

BE INSPIRED GET INVOLVED AT SWITCH TO GREEN FOR A CARBON NEUTRAL CANBERRA



THE CONFERENCE

Bringing together Business, Government and Community, the Switch to Green Conference will offer you the chance to:

- Track and consider Canberra's movement towards a green and sustainable future
- Attend sessions on 'Progress towards a Carbon Neutral Future', 'The Imperative for a Carbon Neutral Future', and 'Powering Canberra'
- Hear from International and National keynote speakers including:
 - Helen Berry** (NCEPH, ANU),
 - Melinda Dodson** (President, Australian Institute of Architects)
 - Robert Hill** (Former Ambassador to UN/ Chair Australian Carbon Trust)
 - Will Steffen** (Climate Change Institute/ANU)
 - Achmin Steiner** (Executive Director, UN Environment Program)
- And help develop a Roadmap for a Carbon Neutral Canberra

Visit www.switchtogreen.unaa.org.au for the full program

THE EXPO

Visit the Expo for the opportunity to meet the businesses and community groups who are already finding 'green' alternatives to help us reduce our carbon footprint. With great tips and demonstrations you will soak up new ideas on how you can live a 'greener' lifestyle.

Entry: Gold Coin Donation/ Children Free

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY AWARDS

Our Business and Community Awards will recognise and reward the most active and inspirational members of the public who have either taken action against climate change or provided high quality products or services that are leading Canberra towards a Carbon Neutral Future. We'd love to hear from you – submit your entry today.

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Join us and help Canberra Switch to Green
Register now for the Conference or plan to drop into the Expo
on Friday 11th or Saturday 12th of September at
National Convention Centre, Constitution Avenue, Canberra

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SWITCH TO GREEN 2009 CONFERENCE PROGRAM



THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

18.00 – 19.30 **Welcome Reception and Awards:** Official opening of the Switch to Green Expo and Conference 2009

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

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 – 10.00 Plenary Session **Progress towards a carbon neutral future**

Simon Corbell, ACT Minister for Environment, Water and Climate Change (tbc)

The Hon. Peter Garrett, Minister for Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (tbc)

10.00 – 11.00 **Refreshments and networking: Launch of the Living Greener Portal in the EXPO by Minister Garrett (tbc)**

11.00 – 12.30 Plenary Session **Climate Change: The Imperative for a Carbon Neutral Future**

Prof. Will Steffen, Executive Director, Climate Change Institute, ANU

Achmin Steiner, Executive Director, UN Environment Program (Video link)

Prof. Hubert Gijzen, Director, UNESCO Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific

12.30 – 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

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

2) Increasing the energy efficiency of our houses and offices

Peter Miller, 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)

15.30 – 16.00 **Refreshments and networking**

16.00 – 17.15 **Energy and Equity:** 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

08.30 **Registration**

09.00 – 10.30 **Saturday Forum Canberra in 2012, 2023, 2033 - What will tomorrow hold?**

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

12.15 – 12.45 **Closing Remarks: Robert Hill** (Former Ambassador to the UN and Chair Australian Carbon Trust)