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Aligning to Tackle Climate Change in Queensland's North West

Southern Gulf Catchments (SGC) in conjunction with the North Queensland Area Consultative Committee (NQACC) will hold a North West Climate Change Alliance forum on the 17th of June in Mount Isa. The event will be attended by Betty Kiernan, State Member for Mount Isa, who will introduce Greg Withers, the CEO of the Office of Climate Change for the Queensland Government. Mr. Withers, who was the principal author of ClimateSmart 2050: Queensland's Climate Change Strategy 2007, will speak about climate change, its implications for this region and what communities can do in response.

The North West Climate Change Alliance forum is open to all community members to increase understanding of the affects of climate change to their region and to allow the residents and stakeholders to raise their concerns. "The forum is for the many sectors of this community to come together to seek information and awareness, to discuss and plan initiatives, to set priorities and to act," explains SGC CEO Donald Coventry.

The forum is based on other successful models involving all aspects of our community and aims to build capacity and cohesion, not to act just as a lobby group. "The need to both understand and plan for the short and long term changes will enable a unified and effective community response to this event," says Mr. Coventry.

To learn more about attending the forum, please contact the SGC office on 4743 1888 or free call on 1800 676 242

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