



\$450m wave energy power plant step closer

WESTERN Australian company Carnegie Corporation could be closer to establishing a commercial wave power plant in the Limestone Coast after its CETO technology was given the thumbs up in recent in-sea trials.

Carnegie Corporation has shown interest in building a \$450m wave energy plant in the region, but it is just one of several site options in the company's plans to establish the world's first plant utilising the CETO technology.

Recent trials of the technology showed near perfect correlation with data predicted by computational models, prompting

company officials to state their target of an operational plant for 2009 was attainable.

The tests also confirmed the feasibility of the CETO design, which allows the systems to be tailored to specific environments and locations.

It is expected a small array of CETO units will be operating off Fremantle by the end of 2008, in addition to deeper water tests.

Although a location for the first plant has not been decided on, the Limestone Coast remains in the running for the \$450m renewable energy project.