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TENDER RELEASED FOR NATIONAL EMISSIONS REGISTRY

The Department of Climate Change has released a request for tender to set up and manage an Australian national registry under the Kyoto Protocol and ultimately for an Australian emissions trading scheme.

The request for tender seeks a Kyoto Protocol-compliant registry, software development capabilities (to make the registry functional for Australia's future emissions trading scheme), and hosting and support services.

Countries signing up to the Kyoto Protocol are permitted a set amount of emissions as 'assigned amount units' and must set up a registry to monitor them.

"Under the Kyoto Protocol that the Rudd Government ratified in Bali last year, Australia is required to implement a national registry to hold and manage its Kyoto Protocol units," Senator Wong said.

"The national registry will also underpin Australia's emissions trading scheme, which is scheduled to start in 2010.

"The Government is aiming to have the registry in place by the end of the year."

The Request for Tender is available on the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au). The tender closing date is Tuesday 15 July.