

Businesses urged to act on carbon

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CLIMATE change and the introduction of a carbon trading scheme would affect the way all businesses are run, a Norwest recruitment executive said this week.

In an effort to clarify the costs and implications of the scheme to local businesses, director of Cameron Recruitment Diane Humphries invited The Carbon Reduction Institute to discuss the subject at a series of breakfast and luncheon meetings. "The message from these sessions was that we must review our business practices and act now to reduce our energy consumption and not wait for the trading scheme to be introduced," she said.

"Reducing emissions is critical for future sustainability and it is an area where Australia is facing a serious skills shortage."

Participants at the sessions had agreed addressing climate change would be the key economic and environmental challenge facing local and national businesses.

An estimated 1000 skilled engineers would be required once the scheme was introduced. Only 150 with the necessary qualifications and experience are available.

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