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## **Condelezza Rice to bypass Adelaide**

By BRONWYN HURRELL in Canberra

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ADELAIDE has lost the inaugural Asia-Pacific climate change summit - to be attended by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice - because a secure venue could not be organised to host the high-powered delegation.

The preferred site, Government House, was unavailable next month as originally scheduled and the Federal Government is understood to have abandoned the plan.

In a major blow to Foreign Affairs Minister Alexander Downer, who wanted his home city to host the historic meeting, the forum will be shifted to either Sydney or Canberra - next year.

The Advertiser has been told security issues and the logistics of bringing international delegates together at one time ruled out Adelaide.

The Asia Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate involves Australia, the U.S., China, Japan, India and the Republic of Korea. Its proponents argue it will be more effective than the Kyoto Protocol.