

SD07

a climate for change

Minerals Council of Australia
Sustainable Development Conference
Cairns Convention Centre, Queensland
29 October – 2 November 2007

2007 Call for Papers

The Minerals Council of Australia is calling for papers for the 2007 Sustainable Development Conference (SD07). The annual MCA Sustainable Development Conference is recognised internationally as the leading minerals industry forum for sustainable development and its practical implementation through cooperative partnerships with industry, government and community.

The 2007 Conference will focus on nine (9) key themes and issues affecting the industry -

- Water
- Energy
- Skills and Employment
- Access to Capital
- Impacts Beyond Life of Mine
- Land Access and Use
- Measurement and Reporting
- Stewardship
- Positive Legacies Post Closure

SD07: A Climate for Change will bring together leaders, experts and practitioners from around the world. The conference offers speakers the opportunity to exchange ideas, information and practical examples of sustainable development. The five-day program will explore global, national, and regional issues and solutions. Throughout the week delegates will be challenged by case studies, presentations, workshops and tours.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT FOR CONSIDERATION

Papers, presentations and interactive sessions are sought from global, national and regional based practitioners from industry, government, community, industry partners, NGO's and academia.

Papers should address one of the nine (9) key themes and provide delegates with:

- An understanding of the intersection with all aspects of SD, including safety and health, economics, social and environmental management
- An identification of key learning's and challenges and clear 'take away' messages that can be applied in their work and partnership activities.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT FOR CONSIDERATION

- Abstracts **must** be submitted by close of business Friday 6 April 2007 - No extensions will be granted. Please email completed abstracts to: sd07@minerals.org.au
- Abstracts **must** be submitted using the MCA abstract template and all fields must be filled in for the abstract to be considered.
- The template can be downloaded in word format from the MCA website: www.minerals.org.au/sd07
- You will be notified of abstract selection by Friday 11 May 2007.
- Full papers are due on Friday 7 September 2006
- Presentations are expected to run at 20 – 25 minutes and there will be a Q&A with delegates at the end of each session.
- Speakers will receive **one** complimentary, **one-day** registration per presentation.
- Speakers are responsible for all other expenses associated with participation in the Conference.
- All contact details, biography and photograph must be submitted at the time of abstract submission.

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The conference will contain papers covering the following topics and issues:

(Note: Other issues within the topics will be assessed equally)

Energy

- Energy Efficiency
- Climate Change
- Energy Supply and Security
- Carbon Pricing
- The Energy Mix

Employment / Gender / Age

- Attraction and Retention
- Gender and Cultural Diversity
- Workplace Culture
- Work Arrangements
- Life / Work Balance

Access to capital

- Socially Responsible Investment
- Alliancing
- Equity Partnerships
- Insurers
- Revenue Transparency
- Small Enterprise Development

Impacts beyond mine

- Community / Public Health
- Regional Economy and Development
- Community Stripping
- Community Engagement
- Environmental Impacts – Dust, Noise, Transport

Measure, Monitor, Report

- Assurance / Certification
- Metrics for Social Science
- Water metrics / Energy metrics
- Verbal Reporting
- Regulatory and Company Reporting
- Reporting Outputs vs. Outcomes

Land Access And Use

- Native Title / Heritage
- Access Agreements
- Project Approvals Process
- Free, Prior, Informed Consent
- Multiple and sequential land use
- Biodiversity, conservation issues

Water

- Environmental Flows
- Water as a Community Resource
- Usage and Quality
- Desalination
- Access / Price / Efficiency
- Ground vs. Surface Waters

Positive Legacy

- Economic Development
- Sustainable Small Business
- Community Engagement
- Infrastructure / Capacity building / Social Investment
- Indigenous Communities
- Environmental Post Closure Outcomes

Stewardship

- Waste Stream Management
- Stewardship Material Inputs and Outputs
- Supply Chain Partnerships
- End of Life Disposal / Inventory Control.
- Material Use Efficiency

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