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2009 Climate Change Conference to be held in Melbourne

Victoria's Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Gavin Jennings, announced today that Australasia's leading Climate Change Conference will be held in Melbourne in 2009.

Conference organizer Elizabeth Edmonds said, "We are thrilled to announce that we will be partnering with the Victorian Government, to host the **5th Australia-New Zealand Climate Change & Business Conference**, in Melbourne next year."

"Victoria is the logical destination to host the 2009 conference, following successful events in Auckland, Adelaide and Brisbane," she says.

"The conference has been steadily growing in significance and we're confident we will again attract a similar calibre of speakers and delegates." Ms Edmonds says.

The Auckland event, which has attracted 430 delegates from around the world, concluded yesterday, with attendees focusing on the issues surrounding the emergence of emissions trading as a regional and global market influence.

It featured more than 80 speakers from Australia, New Zealand, the European Union, the United States and the United Kingdom, including a "who's-who" of top thinkers, business leaders and policy makers from a range of sectors including energy, transport, and agriculture.

The conference is a not-for-profit event in its fourth year, run by a consortium of 14 business and non-government entities in 5 countries.

For a review of this year's topics and copies of speakers presentations, go to www.climateandbusiness.com

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