

# Network to link 'clean' services



BEYOND CARBON: CEDA's Hamilton Calder.

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AUSTRALIA'S first networking initiative to link "clean technology" companies, government services and investors will be launched in Adelaide next week.

The Adelaide Clean-tech Network will be launched as part of the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA) and the Local Government Association's Beyond Carbon 2008 conference from June 3 to 5.

The network - sponsored by the State Government and managed by Goodwood-based Australian CleanTech - will organise monthly events and quarterly forums.

It will establish SA as a leading provider of clean technology services, products and innovation by bringing together the stakeholders, ACT director John O'Brien said.

Business, government and education

representatives will also outline challenges and opportunities in a carbon-free environment during the three-day conference.

"Basically it's about benefiting within a carbon-constrained economy," CEDA state director Hamilton Calder said.

"We will also look at the new regulatory environment and its impact on businesses and the community."

The conference will also discuss export opportunities and technology developments.

The inaugural conference coincides with World Environment Day on June 5.

Premier Mike Rann - who also is Minister for Sustainability and Climate Change - will open the event.

Speakers include Department of Trade and Economic Development chief executive Ray Garrard and geothermal explorer Petratherm's managing director, Terry Kallis.