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NSW Government to sponsor leading climate change conference

The NSW Government is bringing the Asia-Pacific's premier climate change conference to Sydney in 2010.

As the 2009 Australia-New Zealand Climate Change and Business Conference draws to a close in Melbourne today, the Acting Premier and Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Carmel Tebbutt, has announced that the NSW Government will be the conference's foundation sponsor in 2010.

"The NSW Government is taking a leading role in tackling climate change, which is one of the biggest issues facing not only Australia, but the rest of the world," Ms Tebbutt said.

"The Australia-New Zealand Climate Change and Business Conference is the leading conference in the region and will bring an outstanding array of business and political leaders, as well as expert commentators from around the world, to Sydney.

"The NSW Government is positioning Sydney as the Asia-Pacific's carbon trading hub and has established a Sydney Carbon Market Taskforce of leading experts in global carbon and financial markets to help secure this opportunity.

"Bringing this high-profile conference to Sydney will enable NSW businesses to engage with their international counterparts and strengthen carbon market networking.

"Sydney already has a critical mass of financial services and is the natural choice to be the Asia-Pacific's carbon market hub.

"Sydney is the first financial centre to open in the Asia time zone and we are home to most head offices of major international banks, fund managers and brokerage firms.

"We look forward to working with the conference organisers to make the 6th Australia-New Zealand Climate Change and Business Conference in 2010 a major success."

The NSW Government is contributing \$50,000 in sponsorship to bring the conference to Sydney. The conference is a not-for-profit venture organised by the Climate and Business Centre and Point Carbon and supported by business groups, NGOs and government agencies in five countries.

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