

Media Notice

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Climate change - greenhouse gas technologies forums in Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney this week

As the current heat wave, power issues and the impact of climate change have caused public debate in recent days, a series of timely forums on greenhouse gas technologies will be held this week.

The forums will be addressed by one of the world's leading climate change environmentalists, and one of the foremost global change researchers.

The forums are being coordinated by the Australian Cooperative Research Centre for Greenhouse Gas Technologies (known as the CO2CRC).

Government, industry, research, local environment group and public representatives will attend the forums.

Presentations will be made by Mr. David Hawkins and Mr. James Dooley.

Mr. Hawkins is a former adviser to President Jimmy Carter, through the U.S. Environment Protection Agency's (Air, Noise and Radiation). He has been a key player over 30 years in crucial environment regulation such as the Clean Air Act. Mr. Hawkins is now Director of the Climate Centre at environmental lobby group: the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC in Washington <http://www.nrdc.org>). The NRDC is one of the world's largest environmental lobby groups with more than a million subscribed supporters.

Mr. James Dooley leads the Joint Global Change Research Institute and the Global Energy Technology Strategy Project's research related to carbon capture and disposal, and the role of this class of technologies in addressing climate change. He is a lead author of a chapter of the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) forthcoming Special Report on Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage, and an advisory board chairman with the private Battelle research (<http://www.battelle.org>).

The CO2CRC (http://www.co2crc.com.au/about_f.htm) brings together scientists from leading research agencies and private companies across Australia to research the development and deployment of technologies to curb greenhouse gas emissions from the use of fossil fuel energy in power generation and other stationary uses. Its Chief Executive, Dr. Peter Cook will attend the forums.

The forums will be:

Melbourne: Monday, 23 February, 1-3 pm, Marland House, 570 Bourke St., Media Conference after the forum, 3.15pm

Canberra: Tuesday, 24, February, 2.30-4.30 pm, Edmund Barton Conference Centre. Media conference after the forum, 4.45 pm.

Sydney: Wednesday, 25, February, 10.45 am-12.45 pm, NSW Parliament House.
Media conference after the forum at 1.p.m.

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* A betacam video tape of the new technology, including animation will be available at the media conference