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Restoration Law and Finance Conference: Legal and Financial Obstacles to Rehabilitation, Rehydration and Regeneration of Land and Water and Options for Reform

**Australian Centre for Climate and
Environmental Law**

Program



Thursday 7 – Friday 8 December 2023

Law Foyer, Level 2, New Law Building (F10), University of Sydney (Camperdown Campus)



7 December | Day 1: The challenge

8.30-9.15am	Registration
9.15 – 9.35am	Welcome to Country
9.35 – 9.45 am	Welcome from ACCEL
9.45 – 11am	<p>Session 1: Nature restoration: international and national context Presentations</p> <p>Chair: Dr Gerry Bates, University of Sydney</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>1. International developments in nature restoration law and finance <i>Dr Ben Milligan, UNSW</i></p> <p>2. Australian legal and policy response <i>Dr Louise Camenzuli, Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth</i></p> <p>3. Private sector response and corporate obligations <i>Veda FitzSimons, Associate Director, Pollination.</i></p>
11 – 11.30am	<i>Morning tea</i>
11.30am – 1pm	<p>Session 2: Regulatory barriers Presentation and panel discussion with case studies</p> <p>Chair: Dr Kate Owens, ACCEL</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>1. Overview of regulatory barriers <i>Associate Professor Justine Bell-James, University of Queensland</i></p> <p>2. Panel discussion with case studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carolyn Hall <i>CEO, The Mulloon Institute</i>• Steve Murphy <i>Wildlife biologist and CEO, Conservation Partners</i>• Stella Kondylas <i>Blue Carbon Lead, The Nature Conservancy</i>



7 December | Day 1: The challenge

1 – 1.45pm	Lunch
1.45 – 3pm	<p>Keynote address</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Ken Henry AC <i>Economist; Chair, Australian Climate and Biodiversity Foundation; Director, Accounting for Nature; Adviser, Digital Finance CRC</i></p>
3 – 3.30pm	Afternoon tea
3.30 – 4.45pm	<p>Session 3: Financial challenges and breakthroughs Panel discussion with case studies</p> <p>Chair: Dr Emma Carmody, Restore Blue</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jock Mackenzie <i>Wetlands Program Manager and MangroveWatch Coordinator, Earthwatch Institute Australia</i>• Cassandra Stevens <i>Director of Kullilli Bulloo River Aboriginal Corporation</i>• Megan Wolf <i>Chief of Commercial, Climate Friendly</i>• Fiachra Kearney <i>Executive Director, Forever Wild</i>



8 December | Day 2: Regulatory and financial solutions

9.15 – 9.30am	Introductory remarks: Dr Gerry Bates
9.30 – 11am	<p>Session 1: What is required to restore nature and care for Country in different contexts? Panel discussion with case studies</p> <p>Chair: Emily Gerrard, Lawyer and Director, Comhar Group</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heidi Mippy <i>Noongar and This-Man-Warriyangka woman, Curtin University</i>• Associate Professor Brad Moggridge <i>Kamilaroi man, The University of Canberra</i>• Rohan Clarke <i>Director, Regen Farmers Mutual</i>• Raeleen Draper <i>Senior Natural Environment Program Office (Blue Heart), Sunshine Coast Council</i>
11 – 11.30am	<i>Morning tea</i>
11.30am – 1pm	<p>Session 2: Mobilising finance for nature Panel discussion</p> <p>Chair: Claire Smith, Partner, Clayton Utz</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lachlan Creswell <i>Head of Green Investment Group ANZ at Macquarie Asset Management</i>• James Trezise <i>Acting Executive Director, Biodiversity Council</i>• Grantley Smith <i>CEO, Restore Blue</i>• Amanda Richman <i>Ethical Stewardship Lead, Australian Ethical Investment</i>



8 December | Day 2: Regulatory and financial solutions

1 – 1.45pm	Lunch
1.45 – 2.30pm	Keynote address Speaker: Brendan Kennedy <i>Tati Tati Elder</i>
2.30 – 3pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
3.30 – 4.25pm	Session 3: Policy and Regulatory Solutions Chair: Wilfred Finn, Lawyer and Non-Executive Director, Eco-Markets Australia Presentations 1. Robust nature market laws and other regulatory levers <i>Laura Waterford, Director, Pollination</i> 2. Designing fit-for-purpose nature restoration laws <i>Matt Egerton-Warburton, Partner, Mills Oakley, and Deputy Chairman, Mulloon Institute</i> <i>Dr Emma Carmody, Co-Founder and Director of Legal and Partnerships, Restore Blue</i> 3. Complementary regulatory mechanisms to stimulate biodiversity restoration <i>Dominique Hogan-Doran SC, 5 Wentworth Chambers</i> 4. Conservation covenants for nature restoration <i>Professor Ben Richardson, University of Tasmania</i>
4.25 – 4.30pm	<i>Closing remarks – Dr Emma Carmody</i>
4.30pm	Drinks and Jazz post-conference celebration <i>Sponsored by Mills Oakley</i>



About the Speakers

Day 1 Session 1 | Nature restoration: international and national context

Dr Gerry Bates was one of the first academics in an Australian university to introduce environmental law to the curriculum. Gerry is well known in Australia for his standard university text *Environmental Law in Australia*, now in its 11th edition. He is also the founder and Editor-in-Chief of the *Environmental and Planning Law Journal*, published by Thomsons that has run continuously since its inception in 1983. Between 1986 and 1996 Dr. Bates was a Green Independent Member of Parliament in Tasmania. He resigned in 1996 to return to the law. Dr Bates served on the Board of the Environment Protection Authority of NSW from 1998 – 2010; and on the Board of Kimbriki Environmental Enterprises, a regional waste recovery centre and landfill serving four local governments on Sydney's Northern Beaches from 2008-2013. In 1996 the National Environmental Law Association (NELA) conferred on Dr Bates an award for 'Outstanding Contribution to Environmental Law'; and in 2016 a similar award was conferred by the Law Council of Australia, Planning and Environment branch. NELA awarded Dr. Bates Life Membership in 2023.

Dr Bates is currently working pro bono with the Law Committee of the Mulloon Institute to modify or remove legal impediments to landscape rehydration projects.

Dr Ben Milligan is Director of the Sustainable Development Reform Hub at the University of New South Wales, Secretariat Director of the Global Ocean Accounts Partnership, and a Senior Fellow at the University College London Institute for Sustainable Resources. His research and advisory work focus on the use of environmental information in public policymaking, and on design of legal and policy frameworks for sustainable development with a particular focus on natural capital and ecosystem services.

Dr Louise Camenzuli is a planning and environment law specialist, with particular expertise in land use and zoning laws, infrastructure agreements, major government critical infrastructure projects and projects related to energy and energy transition. Louise is head of Corrs' environment and planning practice and also leads the climate change and sustainability team within our responsible business and ESG practice group.

Louise has a Doctorate from the University of Sydney in Juridical Studies and is also a state-appointed member of the Western Sydney City Planning Panel and an alternative state member of the Sydney Planning Panels and Joint Regional Planning Panels.

Veda FitzSimons is an Associate Director at Pollination. She has strong environmental markets expertise and advises a range of corporates and governments across climate and nature matters. With a particular focus on nature risk and natural capital, Veda has advised a range of APAC government entities on early policy positioning regarding voluntary biodiversity credit markets. Veda contributed to the development of Pollination's proprietary nature risk assessment methodology and has conducted pilot TNFD-aligned nature risk assessments for ASX-listed entities and nature strategy work.

With strong carbon markets expertise, Veda provides legal and policy advice regarding the operationalisation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and has a particular focus on opportunities across blue carbon methodologies and mechanisms to support their economic viability. Prior to joining Pollination Veda was a lawyer at Ashurst, with experience in the Environment & Planning team.



About the Speakers

Day 1 Session 2 | Regulatory barriers

Dr Kate Owens is the Director of the Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law. Her research explores how law and governance can facilitate broad-scale decarbonisation, climate adaptation and water reallocation. Her current and recent funded projects investigate the future of climate governance and how governance frameworks can enable deep coordination, collaboration, innovation and equity to achieve transformation and deal with climate change's disruptive consequences.

Justine Bell-James is an Associate Professor at the TC Beirne School of Law. Her main research interest is legal mechanisms for the protection, management and restoration of coastal and marine ecosystems, and she currently receives funding from the ARC, CSIRO and NESP to lead legal analysis on interdisciplinary projects related to coastal wetland restoration. Justine was engaged as a consultant by the Clean Energy Regulator during the development of the 'blue carbon' methodology.

Carolyn Hall GAICD is Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of the Mulloon Institute and a member of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand.

Carolyn has over 25 years' experience working across the agricultural and environmental sectors.

Carolyn leads an innovative organisation that delivers landscape rehydration and repair at the property and catchment scales across Australia.

Carolyn's experience in environmental consulting focused on balancing biodiversity values with flood mitigation in urban and rural contexts. Her expertise is in planning and environmental legislation, biodiversity and wetland management, environmental education and community consultation. Her work is now focussed on the contribution of rural Australia to environmental and water stewardship.

Carolyn builds strong relationships to collaborate and solve challenging environmental problems, she is a born optimist who believes by working together we can have a strong, productive, sustainable agriculture sector that builds natural capital, meets the challenges of climate change and supports resilient rural and First Nations communities.

Steve Murphy is both an applied ecologist and land manager. He has helped conserve some of Australia's most endangered species including Night Parrots, Golden-shouldered Parrots and Carpentarian Grasswrens. Steve has had roles in government agencies, leading non-profits, private consultancies, tertiary education and Indigenous land management. In 2019 Steve co-founded Artemis Nature Fund, which evolved into Conservation Partners. This tenure-blind organisation delivers measurable conservation benefits by implementing practical actions in partnership with landholders and other key stakeholders.

Stella Kondylas is The Nature Conservancy's Blue Carbon Lead for the Australia Program. She leads the development of small to large-scale blue carbon ecosystem restoration projects, and innovative financial models to support the expansion of the program across Australia.

Stella has a Master's degree in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management from the University of Oxford and over fifteen years of experience providing leadership and strategic direction for nature conservation programs and protected area networks, having worked at regional, state and international levels within government and non-government organisations.



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Day 1 Keynote Address

Dr Ken Henry AC is a former Chair of the National Australia Bank and the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation at the Australian National University (ANU). He is a former non-executive director of the Australian Securities Exchange and Cape York Partnership. Ken spent 28 years in senior policy advising roles in the Australian government, including 10 years as Australian Treasury Secretary from 2001 to 2011. He sits on the board of Accounting for Nature and is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences Australia (ASSA), the Australia New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) and the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA).



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Day 1 Session 3 | Financial challenges and breakthroughs

Emma Carmody is a co-founder and Director of Legal and Partnerships of Restore Blue, a for purpose business that was established in early 2022 to restore lost coastal 'blue carbon' wetlands at scale in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. Emma is also an environmental lawyer with experience in all areas of environmental law and particular expertise in international environmental law, water law and governance, wetlands, and the intersection between human rights and water. Emma served as legal advisor to the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in Switzerland for five years, and spent over a decade working at the Environmental Defenders Office in Australia, including as Managing Lawyer of the Freshwater Program. Over the years, her clients have included First Nations peoples, farmers, international organisations, treaty bodies and conservation groups. Emma also has experience in corporate and financial services compliance, commercial negotiations, capital raising and philanthropic fundraising. She has been recognised by listings in Best Lawyers in Australia (Water Law; Planning and Environment Law), is on the board of the Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA) and is a fellow of the Peter Cullen Trust.

Jock Mackenzie, Wetlands Program Manager at Earthwatch Australia, is a mangrove ecologist and science communicator with over 15 years of experience, and deeply passionate about mangrove conservation. Recognizing the critical role of the community in protecting mangrove ecosystem values from human pressures, he co-founded MangroveWatch alongside Dr. Norm Duke. His work emphasizes the mutual dependence between people and mangroves and the need for their protection. Through the MangroveWatch program, Jock works with local communities to develop practical local mangrove management solutions informed by mangrove habitat monitoring data collected using citizen science. Jock has worked extensively with Traditional Owner communities in Australia and the Pacific Islands where he has developed an increased understanding of both how important tidal wetlands are to coastal indigenous Australians and the important role these communities play in conserving their local mangrove and saltmarsh habitats for the benefit of all Australians.

Proudly tracing her heritage to the Kullilli and Indjalandji-dhidhanu Peoples of South and Northwest Queensland, **Cassandra Stevens** stands as the PBC Coordinator and Director of the Kullilli Bulloo River Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC. With a rich background as an experienced administrator and a compelling public speaker, Cassandra adeptly represents the Corporation, championing the native title rights and interests of the Kullilli People. Her leadership and governance practices serve as a guiding force in advocating for her people.

Cassandra's unwavering commitment revolves around effecting sustainable positive change, paving pathways, and crafting opportunities that foster intergenerational with a vision that extends beyond immediate impacts, aiming for enduring betterment for Kullilli people.

Drawing from her extensive experience in the native title arena, Cassandra values the art of cultivating strong relationships and partnership opportunities. Her approach is geared not only toward advancing the interests of Kullilli People but also encompasses a broader perspective, targeting communal well-being and harmony as a whole.

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Megan Wolf leads Climate Friendly's commercial and development team, with over 20 years of international experience in strategic planning, project development, investment, and finance. Megan has a proven track record of managing multidisciplinary teams to deliver complex projects, identifying innovative solutions, and developing successful strategies in evolving markets across the energy, carbon and international development sectors.

Fiachra Kearney's career has focused on tackling some of the planet's most pressing environmental and societal challenges. He has extensive experience in Africa, Australia, and S.E. Asia working with diverse landscapes and cultures. He conceived and leads the Forever Wild Initiative as he believes we must link natural and social capital with the economic system in a truly sustainable way, and implement new ways to produce food while protecting our planet. The initiative links global targets to meaningful, on-ground actions. In 2022 the Initiative co-designed a new financial model with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Corporate Carbon, to drive more financial input to agricultural land and wilderness areas. Fiachra sits on the Board of the Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance, a sustainable agricultural group representing nearly 7% of Australia's landmass.

The Forever Wild Initiative is a Group of companies that includes Wild Nature Escapes, working alongside a wholly-owned Indigenous company on new tourism models, bespoke investment structures for private capital to support climate, biodiversity and social outcomes, and a company designed to connect natural and social capital with business.

Fiachra is a former research scientist with the CSIRO in the Rangelands & Savannahs Research team. He also has extensive experience in private business. He is also an officer in a Rural Fire Brigade, on the frontline of the impacts of our changing climate.



About the Speakers

Day 2 Session 1 | What is required to restore nature and care for Country in different contexts?

Emily Gerrard is a Director and Principal Lawyer at Comhar Group Pty Limited, an Australian-based legal and policy advisory firm.

She is an environmental and climate change law specialist with extensive experience in international carbon markets, Indigenous land use and access agreements, renewable energy projects and environmental markets.

Emily works with First Nations peoples and organisations, governments, companies and peak bodies in Australia and the region. She has a detailed understanding of domestic and international legal frameworks, including the Paris Agreement, UNFCCC and Convention on Biological Diversity, and regularly attends UNFCCC negotiations and advises on Article 6 developments (international market and non-market approaches).

Emily is an Affiliated Expert with the UK Government's UK PACT Programme (Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions) and an expert member of the IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP).

Heidi Mippy is a Noongar & Thiin- Mah-Warriyangka woman who was born in Carnarvon and has lived and worked in various regions of Western Australia. Heidi has extensive experience in the agriculture sector, working with Noongar land owners and Aboriginal communities to develop economic opportunities through their properties. She is currently working with Curtin University as the Indigenous Liaison Manager with the Indigenous Stewardship, Biodiversity & Environment Group. She is on the board of the ARC Training Centre for Healing Country and is also a co-lead on the socio-economics research theme. Heidi is involved with the Noongar Land Enterprise group – a grower group of Noongar land owners. Heidi is also an active board member and leader in various organisations that aim to improve the lives of women, children and families in Western Australia. She is a director of Blue Beanie Projects and Treasurer of Djidi-Djidi Aboriginal Women's Corporation. She is also a board member of the RRR Network, which is a network of women living and working in regional, rural and remote areas of Western Australia. Heidi chairs the Indigenous Working Group for Forest Stewardship Council Australia New Zealand, is on the WA Research Advisory Committee for Fisheries Research & Development Corporation. Heidi is passionate about Noongar led restoration and economic opportunities for Noongar people through land-based activities and sees this as important in the healing, wellbeing, and cultural survival of First Nations People.

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Associate Professor Moggridge is a proud Murri from the Kamilaroi Nation living on Ngunnawal Land in Canberra. He is a researcher in Indigenous water science at the University of Canberra, with qualifications in hydrogeology (UTS) and environmental science (ACU) and almost a PhD (UC). He was the Indigenous Liaison Officer for the Threatened Species Recovery Hub under NESP up until 2021.

Associate Professor Moggridge is a Board member with the NSW EPA, Biodiversity Council and National Youth Science Forum, a member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, a Governor of WWF Australia and President of the Australian Freshwater Science Society. He is a Fellow of the Peter Cullen Trust and Alumni of the International Water Centre.

Associate Professor Moggridge has won several awards, has presented widely even at the UN Water Conference, published in his area of expertise (Indigenous Water) also finding himself on many committees (local, national to international), adding to his 25 years in water and environmental science, cultural knowledge, regulation, water planning and management. He hopes to encourage future generations to pursue interests in STEM, promote his ancestors' knowledge of water and mentor emerging Indigenous scientists.

Rohan Clarke is the Managing Director of Regen Digital and Lead Advisor at Regen Farmers Mutual. Regen Farmers Mutual was started by Rohan and Andrew Ward to help farmers understand, aggregate and maximise their carbon and biodiversity market power and reduce transaction costs. Rohan has deep expertise in financial markets, stakeholder engagement and distributed ownership.

Raeleen Draper is a Senior Natural Environment Project Officer with the Sunshine Coast Council and is the project lead for the Blue Carbon Pilot Project being delivered in the Blue Heart, part of the Maroochy River floodplain. Raeleen has been employed with Sunshine Coast Council for the past 8 years and has worked with flying foxes, coastal conservation and management and now in ecosystem restoration. Previous to this, her career has spanned across Federal Government, State Government and the private sector mainly focusing on conservation conflict transformation with wildlife such as sharks, crocodiles, Irukandji and flying foxes. The common theme through all these aspects of her career has been operating in the space of regulatory approvals within Queensland – which has greatly assisted in the ongoing delivery of the Blue Carbon Pilot Project.



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Claire Smith is the National Practice Group Leader of Clayton Utz' Environment and Sustainable Development practice, and a specialist environment, planning and climate change lawyer. Claire advises clients on a wide-range of environmental law matters, with a particular interest in natural capital, energy transition projects, sustainability reporting and greenwashing.

Lachlan Creswell is head of Macquarie Asset Management Green Investments in ANZ. Lachlan joined Macquarie in Sydney over 20 years ago and is now based in its Melbourne office. During his career at Macquarie Lachlan has worked on advisory and investment transactions in 15 countries, based out of London, New York, Mexico City and Melbourne, and completed transactions over 9,000MW of renewable energy generation assets. During his time in the Americas, Lachlan was responsible for leading Macquarie Capital's Latin American Infrastructure Team.

He is currently responsible for overseeing a portfolio of over 4000MW of renewables projects, and managing the ongoing growth and MAM Green Investments' Australian operations. Lachlan has completed a number of landmark renewable energy transactions in Australia, including Macquarie and RES's 209MW Murra Warra II project, sale of John Laing's interests in a 514MW Australian wind farm portfolio, formation of Synergy's 256MW renewable energy joint venture Bright Energy Investments, Macquarie and RES's 226 MW Murra Warra I wind farm, and Macquarie's 228MW Lal Lal wind farm. Lachlan has also led a number of international transactions in the renewables sector, including Santander's formation of Cubico Sustainable Investments, a US\$2 billion renewables and water venture with Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and PSP Investments; Macquarie's investment in a 171MW run-of-river hydro project in Choco, Colombia; and the development and financing of a US\$1 billion 396MW Mexican wind farm.

Lachlan holds a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (First Class Honours) and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales (Sydney, Australia).

James Trezise is currently the Acting Executive Director at the Biodiversity Council. He is an experienced conservationist, policy analyst and campaigner who has worked across the public and not-for-profit sectors in the biodiversity policy space. His work has predominantly focused on developing and championing solutions to some of the major challenges facing Australia's environment – and the technical and social conditions needed to implement these solutions. James previously worked at the Invasive Species Council leading its conservation work, including the campaign to safeguard Kosciuszko National Park and tackle invasive ants in Queensland. Prior to this James worked at the Australian Conservation Foundation where he played an integral role in the campaign to strengthen Australia's national biodiversity laws and was closely involved in advocacy efforts to develop the global biodiversity framework.

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Grantley Smith is working with Restore Blue's determined co-founders to have a meaningful impact on declining natural capital in coastal areas by restoring lost blue carbon wetlands at scale.

Prior to co-founding Restore Blue, Grantley accumulated 30 plus years of relevant experience, leading environmental consulting and water engineering software businesses. His background as specialist environmental engineer has provided him with a broad range of expert technical skills relevant to restoring nature in partnership with private landholders. He is a team leader with a proven track record for leading multi-disciplinary businesses delivering practical solutions to environmental projects with complex government and industry regulatory requirements.

Amanda Richman is the Ethical Stewardship Lead at Australian Ethical Investment. She specialises in assessing potential investments in the food and agriculture sector, and in stewardship activities with respect to deforestation and land use, water use and biodiversity protection. Amanda is also a Director of the Animal Law Institute.



About the Speakers

Day 2 Keynote Address

Brendan Kennedy is a Tati Tati and Wadi Wadi Traditional Owner who has deep knowledge and extensive work experience in the areas of Indigenous culture, language, art, science and advocacy.

Brendan is the current Co-Chair of the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Language; a Tati Tati delegate and Vice Chair of Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) where he has been instrumental in elevating the profile of First Nations Water Rights in the Murray Darling Basin; a member of the First Peoples Yulendj Group, who collaborated with Museum Victoria to produce the award-winning First Peoples exhibition; and has served on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee.

Brendan also works with a range of government and regulatory agencies to enable opportunities and outcomes for Indigenous communities. This includes the Murray Darling Basin Authority, Departments of Environment and Planning in NSW and VIC and the Commonwealth and Victorian Water Holders.



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Wilfred Finn is a water, carbon and environmental lawyer who enjoys paddling rivers and climbing mountains. He is currently a non-executive member of the inaugural board of Eco-Markets Australia - Australia's first independent environmental markets administrator - which manages the Great Barrier Reef credit scheme. He is also a member of the Mulloon Institute's law committee, which seeks to promote landscape rehydration activities through better regulatory frameworks that support environmental restoration. Wilf has worked in executive roles in the establishment and management of water, carbon and environmental commodity markets, most recently at Xpansiv.

Laura Waterford is a Director at Pollination where her work focusses on nature-positive corporate strategy and policy, and opportunities in the natural capital and nature-based solutions space. Laura advises clients on nature-related risks and opportunities in line with the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures guidance and is a member of the Responsible Investment Association of Australasia's nature risk working group. Laura has deep expertise on carbon markets and is also a member of the World Economic Forum and Taskforce on Nature Markets working groups on voluntary biodiversity credit markets. Prior to joining Pollination, Laura was a climate and environmental lawyer at leading national and international law firms and she was a finalist in the Lawyers Weekly 30 Under 30 Awards in the Planning & Environment category in 2020-2022.

Matt Egerton-Warburton is an experienced corporate law partner with Mills Oakley who has practiced law in New York, Hong Kong, London and Sydney. He is skilled in Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A), Corporate Governance, Cross-border M&A and Capital Markets with a specialty in Carbon Markets.

Matt is a director and Deputy Chair of the Mulloon Institute – a not-for-profit, research, education and advocacy organisation whose vision is to rehydrate and restore landscapes across Australia.

Matt has been Chair of the Mulloon Law Committee since 2019 and is currently actively lobbying politicians and bureaucrats for regulatory and legislative changes to facilitate fast and efficient landscape restoration.

Emma Carmody is a co-founder and Director of Legal and Partnerships of Restore Blue, a for purpose business that was established in early 2022 to restore lost coastal 'blue carbon' wetlands at scale in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. Emma is also an environmental lawyer with experience in all areas of environmental law and particular expertise in international environmental law, water law and governance, wetlands, and the intersection between human rights and water. Emma served as legal advisor to the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in Switzerland for five years, and spent over a decade working at the Environmental Defenders Office in Australia, including as Managing Lawyer of the Freshwater Program. Over the years, her clients have included First Nations peoples, farmers, international organisations, treaty bodies and conservation groups. Emma also has experience in corporate and financial services compliance, commercial negotiations, capital raising and philanthropic fundraising. She has been recognised by listings in Best Lawyers in Australia (Water Law; Planning and Environment Law), is on the board of the Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA) and is a fellow of the Peter Cullen Trust.

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Dominique Hogan-Doran SC is an Australian barrister. She conducts a national practice in regulatory investigations and enforcement matters, and Royal Commissions and public inquiries. She is also an accredited mediator and arbitrator.

She is recognised in all leading professional guides:

- Chambers & Partners – Dispute Resolution: The Bar
- The Legal 500 – Commercial Disputes ('Leading Silk'); Regulatory (including White Collar Crime) ('Leading Silk')
- Best Lawyers – Litigation, ADR, Financial Institutions, Superannuation Law
- Doyle's Guide – Leading Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution Senior Counsel NSW; Leading Mediator NSW

Dominique is Chair of the Australian Bar Association's Practice Development Committee and Vice-Chair of the International Bar Association's Bar Regulation Committee.

Ben Richardson is a Professor of Environmental Law at the University of Tasmania, and an Adjunct Professor at the law schools of Queen's University and York University in Canada. He has published extensively on ecosystem restoration law, environmental law history and corporate social responsibility.