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ACA WELCOMES NSW GOVERNMENT FUNDING OF CLEAN COAL PROJECTS

The Australian Coal Association (ACA) today welcomed the NSW Government announcement of the first ten projects to receive grants as part of the NSW Government's Clean Coal Fund. The projects are focusing on low emissions technologies for coal production and utilisation.

ACA Executive Director, Mr Ralph Hillman acknowledged the NSW Government's strong commitment to the development of low emission technologies for coal.

"Coal is NSW's largest export and provides almost 90% of the State's electricity. It supports 68,000 jobs (17,000 directly and more than 51,000 indirectly) and sustains many regional NSW communities. The development of these low emission coal technologies will be key to ensuring that the industry's significant contribution to energy security and the NSW economy will continue well into the future".

The Australian coal industry has long been proactive in supporting the development and deployment of low emission technologies for coal-fired power generation. Through the \$1 billion COAL21 Fund, the industry is partnering with State and Commonwealth governments on key demonstration projects, including up to \$50 million to the Delta Post Combustion Capture demonstration project which will retrofit carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology to an existing NSW power station.

CCS is currently the only technology available to significantly reduce emissions from fossil-fuel fired power stations and from LNG processing. When deployed at scale, CCS can reduce emissions from coal-fired power and industrial processes by up to 90%.

Speaking at the NSW Low Emission Coal Summit in Sydney today, Mr Hillman said "the delay of the CPRS and the lack of a clear pathway to an international solution on climate change makes it even more important to now focus our efforts on accelerating the development and deployment of low emission technologies, including CCS".

"This week's announcement of technology funding is a step in the right direction and will ensure that NSW makes a significant contribution to the national and international effort now underway to demonstrate low emission coal technologies".

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Mr Hillman was Ambassador for the Environment and chief negotiator for Australia on the Kyoto Protocol from 1998 to 2002. He was appointed as Executive Director of the Australian Coal Association in August 2007.

He was Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the OECD from 1995 to 1998. From 1994 to 1995 Mr Hillman was Chief Economist in the Department. He was formerly a senior career officer of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and has extensive experience in multilateral economic policy and diplomacy.