


You are invited to attend the...

Environmental Water Allocation Forum

Jointly sponsored by Land & Water Australia, National Water Commission, Murray–Darling Basin Authority and the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

Thursday 28 and Friday 29 May 2009 at the National Museum of Australia,
Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula, Canberra, ACT



The purpose of the forum is to bring together scientists, policy makers and water managers to (1) review the current state of knowledge about environmental water management and allocation; (2) provide a forum for scientists, managers and policy makers from across the country to share their knowledge and discuss future needs and directions; and (3) identify information and knowledge gaps, and future research priorities.

The forum will include discussion of environmental water allocation in regulated and unregulated systems, policy and other instruments for achieving environmental water allocation, and the linking of environmental water allocation to the broader context of regional water plans.

Speakers include:

- **Professor Richard Kingsford**, University of New South Wales, *Managing the remnant environmental flows in our regulated rivers – what should we be doing?*
- **Dr Tony McLeod**, Murray–Darling Basin Authority, *Development of environmental water needs under the Basin Plan*
- **Christine Schweizer**, Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, *High conservation value aquatic ecosystems (HCVAE) as a tool to help water managers*
- **Dr Belinda Robson**, Deakin University, *Managing environmental allocations in ephemeral systems*
- **Professor Stuart Bunn**, Griffith University, *Maximising environmental outcomes using water planning*
- **Associate Professor George Ganf**, University of Adelaide, *Prioritising environmental water allocations using models*
- **Professor Mike Young**, University of Adelaide, *What does research tell us about which policy instruments work best for environmental water planning?*
- **David Appels**, Frontier Economics, *How can we use market based instruments to support water policy*
- **Dr Rosemary Hill**, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems, *How can cultural and conservation economies be used for environmental water policy?*

Guest speaker

- **Dr Larry Barber**, LWA International Fellow, research geochemist with the United States Geological Survey in Boulder, Colorado; *Implications of endocrine disruptors on our environment.*

In order to keep the forum tightly focused on key environmental water management issues, it is an *invitation only event*. Please send your request to attend to Ms Nolani McColl by **1 May 2009** as we have a reserve list of attendees who will be asked if places become free.



For more information about the forum agenda go to <http://www.lwa.gov.au/ewa>

We recommend participants stay at University House as it is within easy walking distance of the Museum. When booking please ask for the business rate of \$132.00 for bed and breakfast.

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