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CO2CRC SCIENCE RECOGNISED THROUGH INNOVATION AWARD

An expert panel of judges from science and industry has recognised CO2CRC for innovation.

Receiving the Cooperative Research Centre Association's Award for Excellence in Innovation from the Federal Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Kim Carr, the CO2CRC Chief Executive, Dr Peter Cook, said he was pleased that the outstanding work of leading scientists from universities, research institutions and industry.

CO2CRC won the award for the CO2CRC Otway Project, Australia's first demonstration of geosequestration.

Geosequestration, which involves the compression, transport and storage of the world's most common greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide, in the deep subsurface, can help make deep cuts greenhouse gas emissions. It is for this reason that the CO2CRC Otway Project has the wide support of government and industry.

The CO2CRC Otway Project has one of the world's most comprehensive subsurface carbon storage monitoring programs.

"This project has the potential to serve the end-users in the oil and gas industry well," says the Australian Petroleum Production and & Exploration Association Chief Executive, Belinda Robinson. "Geosequestration technologies have been used in the oil and gas industry since the 1970s and the CO2CRC projects provide a valuable means of enhancing public understanding of CCS technology and development and deserve to be recognised for that."

"It is a truly an innovative project," says the Executive Director of the Australian Coal Association, Ralph Hillman, "because of its ability to develop and trial carbon dioxide storage technologies in Australian conditions. This will help Australia become a world player in the application and commercialisation of geosequestration technologies that will underpin low-emission, fossil-fuel power generation in Australia and globally.

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*CO2CRC collaborates with leading international and national geosequestration experts to conduct world-class research into geosequestration or carbon capture and storage. Organisations participating in CO2CRC research include CSIRO, Geoscience Australia and the Universities of Adelaide, Curtin, Melbourne, Monash and NSW; the Alberta Research Council in Canada and the US Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Industry and State core partners supporting CO2CRC are ACARP, Anglo American, BHP Billiton, BP Australia, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, KIGAM, NSW Department of Primary Industries, NZ Resource Consortium, Origin, Rio Tinto, Schlumberger, Shell, Foundation for Research Science and Technology (NZ), Solid Energy, Stanwell, the Victorian Department of Primary Industries, WA Department of Industry and Resources, Woodside and Xstrata. CO2CRC is supported through the Australian Government's CRC Programme.

Cooperative Research Centres are engines of innovation, pulling together researchers and industry to develop new products, services and opportunities of immense value and benefit to the Australian economy, industry, environment and community. The annual CRC conference in Sydney this May brings together all CRCs across Australia along with their partners and other interested bodies to discuss the latest achievements in world class collaborative science and education. For more information, please visit www.crca.asn.au/conference