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### ***LIVE IN CANBERRA RETURNS TO SYDNEY***

The award winning *Live in Canberra* program will return to Sydney this weekend to attend the Country and Regional Living Expo to persuade Sydney residents to give up the 'rat race' and make a move to the nation's capital.

Chief Minister Jon Stanhope said the Expo, to be held at Rosehill Racecourse from 7 to 9 August, is a fantastic opportunity to 'sell' Canberra's employment, lifestyle and educational advantages to Sydneysiders.

"Despite the challenges presented to us by the global financial situation, skill shortages still persist across a range of areas in Canberra," Mr Stanhope said.

"Many Sydney residents are fed up with the many hours spent travelling to and from work and the other challenges they face living in a big city. We want to let them know that Canberra is a fantastic alternative, less than three hours down the road, with a range of employment opportunities and a lifestyle second to none.

"Canberra is ideally located; just two hours drive to the ski-fields and the beautiful beaches of the south coast. We're offering Sydneysiders a city of four seasons, relatively low crime, no toll roads, less traffic and wonderful schools and other community facilities," Mr Stanhope said.

The Master Builders Association will join the *Live in Canberra* team at the expo to promote employment and training opportunities in the building sector in Canberra.

The Australian National University, University of Canberra and Canberra Institute of Technology have each supplied the *Live in Canberra* team with material to promote opportunities to study in the nation's capital. Human resources staff from the ANU will attend the expo to promote a range of jobs available at the university.

Mr Stanhope said it was important to participate in these types of expos, which target people looking for a fresh start.

"Western Sydney has always been a strong market for skilled workers and a number of families have made the move to Canberra. It's important we maintain the *Live in Canberra* message as other states and territories remain very active in seeking to attract skilled workers," Mr Stanhope said.

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