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Federal Environmental Law reform: past lessons, priority reforms, future challenges

**Australian Centre for Climate and
Environmental Law**

Program



Tuesday 14 February 2023

8.30am – 5pm AEDT

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



8.30-9.15am	Registration
9.15 – 9.30am	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country Dr Kate Owens , Director of ACCEL
9.30 – 10.40am	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act: Why has it failed the Australian environment? Chair: Professor Tim Stephens, ACCEL Keynote: Dr Gerry Bates, Environmental Law specialist Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Gerry Bates• Dr Laura Schuijers, Lecturer, ACCEL• Rachel Walmsley, Head of Policy & Law Reform, Environmental Defender’s Office• Breellen Warry, Partner, Maddocks Q & A
10.40-11.00am	<i>Morning tea</i>
11.00am – 12.40pm	A new federal environmental law regime: How will it look? Chair: Dr Kate Owens, ACCEL Keynote: Justice Nicola Pain, Land and Environment Court of New South Wales Keynote: Claire Smith, Partner, Clayton Utz Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Justice Nicola Pain• Claire Smith• Matt Floro, Special Counsel, Environmental Defender’s Office• Philippa McCormack, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Adelaide Law School Q & A



12.40-1.40pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.40-2.40pm	Climate change and the energy transition: COP27, targets, safeguarding and improving the integrity of ACCUs <i>Chair:</i> Professor Rosemary Lyster, ACCEL <i>Keynote:</i> Professor Andrew Macintosh, ANU College of Law <i>Keynote:</i> Ilona Millar, Partner, Gilbert & Tobin Q & A
2.40-3.30pm	First Nations cultural heritage: a new National Environmental Standard and cultural heritage protection laws <i>Keynote:</i> Susan Phillips, Barrister, 13 St James
3.30-4pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
4-5pm	Biodiversity: COP15, TNFD and voluntary biodiversity credit markets <i>Chair:</i> Dr Emma Carmody, Restore Blue <i>Keynote:</i> Laura Waterford, Pollination <i>Keynote:</i> Adjunct Professor Rob Fowler, University of Adelaide Q & A