

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **CS Energy brings Ideas Power Project to regional areas**

CS Energy and Ideas at the Powerhouse are delivering Ideas Power Project to four regional areas as part of the larger Ideas at the Powerhouse to be held in Brisbane in August this year.

The 'Ideas Power Project' will see Ideas Advisor, Professor Ian Lowe, former Director of the Commission for the Future and a Eureka Prize winner present a school and public lecture on the Power of Ideas,

Ian will discuss how great ideas have changed the world and how ideas will shape the future with high school students and the general public in regional areas in May.

Ian's discussion will include everything from food production to maths and music to economics and rights. The work of the future, future regional economy, and our role in shaping a sustainable future are all included in Ian's intended interactive discussions with high school students and staff, CS Energy power station employees and with the general public.

Ian will be keen to listen to your ideas and happy to answer questions.

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## **Bio: Professor Ian Lowe**

Professor Ian Lowe is an eminent Australian who has made a great contribution to the discussion, debate and progression of ideas in our society. Himself a scientist, Ian has been active in a number of areas and has commented and written widely on our future, education, ideas and innovation.

Professor Lowe has been with the School of Science at Griffith University since 1980. He was Director of the Commission for the Future in 1988, gave the ABC's Boyer Lectures in 1991 and chaired the advisory council that produced in 1996 the first independent report on the state of the Australian environment.

In 2000 he received the Queensland Premier's Award for Excellence in Science and the Prime Minister's Environmental Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement. A former president of Australian Science Communicators, he writes regular columns for New Scientist and other publications as well as making frequent contributions to radio and TV.

In 2002 in recognition of his contribution Ian Lowe was awarded the Education, Science and Training Eureka Prize for the Promotion of Science.