



Amanda Rishworth MP

Member for Kingston

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The Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP, today invited residents, businesses and community organisations to have their say on the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Green Paper.

A public information session is being held to discuss the Rudd Government's Green Paper in Adelaide on the 28 July 2008, from 9:00am to 12:45pm.

Venue details will be provided when members of the public register their interest by phoning **1800 057 590**.

"I encourage all interested members of the South community to attend the briefing on the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Green Paper," Ms Rishworth MP said.

"The Government's Green Paper sets out the proposed way to transform the Australian economy to a lower carbon pollution future and the proposed support to help households and businesses adjust to this economic transformation.

"Carbon pollution is causing climate change, resulting in higher temperatures, more droughts, rising sea levels and more extreme weather.

"In South Australia climate change could increase the average number of very hot days to 21-26 by 2030."

"In March 2008, Adelaide experience 15 consecutive days of 35 degrees above and 13 consecutive days of 37.8 degrees or above, almost doubling previous records and setting new records for and Australian capital city. "

"Annual heat-related deaths in the city for those over 65 could grow from 200 currently to 342-371 by 2020 and 482-664 by 2050."

"The potential impact of climate change means that failure to tackle climate change is not an option for South Australia.

"There is no cost free way to tackle climate change. The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme is the most efficient, lowest cost and most economically responsible way to reduce the carbon pollution that is causing climate change.

Amanda said “The Government will provide assistance to help with additional costs.”

The Government will increase assistance to other low-income households through the tax and payment system to meet the overall increase in the cost of living flowing from the scheme.

The Rudd Government's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Green Paper and details of the public information session can be found at www.climatechange.gov.au