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STRONG ONGOING SUPPORT FOR *LIVE IN CANBERRA*

Chief Minister Jon Stanhope has announced that twenty organisations have signed on as supporters for the ACT Government's *Live in Canberra* program, signalling strong continuing endorsement for the program which encourages people to live and work in Canberra.

"Those partnering with us represent a cross section of our community including recruitment, health, finance, hospitality, construction, education, real estate and government and is a great example of ACT Government, local business, tertiary education institutions and Commonwealth Government departments working together," Mr Stanhope said.

Canberra's largest tertiary education institutions, the Australian National University, the University of Canberra and the Canberra Institute of Technology have again pledged their support for the program.

"We are working closely with these institutions to attract students to study in Canberra and also ensure Canberra's next generation of skilled workers know that Canberra is a great place in which to find work after they graduate," Mr Stanhope said.

Commonwealth Government agencies, IP Australia and the Australian Public Service Commission, have also committed their support for another 12 months.

"It's pleasing to see Canberra's largest employer continue its backing and partnering with the ACT for the successful *Live in Canberra* program," Mr Stanhope said.

Mr Stanhope also acknowledged the ongoing support of both the ACT and Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Canberra Business Council and welcomed the Crown Plaza Hotel as a new supporter.

"The strength of our economy relies on our skilled workforce so it's vitally important that the *Live in Canberra* program continues to spread the word that Canberra is a great place for people to live and work," Mr Stanhope said.

Live in Canberra supporters for 2009-2010 are:

- ActewAGL
- ACTTAB
- Australian National University
- Australian Public Service Commission
- Calvary Heath Care ACT
- Canberra Institute of Technology
- The Canberra Times

- Cantlie Recruitment Service
- Crown Plaza Hotel
- EDS
- IELTS
- Independent Property Group
- IP Australia
- Land Development Agency
- Master Builder's Association of the ACT
- Premium Placements
- Service One Members Banking
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia
- University of Canberra
- Village Building Company

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