

## THE STATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: A NATIONAL CONFERENCE



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Over the last few years environmental assessment has become increasingly controversial in Australia. A series of cases such as the Gunns Pulp Mill in Tasmania, the dredging of shipping channels in Port Phillip in Victoria and the proposed Traveston Dam in Queensland have attracted national attention.

During this period, some governments have made radical changes to legislation. Litigation challenging environmental assessment decisions has become much more frequent. The adequacy of existing state processes and the role of the Commonwealth under its Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act have become the subject of increasing concern.

This conference, organised by the Australian Centre for Environmental Law at the Australian National University, is the first to take a national look at this issue, examining the state of the law and practice of environmental assessment across the country and the need for reform at both a state and federal level.

## PROGRAM

### Session 1 9:20am – 11:00am

Introduction **Professor Tim Bonyhady**, Director, Australian Centre for Environmental Law, The Australian National University

Tasmania **Michael Stokes**, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania

Queensland **Larissa Waters**, Solicitor, Environmental Defenders Office, Queensland

*11:00am Morning tea*

### Session 2 11.30am – 12.50pm

New South Wales **Patrick Holland**, Partner, Minter Ellison, Sydney

Western Australia **Dr Hannes Schoombee**, Barrister, Perth

*12:50pm Lunch*

### Session 3 1:50pm – 3:10pm

South Australia **Professor Rob Fowler**, School of Natural and Built Environment, University of South Australia

Victoria **Brad Jessup**, Teaching Fellow, ANU College of Law, The Australian National University

*3:10pm Afternoon tea*

### Session 4 3:40 – 5:00pm

Northern Territory **Kirsty Howey**, Solicitor, Northern Land Council

Commonwealth **Andrew Macintosh**, Associate Director, Centre for Climate Law and Policy, The Australian National University

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## Registration form:

The Australian National University ABN 52234063906

Full Name: .....

Postal Address: .....

Daytime Contact Number: ..... E-mail: .....

Special Dietary Requirements: ..... **Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided**

### PAYMENT:

Government/Corporate \$260       Academic/NGOs \$120       Students/Concessions \$60

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