



RIVERSYMPIOSIUM BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

MEDIA ALERT

31 AUGUST, 2008

MINISTER PENNY WONG TO OPEN 11TH INTERNATIONAL RIVERSYMPIOSIUM IN BRISBANE

WHAT: Senator, The Honourable Penny Wong, Minister for Climate Change and Water to open the 11th International Riversymposium: A Future of Extremes.

500 delegates from 52 countries will come together at Australia's largest river management forum to explore challenges associated with the increased flooding and drought expected with climate change.

WHERE: PTR Room - Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

WHEN: 8.30 – 9am

Media are invited to attend Minister Wong's opening speech.

DAY ONE - MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER, 2008

Other Riversymposium highlights include:

- Death of the Reef: Impact of River Activities on Reefs (**10.30am**)
- Don't Weep for the Willow: A Loved but Dangerous River Weed (**10.30am**)
- Australia's Water Buyback Scheme: Government Vs Industry (**1.30pm**)

International and National Thiess Riverprize winners will be announced at 7pm.

For more information on the keynote speakers, discussion topics and programming schedule sessions please visit www.riversymposium.com

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MEDIA SHOULD REPORT TO THE MEDIA ROOM (M5 & M6) ON ARRIVAL FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE WITH DELEGATE INTERVIEWS.

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