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CAREER ADVICE FOR A BETTER AUSTRALIAN ENVIRONMENT

EMBARGOED UNTIL Thursday October 25th, Melbourne, Australia.

Frustrated with the difficulties of finding employment in the environment sector – a group of young students established, a free “One-Stop-Shop” environmental career service - the *Melbourne Environmental Jobs Network (MEJN)* - www.environmentaljobs.com.au.

The service quickly outgrew its initial Melbourne focus, with jobs and career advice being offered for positions and courses all around Australia – to accurately reflect this, MEJN has changed its name and logo to the ***Environmental Jobs Network (EJN)***. Mr Michael Oke, co-founder and newly elected President, said, on the decision:

“This name change is reflective of the growth that MEJN has experienced over the past year with members, jobs and events from not only around Australia but New Zealand as well”.

The new logo was designed by Sonia Barras from the Grenadi School of Design, as part of the Good Company program where professional services are donated to non-profit groups.

Mr Alexi Lynch, co-founder and Treasurer of EJN, says:

“We are incredibly proud of the new name and logo which is a leaf with an eye insert. The leaf symbolises the environment and the eye symbolises the job seeker and employer looking for a job or employees, respectively”.

EJN has two Principal Partners – the City of Melbourne and Global Sustainability @ RMIT University.

City of Melbourne Cr David Risstrom, who is also one of 6 high profile EJN mentors, says:

“EJN is popular because it fills a gap in Australian employment services and acts as a link between the environmental industry and job seekers, especially young people”

Ms Tricia Caswell of Global Sustainability RMIT University agrees it is an essential service:

“Many young Australians with concerns for the environment are talented, passionate, qualified and ambitious. But there are few services that provide information on environmental jobs or bring job seekers together with the relevant employers to transform these concerns into careers of choice”

The EJN website lists jobs and events from throughout Australia. There is also a weekly e-bulletin to over 3,000 people. There are between 50-110 jobs on the website at any one time and between 20-60 events.

Mr Lynch feels that EJN is helping to create a more sustainable future in Australia:

“ For EJN, the importance of environmental jobs is clear - the more people there are working to protect the environment, the better it is for the world today, and future generations.” ENDS

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