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## **Solar energy expert to speak in Launceston**

A solar energy expert who has a vision for South Australia to be the 'clean green capital of Australia' will be the keynote speaker at a University of Tasmania forum this weekend.

Professor Monica Oliphant who is adjunct professor in the Sustainable Energy Centre at the University of South Australia and International Solar Energy Society president, runs a consultancy in the areas of renewable energy and residential energy efficiency.

She believes South Australia can be the sustainability model in all aspects of living – food, water, energy, environment, lifestyle, primary production and tourism.

Prof. Oliphant told Eco Sphere magazine: "The hope is that in doing so there will be a net increase in jobs, more development in the regions, export potential for new products as well as greenhouse gas reductions."

Former senator and Hydro chairman Peter Rae has been the driving force for Saturday's forum on the options for a sustainable Tamar Valley; he believes the Tamar Region could be known around the world for sustainable practice as the Silicone Valley is known for computer technology.

"We would like residents and business owners from anywhere in the Tamar Valley to come to the forum to hear speakers on the subject and to voice their own points of view," he said.

**Event: Tamar Region: Creating a Sustainable Future**

**When: Saturday 29 August, 8.45-4.30pm**

**Where: Raymond Ferrall Centre, University of Tasmania, Newnham**

**Cost: Free, lunch provided. RSVP ph. 63233310**

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