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Intersecting crises of climate change and biodiversity loss - where to next for Australian environmental law?'



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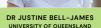
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i DATE: Friday 3 November 2023			
لل	THEME: Intersecting crises of climate change and biodiversity loss – where to next for Australian environmental law?		
VENUE: Melbourne University, Law School, Woodward Conference Centre			
	8am - 9am	Arrival & Registration	
	9am - 9.30am	Welcome to Country Wurundjeri Opening Mark Beaufoy, President of NELA Dr Rebecca Nelson, Melbourne Law School	
	1st Session	Environmental Policy Agenda - Federal An outline of what government has been doing, the Federal policy agenda, and the role of environmental law and lawyers	
	9:30am - 9:40am	Matthew Harding, Dean of Melbourne Law School to introduce Minister	
	9:40am - 10am	Federal Environment Minister, The Hon Tanya Plibersek, MP	
	10:00am - 10:30am	Morning Tea	
	2nd Session	Status of Australia's Environmental Laws Environmental law in Australia: The history and future of environmental law, how the past informs possibilities, and the role of courts	
	10:30am - 12.00pm	Format: Keynote followed by moderated Q&A panel of speakers Keynote: Hon Justice Jagot, High Court of Australia Panel chair: Simon Molesworth AO KC Panel moderated discussion: Dr Gerry Bates, The University of Sydney, Justice Bromberg, President, Australian Law Reform Commission, Deputy President Teresa Bisucci, Head of the Planning and Environment Division, VCAT	
	12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch	

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3rd Session	Nature Positive Laws: What Does It Mean & How Do We Get There? Biodiversity (EPBC reforms) - The complexities of nature positive
1:00pm - 2.30pm	Format: Keynote followed by moderated Q&A Panel of speakers Keynote: Prof Brendan Wintle (Biodiversity Council) & Dr Jack Pascoe (Biodiversity Council) Panel chair: Dr Phillipa McCormack (University of Adelaide) Panel moderated discussion: Jeremy Thomas (DCCEEW), Kate Gavens (DEECA), Dr James Fitzsimons (Nature Conservancy), Rachel Walmsley (EDO),
2.30pm - 2.45pm	Afternoon Tea
4th Session	Climate Change – What's Next for Climate Law in Australia? Climate litigation & human rights
2.45pm - 4.15pm	Format: Keynote followed by moderated Q&A Panel of speakers Keynote: Dr Andrea Vecchi, University of Melbourne Panel chair: Dr Justine Bell–James (University of Queensland) Panel moderated discussion: Claire Smith (Clayton Utz), Prof Samantha Hepburn (Deakin University), David Hertzberg (Equity Generation Lawyers), Dr Arjuna Dibley (University of Melbourne), Brendan Sydes (ACF)
5th Session	International Processes Relating to Enforcement of Environmental Law In particular in relation to the rights of Indigenous peoples
4:15pm - 5:15pm	Chair: Dr Judith Preston Keynotes: Hon Justice Dr Sarah Pritchard, Land and Environment Court NSW & Professor Phil Duncan, University of Canberra
5:15pm - 5:30pm	NELA President Closing Speech Mark Beaufoy, President of NELA
5.30pm - 7.00pm	Interval Drinks sponsored by ACF
7pm	Post-Conference Dinner Presentation of NELA lifetime membership Tiphanie Acreman, NELA Treasurer Guest speaker: Emrys Nekvapil SC

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