

Climate Law in Australia

CONFERENCE

PROGRAM

12 & 13 April 2007

National Museum of Australia
Canberra

Climate Law in Australia is the first Australian conference to focus exclusively on the emerging legal dimensions of global warming.

While climate change presents great environmental, economic, social and technological challenges, it also presents novel legal problems.

This two day conference will explore vital legal issues that Australia needs to confront.

Leading academics, policy analysts and climate change lawyers will examine the international framework of Kyoto and the Asia-Pacific Partnership, the operation of Commonwealth and State laws and key climate cases which have already been before Australia's courts and tribunals.

Carbon trading, nuclear decision-making, alternative energy technologies and legal challenges to the coal industry will be major themes of the conference.

*This conference is jointly organised by
ANU College of Law and University of Melbourne, School of Social and Environmental Enquiry*



Thursday 12 April 2007

8.30 - 9.30	Registration	
9.30 - 10.00	Welcome - The New Climate Law	Professor Tim Bonyhady, The Australian National University
10.00 - 10.30	Kyoto and the Asia-Pacific Partnership	Associate Professor Robyn Eckersley and Dr Peter Christoff, University of Melbourne
10.30 - 10.45	Discussion	
10.45 - 11.15	Morning Tea	
11.15 - 11.45	The Hazelwood Power Station Case	Charles Berger, Australian Conservation Foundation
11.45 - 12.15	The Bowen Basin Coal Mine Case	Kirsty Ruddock, NSW Environmental Defender's Office
12.15 - 12.30	Discussion	
12.30 - 1.30	Lunch	
1.30 - 2.00	The Bald Hills Wind Farm Case	Dr James Prest, The Australian National University
2.00 - 2.30	The Taralga Wind Farm Case	Judith Jones, The Australian National University
2.30 - 2.45	Discussion	
2.45 - 3.15	Afternoon Tea	
3.15 - 3.45	Emissions Reduction Legislation	Professor Rob Fowler, University of South Australia
3.45 - 4.15	A Greenhouse Trigger in the EPBC Act	Andrew McIntosh, Australia Institute
4.15 - 4.30	Discussion	
4.30	Close	

Friday 13 April 2007

9.00 - 9.30	Climate Liability	Professor Jan McDonald, Griffith University
9.30 - 10.00	The Anvil Hill Coal Mine Case	Professor David Farrier, University of Wollongong
10.00 - 10.30	The Newlands Coal Mine Case	Chris McGrath, Barrister
1.30 - 10.45	Discussion	
10.45 - 11.15	Morning Tea	
11.15 - 11.45	Nuclear Power Law	Clare Henderson, Consensus Productions
11.45 - 12.15	The Nuclear Waste Case	Ron Levy, Northern Land Council
12.15 - 12.30	Discussion	
12.30 - 1.30	Lunch	
1.30 - 2.00	Geosequestration Policy	Ian Walker, Department of Industry
2.00 - 2.30	Geosequestration Law	Allison Warburton, Minter Ellison
2.30 - 2.45	Discussion	
2.45 - 3.15	Afternoon Tea	
3.15 - 3.45	Carbon Trading Policy	Dr Peter Christoff, University of Melbourne
3.45 - 4.15	Carbon Trading Law	Martijn Wilder, Baker & McKenzie
4.15 - 4.30	Discussion	
4.30 - 4.40	Close and Farewell	Dr Peter Christoff, University of Melbourne

INFORMATION:

The registration table will be outside the Visions Theatre, first floor.

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be served in the Hall.

Canberra Taxis - 13 2227 (allow at least 45 minutes for the trip from the Museum to Canberra Airport. The ACT school holidays will start on 13 April)