



# Brazilian trip for Todd

ALCOA employee Todd Bell is one of three WA Alcoa employees who will travel to China and Brazil for critical ecological rainforest research projects.

The expeditions are part of Alcoa Foundation's partnership with the Earthwatch Institute.

The three are among 25 'Alcoans' around the world who will join research scientists to better understand how rainforests are responding to climate change.

They will help by collecting scientific data, as well as undertaking leaf counts, canopy surveys and forest transects.

Mr Bell, who lives at Lakelands and works at the Willowdale Mine, will be based at the Rio Cachoeira Natural Reserve in Parana State, Brazil.

He said he could not believe his luck when he was chosen from 250 applicants.

"It has always been a dream of mine to explore Brazil and its forest and jungles that contains a large amount of the world's biodiversity being pushed to the brink of extinction due to human pressures for land," he said.

"I am most looking forward to working with people from all over the world and find how climate change is impacting on them."

Warnbro resident and chemist Peter Bell is based at the Wagerup Refinery and believes the experience will help him develop



**Alcoa employee Todd Bell has been selected to join a rainforest research project.**

thought-provoking discussions for the CSIRO Science in Schools program with which he is involved at Pinjarra Senior High School.