

APPENDIX 3

KEY DATES IN CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATION PROCESS

YEAR	OCCURRENCE
1979	First World Climate Conference
1988	Conference on the Changing Atmosphere (Toronto) Establishment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPPC)
1990	IPCC's First Assessment Report Establishment of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) Second World Climate Conference
1991	INC met for the first time in February to develop the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
1992	9 May the FCCC was adopted in New York by the INC and opened for signature at the Rio Earth Summit in Brazil In December Australia became the ninth country to ratify the Convention
1994	21 March the FCCC entered into force having received the required 50 ratifications
1995	The INC was dissolved in February and the Conference of the Parties became the Convention's ultimate authority First Conference of the Parties (CoP 1 - the Berlin "Climate Summit") December the IPCC produced the Second Assessment Report
1996	Second Conference of the Parties (CoP 2) signed the "Geneva Convention"
1997	Third Conference of the Parties (CoP 3) adopted the Kyoto Protocol
1998	The Kyoto Protocol was opened for signature Fourth Conference of the Parties (CoP 4) adopted the "Buenos Aires

	Plan of Action”
1999	Fifth Conference of the Parties (CoP 5) took place in Bonn
2000	Sixth Conference of the Parties (CoP 6) to be held in November in The Hague
2005	Negotiations on new targets for 2013 and onwards to take place. Parties must show ‘demonstable progress toward 2008 – 2012 targets
2008	First five year commitment period begins