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FROM THE MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION, MINISTER FOR THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

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GOVERNMENT ON 'GREEN' TRACK FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The Bracks Government has unveiled its commitment to hosting an exceptionally clean and green Commonwealth Games in Victoria in 2006.

Minister for the Commonwealth Games, Justin Madden, said the Environment Framework would ensure an environmentally sustainable games which would leave an important environmental legacy for future generations.

Mr Madden said the framework would define key issues for consideration during the public consultation process.

"This thorough process will ensure Victoria is on track to maintain its reputation for liveability, innovation and leadership in environmental policy," he said.

"Preparations for the 2006 Commonwealth Games must have the highest regard for the environment now and into the future."

The key environmental performance areas covered by the Environment Framework are:

- Public transport and air emissions
- Sustainable energy
- Waste avoidance and resource recovery
- Climate change and greenhouse

- Water quality, conservation and water recycling
- Protection of the natural environment
- Operations
- Infrastructure

An independent expert advisory committee will consult the public over the coming weeks and report to the Minister by the end of August. The Bracks Government will then determine measures to meet environmental performance objectives for the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

The advisory committee members are Ms Christine Forster (chair), Dr Michael Buxton, Dr Brian Robinson, Mrs Cheryl Batagol and Mr Marcus Godhino.

The Committee is seeking submissions on questions raised in the Environment Framework. **Submissions close on Monday 5 August 2002** and should be sent to Christine Forster, Chair – Advisory Committee (Environment) via email at cg.environment@dtscg.vic.gov.au or mail at GPO Box 4509RR, Melbourne VIC 3001.

The Advisory Committee will hold a public information meeting at 4pm, 19 July 2002 at RMIT, Storey Hall (downstairs lecture theatre).

Mr Madden said the Games are almost four years away and technological improvements, standards of operation and community expectations will all advance.

However he said the time for action was now and challenged Victorians to think into the future and propose responses to this opportunity.

The Environment Framework is available at www.dtscg.vic.gov.au/cg_environment. If you would like to make a submission, attend the public information meeting, or receive updates, you can **register your interest** now via email at cg.environment@dtscg.vic.gov.au or call 03 9666 4223.