

## Report to Parliament

| Overseas Travel

| 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties to  
the United Nations Framework Convention on  
Climate Change (COP21), Paris

| Saturday 5 December – Wednesday 9 December  
2015

**The Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP**

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### **Purpose of travel**

To represent Queensland at the 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21). The function of which was to review progress and implementation of the United Nations Framework on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Paris. And in particular to ensure that world leaders were aware of the plight of the Great Barrier Reef as they deliberated on a new agreement to limit global warming.

From 30 November to 11 December 2015, the international community met in Paris to negotiate the post-2020 international agreement for stabilising emissions to prevent dangerous climate change at COP21.

Prior to the Paris negotiations, parties were required to submit Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) - statements which publicly outline the emission reduction actions a country intends to take under a global agreement. In developing Australia's INDC, the Queensland Government called on the Australian Government to adopt a bold and ambitious Australian post-2020 emissions reduction target based on the recommendations of the independent Climate Change Authority. We also affirmed Queensland's willingness to play our part in addressing both the causes and consequences of climate change.

Unfortunately, the target announced by the Australian Government of 26-28% reduction on 2005 levels by 2030 fell well short of the 40-60% reduction on 2000 levels recommended by the Climate Change Authority.

It is clear that much of the heavy lifting on carbon pollution reduction will fall to the states and territories. Queensland's communities, economy and ecosystems, including the Great Barrier Reef, are particularly vulnerable to climate change impacts. However, we are also well positioned to be leaders on a national and international level on climate change action - as indeed Queensland was under former Labor governments.

The work of subnational governments to reduce carbon pollution is increasingly featuring in the global dialogue on climate change and it is important that the international community appreciate that the Australian community and many Australian governments support strong climate policy despite the low targets set by the Commonwealth Government.

### **Outcomes achieved**

The outcome of the conference as a whole was very positive with an agreement to limit global temperatures to "well below 2°C".

The Paris Agreement has the potential to become a catalytic instrument for business innovation and technology development and we hope it inspires more appropriate targets from our Federal Government as well as long term policy that encourages businesses to adopt clean energy practices.

The conference was attended by a large number of representatives from local, state and provincial governments and we had the opportunity to share knowledge on climate change strategy.

The conference also provided an opportunity to observe the processes involved in developing complex agreements at international and national levels.

There was no doubt that the UNFCCC and its constituents were committed to tackling climate change. There was a sense that there was a paradigm shift which reflected there was no longer denial of the evidence of climate change and that its impact would be global. Importantly, the conference provided a forum to discuss key strategies for dealing with climate change at all levels of government.

## Delegation members

<b>Steven Miles MP</b>	Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef
<b>Jim Reeves</b>	Director-General, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
<b>Katharine Wright</b>	Media Advisor for Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef

## Other members of the Australian delegation to the 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21)

<b>Malcolm Turnbull</b>	Prime Minister of Australia
<b>Julie Bishop</b>	Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
<b>Greg Hunt</b>	Australian Minister for the Environment
<b>Peter Woolcott</b>	Australia's Ambassador to the Environment
<b>George Mina</b>	Australia's Ambassador to UNESCO
<b>Jay Weatherill</b>	Premier of South Australia
<b>Ian Hunter</b>	Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Minister for Water and the River Murray, Minister for Climate

**Simon Corbell**

Change, South Australia

Attorney-General, Minister for Capital Metro, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Health, Australian Capital Territory

**Kate Wood**

Executive Director, Climate Change, Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning, Victoria

## Itinerary and program highlights

*NB Events are shown in local time*

SATURDAY 5 December 2015 - WEDNESDAY 9 December 2015	
Travelling (depart Brisbane, travel to Paris, France via Dubai)	
SUNDAY 5 December 2015	
Event	Attendees
<b>Registration and Meeting with Commonwealth Officials for COP Stakeholder briefing by DFAT Officials at Le Bourget Parc des Expositions</b>  <b>High level briefing delivered by: Assistant Secretary, Sustainability and Climate Change, Mr Geoff Tooth and Assistant Director Climate Analytics and Partnerships Ms Kate Hancock</b>	<b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP  <b>Representatives from all Australian delegations</b>
<i>Meeting summary</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Tooth provided a detailed briefing of the state of negotiations.</li><li>• He anticipated intense negotiations through to the conclusion of the conference.</li><li>• Negotiations are complex as this is the phase where local and sectoral interests are at play, and where geopolitical and social factors frame discussion.</li><li>• There was agreement at all levels of Government "in the body of the agreement".</li><li>• Dissonance between developed, undeveloped and developing nations around matters such as fuel sources for power generation in the developing economies - this issue clearly articulated by Indian PM Modi, in his address, where there were strong references to "human rights" where access to reliable electricity would be based on cost effective sources - (predominantly coal fired generation) of electricity.</li><li>• Other issues related to Pacific Island inundation are part of the dialogue.</li><li>• It was also stressed that the process going forward will rest heavily on the development and implementation of the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) by the signatories to the agreement. It will also turn on the establishment of baseline and metrics which reflect performance and impact of actions contained in the INDCs.</li><li>• Mr Tooth also outlined logistics and administrative arrangements, and the support DFAT would delegates of state governments.</li></ul>	
<b>Invitation Only Event: Special Screening of the new BBC Television Series – 'Great Barrier Reef with</b>	<b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP

<p><b>David Attenborough'</b></p>	<p><b>Greg Hunt</b> Federal Minister for Environment</p> <p><b>Richard Di Natale</b> Leader of the Greens</p> <p><b>Larissa Waters</b> Greens Senator, Queensland</p> <p><b>Fanny Douvere</b> Director, Marine Environment, WHC</p> <p><b>Kellie Caught</b> WWF National Manager for Climate Change</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Event Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel discussion by some of the world's foremost thought-leaders: Sir David Attenborough, Sir Richard Branson, Dr Sylvia Earle an American marine biologist, explorer and author and Marco Lambertini the Director General of WWF International.</li> <li>• The discussion was facilitated by Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg the Director of the Global Change Institute at the University of Queensland reinforcing the natural/environmental/ecological uniqueness of the GBR and its vulnerabilities. He said he once calculated what it would cost to replant the GBR with 5 species of coral – not the 600 plus that have been discovered –and it cost something like 3 trillion dollars every 15 years.</li> <li>• They also stressed the importance of reducing the impacts of climate change particularly as they relate to temperature increases in the marine environment which would have significant impacts on the health of the GBR.</li> <li>• Sir David Attenborough stressed the cost of NOT doing anything to limit climate change was gigantic given that 70% of all fish species are dependent on coral reefs at some stage in their lives.</li> <li>• Sir Richard Branson said he was working on a project with Bill Gates called the Breakthrough Energy Coalition to provide breakthrough finance for delivering renewable energy technologies over and above those that have been delivered through market forces.</li> <li>• Dr Earle hailed Australia's support for strong action on climate change and efforts to protect the Great Barrier Reef saying Australia had taken actions that are a model for the world, actions that others should emulate in terms of assessing an area under national jurisdiction.</li> <li>• Screening of David Attenborough latest documentary on the GBR.</li> <li>• The evening provided an excellent opportunity to showcase the Great Barrier Reef and the implications of climate change on this globally significant asset.</li> <li>• It was very clear that there remains strong international interest and concern about the prospects of the Great Barrier Reef, and an awareness that we must limit global warming in order to ensure the reefs long term survival.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Dinner with Fanny Douvere, Co-ordinator of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre's marine program</b></p>	<p><b>Fanny Douvere</b> Director, Marine Environment, WHC</p>

	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>David Obura</b> Cordio East Africa, Director of Coastal Oceans Research and Development</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p> <p><b>Russell Reichelt</b> Chairman of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</p>
<p><i>Meeting Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informal discussion regarding progress implementing the long term sustainability plan.</li> <li>• Minister outlined current status of activities being undertaken under the reef action plan.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SUNDAY 6 December 2015</b></p>	
<p><b>Event</b></p>	<p><b>Attendees</b></p>
<p><b>Queensland delegation briefing</b></p>	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Queensland delegation met to review schedule, arrange additional meetings and assign tasks to group.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Subnational Global Climate Leadership Memorandum of Understanding “Under 2 MOU” signing ceremony and lunch</b></p>	<p><b>For a full list of the Alliance please visit:</b> <a href="http://www.theclimategroup.org/what-we-do/network/">http://www.theclimategroup.org/what-we-do/network/</a></p>
<p><i>Meeting summary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many states and provinces around the world have signed an MOU committing to take the steps necessary to limit global warming to less than 2 degrees, including California and South Australia.</li> <li>• Held at the US embassy, the signing ceremony saw further states sign the MOU.</li> <li>• While Queensland is not yet in a position to sign the MOU, this event provided an opportunity to talk with state leaders and learn some of the policies states are implementing.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Launch of the Global Solar Council</b></p>	<p>Around 100 guests including:</p> <p><b>Mark Butler</b> Shadow Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Water</p> <p><b>Richard Di Natale</b> Leader of the Greens</p> <p><b>John Grimes</b></p>

	<p>CEO of the Australian Solar Council</p> <p><b>Amanda McKenzie</b> CEO of the Climate Council</p>
<p><i>Event summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signing of MOU and launch of the world’s first dedicated and unified body for the solar industry, the Global Solar Council.</li> <li>• The Council is designed to unify the solar power sector and bring together stakeholders from business, politics, and civil society to accelerate the growth of global solar market developments.</li> <li>• The Australian Solar Council is a member of the new Global Council.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>RE-energising the Future - Businesses Leading The Way Towards A Renewable Energy Future</b></p>	<p><b>Christine Bargain</b> Director Social and environmental responsibility, La Poste</p> <p><b>António Neves de Carvalho</b> Head of Corporate Sustainability Office, Energias de Portugal</p> <p><b>Bjørn Otto Sverdrup</b> Senior Vice President of Sustainability, Statoil</p> <p><b>Bill Weihl</b> Director of Sustainability, Facebook</p> <p><b>John Woolard</b> Vice-President Energy, Google</p>
<p><i>Event summary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business leaders demonstrated that renewable energy investments make good business sense, quite apart from their benefits for climate and the environment.</li> <li>• Speakers addressed why deployment of renewable energy was economically sensible for their companies</li> <li>• How the CEO became convinced to invest in renewable energy and what it took to convince others in the company</li> <li>• How they as CEOs foster innovation</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Dinner with South Australian and Australian Capital Territory Delegation</b></p>	<p><b>Ian Hunter</b> Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Minister for Water and the River Murray, Minister for Climate Change, South Australia</p> <p><b>Tom Mooney</b> Chief of Staff, Minister Hunter</p> <p><b>Simon Corbell</b> Attorney-General, Minister for Capital Metro, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Health, ACT</p>

	<p><b>Monika Boogs</b> Chief of Staff, Minister Corbell</p> <p><b>Dorte Ekelund</b> Director General, Environment and Planning, ACT</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting summary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of progress in negotiations at conference</li> </ul>	
<p><b>MONDAY 7 December 2015</b></p>	
<b>Event</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
<p><b>Queensland delegation briefing</b></p>	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily planning session.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>General Assembly of the States and Regions Alliance, the Climate Group - Salon Bertrand of Paris City Hall (l'Hotel de Ville).</b></p>	<p><b>For a full list of the Alliance please visit:</b> <a href="http://www.theclimategroup.org/what-we-do/network/">http://www.theclimategroup.org/what-we-do/network/</a></p>
<p><i>Meeting summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The General Assembly is an annual meeting of members of the States and Regions Alliance, held alongside the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP) meeting.</li> <li>• The aim of the meeting was to ensure the Alliance stayed united and committed to meeting peak global emissions by 2020. The States and Regions Alliance celebrated its 10th anniversary this month. Since its creation, Alliance membership has seen significant growth in the regions of North America, Europe, and Australia along with some members from Mexico, Brazil, South Africa, China and India.</li> <li>• All subnational representatives from states/provinces spoke on local issues and initiatives in relation to Climate Change. Many states were implementing initiatives to decarbonise their environment. These include significant investments in clean energy through to economic instruments such as reverse auctions and cap and trade systems.</li> <li>• There was a general commitment among the group to develop mechanisms, share experiences and accelerate initiatives.</li> <li>• It provided a very relevant forum for subnational group to describe drivers of policy change in their particular regions.</li> <li>• The meeting reinforced the key role being played by Sub-National Governments (State and Provincial) in managing the impacts of climate change.</li> <li>• As the representative of the Queensland Government the Minister reported on Climate Change related initiatives being undertaken in Queensland, including the future of the Great</li> </ul>	



<p>Barrier Reef.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports were also made by representatives of NSW, Vic, South Australia and the ACT.</li> <li>• This meeting was the first since Queensland re-joined the alliance after a three year absence.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meeting with Fanny Douvere, Director of the Marine Environment Program, WHC</b></p>	<p><b>Fanny Douvere</b> Director, Marine Environment, WHC</p> <p><b>George Mina</b> Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Australia to UNESCO</p> <p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formally briefed Ms Douvere on Queensland's progress implementing the Great Barrier Reef Long Term Sustainability Plan.</li> <li>• Update on progress in implementing activities to improve the health of the GBR</li> <li>• Update on recent passing of the Sustainable Ports Bill including the details of the final legislation and ensure UNESCO was aware of last minute amendments regarding future development of Cairns port.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Australian Reception hosted by Hon Julie Bishop MP</b></p>	<p><b>Julie Bishop</b> Minister for Foreign Affairs</p> <p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p> <p><b>Australian delegation</b></p>
<p><i>Event summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Around 200 Australian delegates to COP21 joined Ms Bishop for the reception.</li> <li>• General discussions with other Australian delegates and representatives</li> </ul>	
<p><b>TUESDAY 8 December 2015</b></p>	
<p><b>Event</b></p>	<p><b>Attendees</b></p>
<p><b>Queensland delegation briefing</b></p>	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily planning session.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meeting with Andrew Grant, Managing Director of Tasman Environmental Markets and on board of the Climate Market Institute</b></p>	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p>

	<p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Grant had undertaken advisory work for the Victorian government including a recent workshop on bio commodities</li> <li>• General discussion on matters including biofuels as an emerging fuel source</li> <li>• General discussion on mechanisms for carbon trading and cap and trade processes</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meeting with Chris Barrett - Executive Director, Finance and Economics European Climate Foundation</b></p>	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before joining the European Climate Foundation, Chris Barrett was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for three years.</li> <li>• Chris discussed the work he was undertaking to lead the development of an international strategy on the potential and logic of the low-carbon transition from an economic and financial perspective.</li> <li>• Mr Barrett successfully raises funds from the corporate sector for German based think tank – offered to share experience with EHP</li> <li>• We discussed a range of opportunities and challenges for Queensland as the energy sector changes to renewable energy and storage, and how government policy can address those challenges.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meeting with Jie Zhang, Vice President Hareon Solar – Global Development</b></p>	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Zhang said Hareon Solar is actively considering a billion dollar investment in large scale solar projects in Australia, but the stability of government climate policy is its major concern</li> <li>• He said government subsidies were not necessary for the investment decision but policy stability was required.</li> <li>• Decision on investment will take place in roughly a year.</li> <li>• In China, where the company is based, Hareon is rapidly developing solar projects on a large scale e.g. 10 km x 10km array</li> <li>• Would be happy to come to Queensland for further discussions</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Dinner with Representatives of Al Gore’s Climate Reality Project</b></p>	<p><b>Ken Berlin</b> CEO, The Climate Reality Project</p> <p><b>Stephen Mills</b> Director of Strategic Partnerships, The Climate Reality Project</p> <p><b>Don Henry</b> Public Policy Fellow - Environmentalism, University of Melbourne</p>

	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest on the part of the Americans on GBR</li> <li>• Debrief on the '24 Hours of Climate Reality' project - Minister Miles was supposed to present a portion of the program but it was cancelled due to the Paris attacks</li> <li>• Discussions of future collaborative projects</li> <li>• Mr Mills outlined upcoming training opportunities</li> </ul>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY 9 December 2015</b></p>	
<b>Event</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
<b>Queensland delegation briefing</b>	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily planning session.</li> </ul>	
<b>Meeting with Anne Lauvergeon, Board of Directors, Rio Tinto.</b>	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed Rio Tinto's Amrun project, 40km south of Weipa, which includes construction of a mine and port to expand production and extend the life of the company's existing Weipa operations.</li> <li>• Briefing on environmental safeguards, her appreciation of the intersection of industry and associated infrastructure with the environment.</li> <li>• Possibility of organising another Queensland trip in the new year</li> </ul>	
<b>Meeting with Tim Flannery, Chief Councillor, Climate Council</b>	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He expressed his concerns for rising global temperatures particularly in the area of wildlife conservation</li> <li>• He explained his role at the Australian Wildlife Conservancy and his desire for AWC to be involved in bilby management in Qld</li> </ul>	
<b>Meeting with Amanda McKenzie, CEO of the Climate Council</b>	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p>

	<p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms McKenzie offered her thoughts on how the negotiations were progressing particularly in relation to the potential for a lower target of 1.5C being adopted and whether that then meant the pledges made by the contributing members would be enough to reach that.</li> <li>We discussed opportunities for The Climate Council to assist Queensland as we develop our climate strategy.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meeting with Libby Ferguson, States and Regions Director, Climate Group</b></p>	<p><b>Anne-Sophie Dornbrack</b> States and Regions Stakeholder Manager</p> <p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A debrief of the States and Regions General Assembly on Monday and the signing on the 'Under 2 MOU'</li> <li>Discussed support the Alliance can provide, including policy work undertaken by other state governments.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Stakeholder briefing with Australian NGO delegates by Minister Miles and Mark Butler, Shadow Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Water</b></p>	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p> <p><b>Representatives from:</b> WWF ACF AYCC TCI Climate Council Global Voices WA Conservation Council Climate Action Group reps (SA and Vic)</p>
<p><i>Meeting summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NGO representatives outlined their positions on a range of matters outstanding in the negotiations, and the status of those negotiations.</li> <li>Minister outlined Queensland's participation, and how it fitted with policy development for Queensland</li> <li>Mr Butler presented the federal political environment.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Daniele Violetti, Chief of Staff, UNFCCC</b></p>	<p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General discussion of effectiveness of the conference and update on the progress of the negotiations – trend was heading towards agreement on achieving a below 2 degrees</li> </ul>	

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<b>Meeting with former US Vice-President Al Gore, Chairman of the Climate Reality Project</b>	<p><b>Don Henry</b> Public Policy Fellow - Environmentalism, University of Melbourne</p> <p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Meeting summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Gore has played a central role in global climate discussions, and he was intimately involved in the negotiations at COP21</li> <li>• We held a general discussion around climate issues and how sub-nationals could make a difference</li> <li>• Mr Gore congratulated Queensland on beginning to develop a program for adaptation and mitigation</li> <li>• He provided his insights on the negotiations – huge step change in national engagement</li> <li>• Discussed the Great Barrier Reef, and Queensland’s efforts to protect it</li> </ul>	
<b>Event: Spotlight on Australia – Policy, Business &amp; Markets by the Climate Market Institute</b>	<p><b>Peter Castellás</b> CEO, Carbon Market Institute</p> <p><b>Ambassador Peter Woolcott</b> Australian Ambassador to the Environment</p> <p><b>Jim Reeves</b> Director General, EHP</p> <p><b>Katharine Wright</b> Media Advisor, Minister Miles</p>
<p><i>Event summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening address by Hon Julie Bishop, Minister for Foreign Affairs</li> <li>• Panel discussion by Mark Butler, Shadow Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Water and Richard Di Natale, Leader of the Greens</li> <li>• Panel discussion by Andy Vesey, CEO AGL Energy, Megan Flynn, Group Manager Environment &amp; Carbon Strategy, Qantas and Lewis Tyndall, Director of Legal and Compliance, Greencollar</li> </ul> <p>Minister Miles spoke on Panel of subnational governments including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon Steven Miles, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, Queensland</li> <li>• Hon Ian Hunter, Minister for Climate Change, South Australia</li> <li>• Kate Wood, Executive Director, Climate Change, Department of Environment, Land, Water &amp; Planning</li> <li>• Stan Krpan, CEO, Sustainability Victoria</li> <li>• Councillor Arron Wood, City of Melbourne</li> </ul> <p>Minister outlined the opportunities and challenges for Queensland in moving to a net zero carbon</p>	

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Travel to Charles de Gaulle Airport for flight to Brisbane departing 9.20pm

**THURSDAY 10 December 2015**

**Travelling** (depart Paris, France and travel to Brisbane, Australia via Dubai. Arrive Brisbane 6.45am Friday 11 December 2015.

## Estimated costs associated with ministerial travel

*Actual costs will be reported in the Public Report of Ministerial Office Expenses.*

Flights including fees	\$ 16,263.00
Accommodation	\$ 2,800.00
Meal Allowances	\$ 2,910.00
Incidental Allowances	\$ 800.00
Equipment Allowance (Staff only)	\$ 286.00
Transport/Car Hire/ Taxis	\$ 800.00
Interpreter	\$
Misc - Visas, etc	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,859.00</b>