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GOVERNMENT SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR ACT CLIMATE CHANGE COUNCIL

Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Simon Corbell, has called for nominations to the ACT Climate Change Council that will help guide the Territory towards carbon neutrality.

"I encourage anyone committed to addressing climate change who has appropriate experience and knowledge to nominate themselves for the ACT Climate Change Council and play an active role in supporting our community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address climate change impacts," Mr Corbell said.

"The ACT Climate Change Council will have up to nine members with a broad range of skills to help identify and address barriers to achieving a dynamic and low carbon economy and society.

"The Council will include members with expertise in the energy sector, transport planning, social equity, built environment, environmental management and climate science, as well as people who understand business and community interests."

The Government committed to establishing a climate change council as part of the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010*, which will create an opportunity for consultation across our community.

"The ACT Government has a strong forward policy agenda to tackle climate change, but this is not something we can do on our own," Mr Corbell said.

"Government, community and business need to work together to address climate change, identify opportunities and be recognised as leaders in sustainable urban development.

The Council will provide advice directly to the Minister on ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.

Consideration by the Council of social, economic and environmental issues, and Australian and international practices or developments in climate change, will be important.

Applications close Friday 24 December 2010. Information on the Council is available on the Department of the Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water website www.environment.act.gov.au

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