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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLIMATE

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**Canberra goes for a laugh in 350.org
Global Day of Climate Action**

CANBERRA, 24 October 2009

Canberrans can join a giant global call to limit emissions that are causing climate change, and get a giggle at the same time. Comedian Rod Quantock will perform the play “gambling with the climate” on New Parliament House Lawns on 24 October, as part of activities happening all over the country and the world on the same day.

This is just one of 175 events happening throughout Australia, and over 3,500 around the world, in 163 countries all on the same day.

Thanks to our time zone, Australia will start off the global day of action, followed by events all around the world.

Australians will join thousands of people in 163 countries calling for strong climate action at the crucial United Nations meeting in December in Copenhagen. Our global emissions are now perilously high – sitting on 385 parts per million (ppm) The world’s most respected scientists now say this has to come down to 350 ppm, 350.org is calling for our political leaders make this their target!

“Canberrans are taking up the 350.org call with events planned to take place across the state,” said 350.org CEO Blair Palese. “People all over Australia are deeply concerned about climate change and are calling for 350 for a safe climate future.”

According to leading scientists, 350 ppm is the safe upper limit for greenhouse gases in our atmosphere in order to avoid runaway climate change.

To find out more about the event, Contact Climate Action Canberra on: 0421 283 825 or climateactioncanberra@gmail.com.

For more information, see www.350.org/australia and www.350.org.

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