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## **ORIGIN ENERGY PROVIDES GREEN POWER FOR THE GAMES**

Victoria's Commonwealth Games venues will be powered by Green Power when hosting events next month Environment Minister John Thwaites and Energy Minister Theo Theophanous said today.

Origin Energy will be the official provider of Green Power for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games. It will supply Green Power to all competition venues in Melbourne and regional centres during the Games.

Powering venues by Green Power during the Games will save up to up to 5,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions. This is the equivalent of taking 1,200 cars off the road for a year.

"Green Power is Government-accredited clean, renewable energy. The energy is generated from sun, water, wind, and waste and reduces greenhouse pollution," Mr Thwaites said.

"It is fantastic to have Origin Energy on board to help make the Melbourne Commonwealth Games the first 'carbon neutral' major multi-sport event ever held," said John Harnden, CEO, Melbourne 2006.

Rob Gell, Commonwealth Games Environment Ambassador, said Origin Energy's contribution was playing a big part in making the Games 'carbon neutral'.

"The Commonwealth Games Environment Program has already seen over a million trees planted across Victoria to "soak up" greenhouse gas emissions produced by the Games. Green Power will add to these measures to ensure the Games are 'carbon neutral'."

Karen Moses, Origin Energy's Chief Operating Officer, said Origin Energy was the State's biggest Green Power provider.

"Origin already provides 54,000 Victorian households with Green Power. We are proud to be supplying Green Power to the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games," said Ms Moses.

Mr Theophanous congratulated households across the State that had made the switch to Green Power.

"Switching to Green Power is a simple step to reduce greenhouse pollution and climate change," Mr Theophanous said.

"By choosing 100 per cent Green Power, households will collectively cut their own greenhouse pollution by seven to eight tonnes each year, the equivalent of removing two cars from Victoria's roads."

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