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LIVE IN CANBERRA RETURNS TO SYDNEY

The award winning *Live in Canberra* program will be returning to Sydney this weekend to attend the annual Country Week Expo to convince 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 10 to 12 August, is a fantastic opportunity to 'sell' Canberra's employment and lifestyle advantages to thousands of Sydneysiders considering a better lifestyle.

"The *Live in Canberra* campaign is designed to attract skilled workers to Canberra, to help us address the local effects of the national skills shortage," Mr Stanhope said.

"Many Sydney residents are fed up with the traffic jams, overcrowding and high rates of crime and we want to let them know that Canberra is a fantastic alternative, just two and a half hours down the road, with thousands of jobs and a lifestyle second to none.

"Our city is ideally located, just two hours drive to the ski-fields and the beautiful beaches of the south coast, with a wide range of excellent and well-paid jobs. We're offering Sydneysiders a great lifestyle – a city of four seasons, relatively low crime, no toll roads or traffic jams and wonderful schools and other community facilities. Canberra is recognised as the best place in Australia to raise a family."

The Department of Justice and Community Safety will be joining the *Live in Canberra* team at the expo to promote employment opportunities at the new ACT prison, the Alexander Machonochie Centre.

Campaign supporters including the Australian Public Service Commission, IP Australia and the Australian Institute of Chartered Accountants will also have representatives on hand to give face-to-face advice about the thousands of jobs currently on offer in Canberra.

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

"Sydney has always been firmly on the radar for the *Live in Canberra* program and we're aware of a number of families who have already made the move to Canberra. We along with the campaign's supporters are confident of more success this weekend."

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Editors note – *Live in Canberra* Manager, Simon Kinsmore will be at the Country Week Expo from 9 – 12 August and is available on 0417 208 345.

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