

SWITCH TO GREEN 2009 CONFERENCE PROGRAM



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Expo and Conference
Canberra 10 - 12 September 2009
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THURSDAY 10th September 2009

18.00 – 19.30	Cocktail Reception and Awards	Official opening of the Switch to Green Expo and Conference 2009
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FRIDAY 11th September 2009

Time	Session	
08.00	Registration	
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome	Chair: Robert Hill (Former Ambassador to the UN and Chair, Australian Carbon Trust) Introductions: Russell Rollason (President UNAA ACT)
09.15 – 10.15	Plenary Session Progress towards a carbon neutral future	Ms Joy Burch , MLA The Hon. Peter Garrett , Minister for Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (tbc)
10.15 – 10.45	Refreshments and networking	
10.45 – 12.15	Plenary Session Climate Change: The Imperative for a Carbon Neutral Future	Chair: Christopher Woodthorpe , Director, UN Information Centre for Australia, New Zealand & South Pacific Prof. Hubert Gijzen , Director, UNESCO Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific Achin Steiner , Executive Director, UN Environment Program (Video link) Prof. Will Steffen , Executive Director, Climate Change Institute, ANU
12.15 – 14.00	Lunch Hosted by Canberra Business Council and the Australia India Business Council	Special Guest: Paul Gilding , Independent advisor on sustainability and climate change, former CEO Greenpeace International and Ecos Corporation. Panel Discussion: Robert Hill, Molly Harriss Olson , Director, EcoFutures Pty Ltd
14.00 – 15.30	Workshops: What can we achieve by 2015	
	1) Powering Canberra: the renewable options	Prof Andrew Blakers , Director Centre for Sustainable Energy Systems, ANU Dr Bridget Ayling , Geothermal Specialist, Geoscience Australia Meagan Wheatley , Business Development Manager, Strategy and Policy, Suzlon Energy Australia

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	2) Increasing the energy efficiency of our houses and offices	Leigh Duxson , Home Energy Advice Team Melinda Dodson , National President, Australian Institute of Architects Davina Rooney , Sustainability Coordinator, Stockland
	3) An efficient transport system for Canberra	Ben Keneally , Head of Marketing and External Affairs, Better Place Australia (the Electric Car company) Peter Moore , Executive Director of UITP Australia and NZ (the International Association of Public Transport) Kristin Blume , Manager, Strategic Projects, Transport Regulation and Planning, ACT Government
15.30 – 16.00	Refreshments and networking	
16.00 – 17.15	Energy and Equity A panel discussion on the challenge to price electricity to meet the goals of carbon neutrality and fairness	Paul Baxter , Senior Commissioner, ACT Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission Prof. Bob Douglas , Chair, SEE-Change

SATURDAY 12th September 2009

Time	Session	
08.30	Registration	
09.00 – 10.30	Saturday Forum Canberra in 2013, 2023, 2033: What will tomorrow hold?	Panel Discussion Dr Helen Berry , National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, ANU Dr Maxine Cooper , Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Dr Nicholas Schofield , Senior Executive Consultant, SKM
10.30 – 11.15	Refreshments and Networking	
11.15 – 12.15	Panel Discussion Roadmap to a Carbon Neutral Canberra	Facilitated by Prof. Will Steffen CCI/ ANU Chris Faulks , Canberra Business Council Vanessa Morris , SEE-Change Gesa Ruge , Sustainability Consultant, VIRIDIS E3 David Butt , Director, Policy, Department of the Environment Climate Change, Energy and Water
12.15 – 12.45	Closing Remarks	Robert Hill (Former Ambassador to the UN and Chair Australian Carbon Trust)

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