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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS FORUM: THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY GOALS IN FOCUS

Monday 18 September 2017

I write to invite you to a joint event hosted by the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Energy and the Australian Committee of the International Union for Conservation of Nature on the environment and energy Sustainable Development Goals.

The Forum will be held on **Monday 18 September 2017** from **9am to 5pm** followed by a networking event until 6.30pm, both at the **Parkview Room of Doltone House Darling Island, 48 Pirrama Road, Pyrmont, Sydney**.

The objective of this Forum is to bring together leaders across a range of sectors including government, business, industry, academia, non-government organisations and other civil society groups to explore implementation of the environment and energy Goals.

A preliminary program for the Forum is attached. You will see that it covers a range of areas for discussion including the barriers, incentives and opportunities for advancing the Goals. We will also explore innovative ways that are being used to give effect to the Goals across sectors, and look for opportunities to foster cross-sector engagement and strengthen networks to advance common objectives on these environment and energy issues.

Each Goal will be addressed through focused breakout sessions and, to ensure balanced numbers across each group, we ask that you identify the two Goals that you are most interested in discussing when you register via the link below. We will endeavour to facilitate your preferences where possible. The Goals that will be discussed at the Forum are:

- Goal 3 - Good Health and Well-being
- Goal 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation
- Goal 7 - Affordable and Clean Energy
- Goal 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Goal 12 - Responsible Consumption and Production
- Goal 13 - Climate Action
- Goal 14 - Life below Water
- Goal 15 - Life on Land

A full list of the Goals and their associated targets and indicators will be circulated before the Forum. In the meantime, you can find further details about the Goals on the United Nations Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>.

As an outcome from the Forum we will produce a compendium of case studies to showcase how Australia is making progress in line with the Goals. Submissions to the compendium will be voluntary. Further details will be provided in the lead up to the Forum.

We hope that you can join us at the Forum and invite you to register your attendance via Eventbrite: <https://2017envtenergygdgforumaustralia.eventbrite.com.au>

For further details, please email SDGs@environment.gov.au. Alternatively, you can contact

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Yours sincerely

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