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Premier Beattie Supports World Air Pollution Congress

Premier of Queensland, Peter Beattie, has announced that Hon John Mickel MP will open the 14th World Congress on Air Pollution at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Sunday 9 September. This important event brings together experts from around the world to combat local, regional and global air pollution. The 6-day conference will be attended by 400 representatives from diverse nations on six continents.

Special sessions will be held on critical issues such as future transport technologies, global warming, the Asian brown pollution cloud and the health impacts of air pollution. The conference will conclude with an expert panel on actions for tackling regional and global air pollution.

The World Clean Air Congress in Brisbane is a significant event for Australia. The rights to host the conference were won by CASANZ from the International Union of Air Pollution Prevention Associations (IUAPPA), a body with 37 member countries and some 60,000 members. Only held every three years, it is one of the major forums for international air quality scientists to meet and discuss their progress. The event also marks the 40th anniversary for CASANZ, which has nearly 1000 members throughout every state, New Zealand and several overseas countries.

Key presentations will be made by an impressive array of world experts on the most pressing air quality issues facing the planet. These include:

- Asian brown cloud, global warming and the implications for rainfall from Prof V Ramanathan, Chair of Academy Panel, US Climate Change Science Program;
- Transport pollution, climate change and zero emission programs from Dr Alan Lloyd, President of the International Council on Clean Transportation;
- Partnership initiatives for sustainability from Ian Lowe, President, Australian Conservation Foundation;
- Engaging people toward clean air from Ms Bebet Gozun, Chairperson, Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities.
- Health impacts of air pollution from Prof Joel Schwarz, Harvard University;
- Global warming from Prof Andy Pitman, University of New South Wales;

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