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**RADISSON HOTEL & SUITES SYDNEY IS THE FIRST HOTEL IN AUSTRALIA TO INVITE GUESTS TO GO CLIMATE NEUTRAL™**

**SYDNEY, 2 October 2007** ó In addition to continued efforts in reducing the environmental impact of its operation, the Radisson Hotel & Suites Sydney has become the first hotel in Australia to allow their guests to contribute towards becoming Climate Neutral™. Working with respected climate company Climate Friendly, the hotel gives guests the option to pay \$2.50 per night to make their stay neutral of greenhouse gas emissions.

Guests who take up the Radisson Hotel & Suites Sydney offer will help the hotel neutralise the nearly 2,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases that it emits each year. The \$2.50 cost will buy 60 kg of carbon credits, which the hotel will pass on, in full, to Climate Friendly. The company will then buy the equivalent in carbon credits from a new Gold Standard wind farm.

The hotel anticipates the response from guest will be sufficient for it to become 100% Climate Neutral by the end of its first year trial.

õClimate change is an extremely important issue and everyone ó from businesses to individuals ó should do what they can to assess their impact, and take steps to minimise it,ö said Craig Newton, General Manager Radisson Hotel & Suites Sydney. õIn addition to constantly developing our Environmental Policy in order to reduce our energy consumption, we are thrilled to be able to neutralise the hotel's emissions through a new wind farm project. We see the move to clean, renewable energy as the real solution to global warming.ö

According to Climate Friendly's calculations, the hotel had put out some 1,989 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions in the past year. This includes electricity, gas and other emission-generating activities.

“The Radisson Hotel & Suites Sydney has shown real leadership in addressing climate change by recognising the hotel's own climate footprint and developing a business-wide strategy that includes efficiency and support for renewable energy through carbon credits,” said Joel Fleming, Director of Climate Friendly.

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