

\$29.9 billion for Skills for the Carbon Challenge initiative

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has released the Government's response to the Australia 2020 Summit held last year in Canberra, including a "Skills for the Carbon Challenge" initiative which aims to equip workers and businesses with skills for sustainability. The Government will provide \$29.9 billion over four years for the initiative. "Not only did the Summit support, influence or cause the Government to re-evaluate a range of existing priorities and commitments, it also proposed a number of practical new ideas," says Rudd. The Government has selected nine specific ideas from the Summit that it will begin working on.

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