



Hope remains for \$450m wave energy project

PORT MacDonnell is still in the running to be home to a \$450m emission-free wave energy plant as in-sea trials of the technology continue in Western Australia.

The location for the first commercial CETO wave energy technology project has not yet been confirmed, but a statement from the Carnegie Corporation said CETO would be commercial ready in 2009.

“Potential sites are being assessed throughout the southern states of Australia and internationally,” the statement said.

“In-sea trials of the CETO II technology continue and the company is still on track to have a small array of CETO II units operating off Fremantle by the end of 2008.

“Discussions with stakeholders

of potential commercial CETO projects also continue in parallel with the achievement of technical milestone progress.”

If the Limestone Coast site is chosen for the wave energy plant, it would create up to 200 jobs in the South East.

It is unknown at this stage when a final decision on the wave energy plant site will be made.



Deployment of CETO II prototype unit off the coast of Fremantle in Western Australia