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## Energy debate sets sparks flying for Generation Y

With Garnaut's future now on the table, the people who have to live there have an opportunity to tell us where their energy should come from. Young Australians are already responding enthusiastically to that challenge.

Over 100 entrants have already registered for The Warren Centre's **National Energy Essay Competition**.

"Your competition should be a fantastic exercise in generating ideas and garnering exposure to energy and resource issues" said prospective **entrant** Mike Bagot from Victoria

Entrants are invited to present innovative solutions to Australia's energy needs, which are forecast to grow by up to 50 per cent over the next 20 years. The competition is open to individuals or teams of up to three members, all of whom must be under 31 at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008, and Australian citizens or permanent residents.

"This is an excellent opportunity for young people to have a say on such an important national public policy issue," said the **Federal Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research**, Senator Kim Carr.

Young Australians still have seven weeks to enter and be in the running for **cash prizes of up to \$20,000** (the Sumitomo Australia Prize and the Babcock & Brown Power/Wind Partners Prize), as well as a \$5,000 Under 21 prize. **Entries close on 22nd August 2008**.

Go to the competition web site at [www.neec.org.au](http://www.neec.org.au) for more details and online registration.

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**Interviews can be arranged with competition registrants, members of the organising team, judging panel or sponsors.**

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