

Delegation to showcase renewable energy in China

Australian renewable energy businesses will have an opportunity to forge highlevel contacts in China via a trade mission in October.

Federal Environment Minister Ian Campbell will lead the delegation aimed at promoting Australian expertise in areas such as wind, biomass and solar energy.

Senator Campbell says the need to effectively engage China in practical climate change action has been a priority for the Federal Government.

“The strong relationship we have built with China under the Australia-China Climate Change Partnership is not only paying off in terms of government-to government climate change cooperation, it is helping to provide new opportunities for industry,” he says.

“This relationship is being further consolidated through the work of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate.”

Melbourne-based solar technology group Solar Systems is already negotiating contracts worth more than \$1 billion in China, following the recent AP6 meeting in California last month.

Solar Systems head Dave Holland says his company is in talks to roll out 150 MW solar power stations in China, following bilateral side talks between Australian renewable energy industry delegates and the Chinese government delegation. The deal is likely to involve manufacturing photovoltaic panels in China.

The recent AP6 talks are also expected to lead to lucrative contracts for Australian wind and hydro energy industries.

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