum will take place in New Delhi, India, over two days on July 10th and 11th, 2008. The agenda for the 2nd India Cleantech Forum, will include some of the most authoritative speakers representing a spectrum of global clean technology experts who will examine and outline the challenges and opportunities for cleantech in India based on the following themes:

- Global and local trends in cleantech investment
- Government policies to provide incentives and investor certainty
- Clean energy and water infrastructure needs in India
- Investment opportunities in Indian cleantech companies and projects
- Actions required to accelerate investment and deployment of cleantech in India
- Global technology transfer and collaboration - who is doing what

Sponsorship and presentation enquiries are welcome. [Email Reservation Enquiry](#). (Discount applies for Cleantech Forum Delegates - Book NOW to secure your accommodation) www.cleantechforum.com

Diary of Events

Enviro auditor certification workshop. Syd (June 2-6), Melb (July 7-11), Bris (Aug 4-8), Newcastle (Sept 22- 26), Syd (Nov 17 - 21).

Go to www.grahamabrown.com.au

Enviro management systems workshop. Newcastle (May 13-15/Aug 20-22), Melb (Sept 2-4), Syd (Oct 21-23), Perth (Oct 28-30).

Visit www.grahamabrown.com.au

Benchmark: the national Australian built environment rating system conf series. Perth (May 27). Email nabers@environment.nsw.gov.au

Energy efficiency opportunities workshop. Syd (May 28-29), Adelaide (June 2-3), Perth (June 5-6). Visit energyefficiencyopportunities.gov.au

Green marketing forum. Syd (May 26); Melb (May 27), Ethical Investor. Phone Cheryl Samarasinghe on (02) 9555 2358 or email samarasinghe@ethicalinvestor.com.au

Going green expo. Melb, June 5-9. Visit www.goinggreenexpo.com.au

Clean energy Aust 2008. Syd, June 17-19. www.terrapinn.com/2008/clean_au

Adapting to climate change law and policy conf. ANU College of Law & Griffith University, Canberra, June 20. Ph (02) 6125 2906, email Christine_Debono or visit <http://law.anu.edu.au/cclp/events.asp>

Eco retailer zone: 2008 national retail forum. Melb, Aug 12-14. Ph (03) 9261 4500, email retail@divexhibitions.com.au or visit www.retailexpo.com.au

Waste management & audit workshop. Newcastle, Aug 26-28. www.grahamabrown.com.au

SD08: solutions through collaboration. Darwin, Sept 15-19, Minerals Council of Aust. Ph (02) 6233 0643 or email events@minerals.org.au

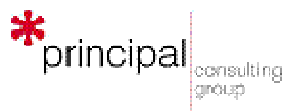
Risk management workshop. Newcastle, Oct 29-30. Go to www.grahamabrown.com.au

Carbon opportunities: innovations in energy. Syd (Nov 8), Melb (Nov 13),
[Total Environment Centre](http://TotalEnvironmentCentre)

CARBON EXPO MARKET AUSTRALASIA. Gold Coast 30-31 October, EBA and AETF, www.carbonexpo.com.au

Clean Energy Council conf & exhibition 2008. Gold Coast, Qld, Nov 24-26
Ph (03) 9929 4103 or email jstuart@cleanenergycouncil.org.au

Career Opportunities for the month May



Environmental Consulting opportunities, Melbourne

A chance to join a world class consultancy in their Melbourne office and be a part of great things to come. This organisation prides itself on its relaxed yet professional atmosphere. The culture is vibrant and dynamic and there is a real appreciation for work-life balance. Entrepreneurial, can-do attitudes do well in this business.

The environment team is growing rapidly and is progressively building a credible presence in the Victorian market. Due to an aggressive growth strategy there are now several openings in Melbourne for capable and ambitious Environmental Consultants.

If you are degree qualified and have from one to five years professional experience in a related area we would love to hear from you. Passion and a proven track record in any of the following disciplines will be highly regarded: environmental impact assessment, environmental auditing, environmental site assessment, waste, landfill, hydrogeology, natural resource management and/or sustainability.

An attractive salary package will be offered commensurate with level of experience. Visa and relocation assistance is available for suitable overseas applicants.

Please forward your resume 'in confidence' (quoting job title and code KHEBA408) to: **environment@principal.net.au** for a confidential discussion on 1300 855 258 (direct line).

To find out more about Principal or subscribe to our job updates by RSS or email, please visit our web site www.principal.net.au

[Senior Tailings Engineer . Perth/Melbourne](#)

A great package will be offered to a qualified civil engineer with experience preferably in mining or industrial waste management.

[Environmental Manager, Manufacturing - Regional Victoria](#)

Environmental Manager for leading manufacturer. Have a significant impact on companies performance through highest quality environmental outcomes.

[Senior Mining Geologist \(Grade Control\) - Perth](#)

Senior mining geologist with grade control exp. Exp in geological evaluations/assessments and geological interpretation/modelling.

[Senior Environmental Consultant, Darwin](#)

Leading multidisciplinary Consultancy. New role. New projects. Thrive as a Senior Environmental Consultant in a supportive environment that provides challenge and professional development opportunities.

[Senior Project Manager . Remediation, Brisbane](#)

Due to rapid growth this leading remediation contractor is looking for an experienced Project Manager to join their Brisbane office. This organisation is heavily focused on contaminated site remediation and waste management projects for various private and public sector clients.

[Principal Ecologist/Team Leader - Sydney](#)

Significant career opportunity for a proven business leader. Bring your ecology knowledge into a world-renowned environmental consulting organisation and lead a team of specialists delivering world-class ecology services.

[Contaminated Land Opportunities - Aust Wide](#)

Opportunity to join a world class Consultancy who has opportunities across several Australian locations. This organisation prides itself on its relaxed yet professional atmosphere.

[Occupational/Industrial Hygienist - Melbourne](#)

This leading environmental consultancy has an exciting opportunity for an experienced Occupational Hygiene professional to join their rapidly growing Melbourne team.

[Community Consultation Specialist - Sydney](#)

Join this successful team in Sydney, offering a work-life balance. Experience in urban and rural issues will be highly regarded.

[Geotechnical Engineers - Perth & Sydney](#)

Opportunities for ambitious Geotechnical Engineers with global Environmental & Engineering consultancy.

[Senior Air Quality Specialist - Perth](#)

Autonomy to develop your own business. Niche Environmental Consultancy. Employee profit share scheme.

[Environmental Consulting - Canberra](#)

World class consultancy. Join a thriving team in Canberra. Rapidly growing environmental practice. Can-do attitudes welcome!

[New Yahoo Group - Sustainability Jobs Australia](#)

A new Yahoo Group for the posting of available sustainability jobs in and around Australia was launched by consultant Victoria Coleman in early May. If you are looking for quality employees either on a permanent or contract basis, subscribe for free and post your advertisement. If you are seeking a suitable vacancy, register to receive a daily digest of the top jobs in your field. This moderated group is exclusively for the advertising of jobs. No sustainability job requests, or CVs or any other Sustainability-related content will be approved for posting.

To subscribe email: sustainabilityjobsau-subscribe@yahogroups.com.au

Group home page: <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/sustainabilityjobsau>

Group email address: sustainabilityjobsau@yahogroups.com.au

Business Opportunities

[Develop 5-year action plan - Blue Mountains City Council - Closing: 08/06/2008](#)

Contact: Please complete the Expression of Interest form and submit by 8 June to: Email:

tmsheil@bmcc.nsw.gov.au

For specific information please contact Bronwen Johnston, Economic Development Program Leader on (0413) 334 101

Details: Better Future Forum - 'innovative actions for sustainable growth' . EOI, Tuesday 29 July 2008 : 9:30am - 4:00pm Featuring guest speaker Prof Edward Blakely internationally renowned expert on urban planning, research and education. Participants include: The Hon Bob Debus MP and Mr Phil Koperberg, MP. The Forum will look to answer key questions from the 25 Year Map for Action that will help ensure:

The local economy is strengthened and diversified and;

The Blue Mountains is a model for sustainable business and industry.

[Regulatory impact statement - Department of The Environment, Water, Heritage and The Arts- Closing: 12/06/2008 - 4:00 pm](#)

Tenders submitted via Fax or Email will not be accepted.

Timeframe for Delivery September 2008

Address for Lodgement Tender Box - Reception Area

Ground Floor, John Gorton Building

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

King Edward Terrace

PARKES ACT 2601

Mark Johnson; E Mark.Johnson@environment.gov.au

Details:

0708-1170 - Regulatory Impact Statement for the Mandatory Disclosure of Commercial Office Building energy Efficiency

The Department requires a suitably qualified and experienced Service Provider to develop a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on a regime for the Mandatory Disclosure of Commercial Building energy Efficiency.

[Energy & greenhouse management services - RailCorp- Closing: 28/05/2008 - 12:00 noon](#)

Examples would include EIS, discussion papers, requests for information, registrations for position appointments, etc.

John Millar, P: 02 8922 0223, F 02 8922 0195, E: john.millar@railcorp.nsw.gov.au
Details: RFI 08 04028 - energy & Greenhouse Management Services

RailCorp requires the assistance of professional service providers in performing energy assessment works, identifying opportunities for greater efficiency, compiling energy data for reporting under Commonwealth programs and providing strategic advice with regard to a broad range of energy and greenhouse issues. RailCorp is therefore seeking information from companies with proven capability and experience in providing services in these fields.

The objectives of this RFI are to:

1. Identify the type and range of services available in the market with regard to energy and greenhouse management;
2. Allow a register of organisations and their capabilities to be developed to assist RailCorp in identifying appropriate service providers as needs arise; and
3. To assist RailCorp in maintaining a high level of probity in the procurement of energy and greenhouse management works.

Assessing social impacts of rural energy services - World Bank - Closing: 10/06/2008

Contact: Sudeshna Ghosh Banerjee; Ph: 458-4150

EOIs should include a summary of firm profile and capability, snapshots of relevant experience for the task including assignments on designing and implementing surveys and development of M & E frameworks and business plans, and short biographies of staff who might be working on this assignment.

The World Bank now invites eligible consultants from firms from World Bank member countries to indicate their interest in providing the services.

Investigate & design wastewater system - Northern Midlands Council

Contact: Documents available 9am 14/5/08 from <http://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au> or Natalie Horne (03) 6397-7303, natalie.horne@northmidlands.tas.gov.au

Details: Expressions of interest from experienced and qualified organisations for the investigation and design (to construction stage) of a fully functional wastewater system for the township of Avoca. The successful organisation shall also be required to prepare full design drawings 'for construction' and contract documentation for the construction of the entire system.

Avoca is currently serviced only by individual on-site wastewater systems and disposal. Council is looking to complete full investigation, design and documentation to progress the entire project to an investment ready stage - the project consisting of a fully functional sewerage scheme (including but not limited to sewerage collection system, treatment system and effluent disposal). Few details options have yet been considered by council, and only a limited preliminary study has been undertaken (2003).

Potential local & cumulative impacts of mining on groundwater resources - National Water Commission - Closing: 18/06/2008 - 12noon

Contact: Other Instructions A Tender Briefing will be held at the National Water Commission in Canberra on 28 May 2008.

Work may be undertaken from the contractor's home base with travel as required to Canberra and relevant mining industry head offices or sites.

Conditions for Participation Respondents must acknowledge that:

Any data produced during the project must meet the water data and information standards and protocols being developed by the Bureau of Meteorology as these standards and protocols become available.

Any water information and data collected by the project during the course of the project will be openly available to the National Water Commission in transfer formats being developed under the Australian Water Resources Information System or agreed alternative formats. Any information supplied by possible stakeholders will be deemed confidential unless written advice to the contrary from the information owner is received.

Timeframe for Delivery The final project report should be delivered to the National Water Commission by 30 June 2010

Estimated Value From \$1,300,000.00 to \$1,800,000.00

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