

## Press Release

30 January 2008

### **COMMONWEALTH PROPERTY OFFICE FUND (CPA) PUBLISHES INAUGURAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT**

To provide additional information on the progress of its environmental, social and economic commitments, Commonwealth Property Office Fund (CPA) has recently released its inaugural sustainability report.

In recognition of its responsibilities as one of the nation's largest owners of institutional-grade office accommodation, the CPA sustainability report will provide an annual update on the progress of initiatives to improve operating efficiencies, enhance tenant engagement and foster tenant-landlord partnerships.

As the 2007 sustainability report notes, in the year to 30 June 2007, the initiatives that CPA has introduced into its portfolio of properties have resulted in significant reductions in the use of energy, water, and waste sent to landfill. These include:

- water usage reduced by 6.9%, representing 35,305 kilolitres, which is the equivalent of 17 Olympic-sized swimming pools
- overall energy consumption reduced by 6.3%, or 20,247 gigajoules, which is the equivalent of almost 1,000 households' annual energy consumption
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduced by 6.3%, a total of 5,660 tonnes, which is the average annual output from nearly 3000 small cars, and
- waste management and recycling programs increased recycling rates by 8.8% to achieve a total of 52.8% of waste diverted from landfill.

During 2007, CPA was pleased to add City Central Tower 1 in Adelaide to its portfolio. This Premium Grade commercial office building is amongst the most advanced buildings in Australia for sustainability and energy efficiency.

CPA is committed to its environmental responsibilities and is a member of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index and FTSE4Good Index. It also adheres to the United Nations' Principles for Responsible Investment\* and is a member of the Investor Group on Climate Change.

The CPA 2007 Sustainability Report is available in PDF format on the CPA website at [http://www.colonialfirststate.com.au/cpof/downloads/cpof\\_releases/cpa\\_sustainability07.pdf](http://www.colonialfirststate.com.au/cpof/downloads/cpof_releases/cpa_sustainability07.pdf)

*\*CPA is managed by Colonial First State Global Asset Management, a signatory to the United Nations' Principles for Responsible Investment, a voluntary program which encourages best practice in environmental, social and corporate governance issues.*

- ends -

**Media Contact**

Tom Bell  
Investor Communications Manager  
Telephone: (02) 9303 2972

**About Colonial First State Global Asset Management**

Colonial First State Global Asset Management is the consolidated asset management division of Commonwealth Bank of Australia, one of the largest financial institutions in Australia and a leading banking group in the world.

Colonial First State Global Asset Management is Australia's largest asset manager of Australian-sourced funds, employing more than 200 investment professionals located in Sydney, London, Auckland, Edinburgh, New York, Singapore, Hong Kong and Jakarta. Colonial First State Global Asset Management is also represented in Beijing and Shenzhen through the First State Cinda joint venture.

Colonial First State Global Asset Management manages more than A\$164 billion across a diverse range of asset classes including Australian and global shares, cash, fixed interest and credit, property securities, hedge funds, direct property, private equity, global resources and infrastructure.