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## **WOMAD Earth Station 2010**

### **Stage One: in search of a unique festival site**

The WOMADelaide Foundation, producer of the popular annual festival of music, arts and dance, is seeking a permanent site in South Australia on which to establish its new event – the **“WOMAD Earth Station”**

Announced recently by the Premier Mr Mike Rann (an agreement made in a Memorandum of Understanding) the **WOMAD Earth Station** site will host a new annual festival each October from 2010, which will feature a theme of environmental sustainability.

The new site will also be used to host small-scale residencies and workshops at other times. The proposed event will complement the enormously successful WOMADelaide festival held each March in Botanic Park.

Building the festival from the grass roots up, the search is on for a permanent site close to Adelaide, which can sustain a residential event with camping facilities. Ideally, a parcel of land between 200 – 300 acres is sought, within a 90 – 120 minute drive from Adelaide, for purchase or lease.

“We are looking for a special place – an area of land which can be developed in an environmentally sustainable manner over time to accommodate a growing festival program; where audiences and artists alike will have the sense of arrival and understand that they are in a beautiful part of the world. The festival will be residential, accommodating several thousand campers so roads, parking and key factors such as rainfall, wind, access to water are central to our consideration of possible sites.

We are also looking for an area which may provide a natural amphitheatre, a series of spaces and area which can be built up, for instance with the planting of trees for carbon offsets”, said Ian Scobie, Director of Arts Projects Australia, the company which manages WOMADelaide.

Further details on the site required to stage this event are available from the WOMADelaide office, (08) 8271 1488 or by emailing [earthstation@artsprojects.com.au](mailto:earthstation@artsprojects.com.au)

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