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**BOOSTING ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COOPERATION  
WITH FRANCE, THE UNITED STATES & CANADA**

From 5 to 12 July 2018, I will travel to France, the United States of America and Canada to further promote international cooperation on environment and energy issues.

In Paris, I will deliver an address to the International Energy Agency and meet Executive Director Fatih Birol to discuss the Turnbull Government's plans for regular and comprehensive energy security assessments that will identify risks and foster the resilience of the energy sector.

Together with Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Chair Dr Russell Reichelt, I will meet in Paris with the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. We will discuss Australia's leadership in the protection of the world's ecosystems, including Australia's commencement this week as co-chair of the International Coral Reef Initiative and the Turnbull Government's recent \$500 million investment in the Great Barrier Reef, the largest ever single investment in reef protection and restoration in Australia's history.

I will also meet with the Head of the French Environment and Energy Management Agency and visit a significant waste-to-energy plant in metropolitan Paris to learn more about the French experience in waste management.

In New York, I will share Australia's experience in forest management at the United Nations Forum on Forests and discuss global environmental and energy challenges at a Council on Foreign Relations roundtable. I will also meet with a range of energy executives including from SunEnergy1, Bloomberg New Energy Finance and major investment funds.

In Montreal, I will represent the Australian Government at and deliver a keynote address to the Australia-Canada Economic Leadership Forum as well as meet business leaders, with two-way trade in goods and services between Australia and Canada worth more than \$6 billion per year.

From 11 to 12 July, I will represent the Australian Government at the Australian American Leadership Dialogue in Washington DC where I will also deliver an address and participate in a panel discussion on the Australia-US relationship. The Dialogue provides an excellent opportunity to outline Australia's environment and energy reform agenda as well the strengths of the Australian-American alliance.

While in Washington, I will also meet with White House officials, the Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator.

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