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## Durban 2011

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will be represented by members from international governments, organisations and civil society when it meets in Durban, South Africa, for the 17th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 17) from 28 November to 9 December 2011.

The Australian delegation will be led by:

- Australia's Ambassador for Climate Change, Louise Hand, in the first week, and
- the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, the Hon Greg Combet AM MP, in the second week.

The delegation will comprise government officials from the departments of:

- Climate Change and Energy Efficiency
- Foreign Affairs and Trade
- AusAID
- Resources, Energy and Tourism
- staff from Mr Combet's office, and
- other agencies.

Australia is committed to strong global action capable of limiting global warming to below 2 degrees Celsius.

This commitment has been enshrined in the Clean Energy Future legislation with a new 2050 target to reduce Australia's emissions by 80 per cent compared to 2000 levels.

At COP 17, Australia aims to build on the success of the agreements made in Cancún, Mexico in December 2010 by taking forward a balanced package of outcomes to form the basis of a truly comprehensive future international agreement by:

- establishing the architecture of the Green Climate Fund
- building the adaptation committee as well as the technology and REDD+ mechanisms (reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries)
- finalising transparency mechanisms that will help ensure that we know that all major emitters are taking the action they promise to take, building confidence and accountability, and
- clarifying the emissions reduction pledges made by Parties following Cancún.