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SMH - [Australians wake up to new era after Rudd crushes Howard](#)

Australia's new leader Kevin Rudd vowed Sunday to tackle climate change and Iraq war policy, a day after sweeping veteran prime minister John Howard from power in a stunning election landslide.

SMH - [Business sees clean energy expansion](#)

Energy and environment business heads are looking forward to the expansion of clean energy markets under the new federal Labor government. After Labor swept to victory in Saturday's election, prime minister-elect Kevin Rudd began holding meetings with officials about the mechanics of signing the Kyoto Protocol on cutting greenhouse gas emissions. He has promised to sign Kyoto so Australia can be full negotiating partner at the next round of emissions talks at the Climate Change Conference in Bali in two weeks.

Financial and Energy Exchange (FEX) chief executive and founder Brian Price, says Labor is on the path to making Australia the centre of a clean energy technology and sustainability industry. ... During the election campaign, Labor made several climate change and clean energy pledges in an open reply to a letter from industry think tank Environment Business Australia (EBA).

The commitments included pledges to bring forward the start of a national emissions trading scheme to no later than 2010, to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 60 per cent by 2060 and to generate 20 per cent of Australia's energy from renewable sources by 2020.

SMH - [Yudhoyono invites Rudd to Bali talks](#)

ABC - [Oil prices to keep rising as demand grows](#)

ABC - [Sydney pushes Rudd for cities policy](#)

Scoop.co.nz - [Cullen Assumes NZ Will Escape Oil Prices Fallout](#)

The Australian - [Worley Parsons shares soar on Saudi refinery talks](#)

WORLEYPARSONS said today it is in advanced talks with Saudi Arabian Oil, the world's largest oil company by production, about building a \$9 billion refinery. The engineering company may manage the construction of a planned 400,000 barrel-a-day refinery in eastern Saudi Arabia, which will process Saudi heavy crude oil and supply the local market, people familiar with the process told Dow Jones Newswires on Sunday.

The Australian - [Beijing to prepare for oil shortages](#)

NZ Herald - [Geothermal plant in Contact's Taupo plan](#)

Stuff.co.nz - [Contact sells land over Mokai geothermal resource](#)

Energy Current - [Petratherm awarded geothermal leases in Spain](#)

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Solar Cities Congress - [3rd international Solar Cities Congress, February 2008](#)

The International Solar Cities Congress is part of the International Solar Cities Initiative and the 2008 Congress will be the third solar cities congress.

The objectives of the International Solar Cities Initiative are to support UN energy and climate policies by stimulating the interest of cities into becoming benchmark cities that commit to ambitious emission reduction goals; help cities systematically integrate renewable energy and energy efficient technologies and industries into environmental, economic and city planning; and provide scientific support for the validation and design of effective measures and policies for Solar Cities.

The 3rd Congress will appeal to all professionals and individuals with an interest in sustainable energy and its role in our urban environment. The International Solar Cities Initiative (ISCI) has been formed to address climate change through effective measurable action at the urban community level. The members of ISCI are cities, institutions and individuals who want to help each other in this task.

Business is a major focus of the Congress, and anyone in the business of sustainability, market growth and forecasts will find the information presented throughout the program invaluable, particularly on the Wednesday, which has been designed as a special business day and features Robert F Kennedy Jr.



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