

Faculty of Law and Management – Albury-Wodonga campus

Annual Water Forum - How Much Reform is Enough?

(Sponsored by La Trobe University, North East Water and Department of Primary Industries)

Friday 29th July 2011

Time	Description		
8:00 am - 8:20 am	Registration and coffee		
8:20 am - 8:30 am	Introductory remarks Speaker: Professor Lin Crase		
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Session 1a - Reflection on Past Reforms, Current Challenges and Future Directions Chair: Dr Deborah Peterson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Primary Industries <i>National Water Commission Perspective.</i> Speaker: Mr Laurie Arthur, Commissioner, National Water Commission <i>Productivity Commission Perspective.</i> Speaker: Dr Wendy Craik, Commissioner, Productivity Commission		
9.30 am - 10.30 am	Session 1b Chair: Mr Craig Heiner, Managing Director, North East Water <i>Victorian Perspective.</i> Speaker: Mr Mike Waller, Chair of Ministerial Advisory Council <i>NSW Perspective.</i> Speaker: Mr David Harriss, Commissioner, NSW Office of Water		
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Morning tea		
10:45 am - 12:45 pm	Session 2 - Sectoral Challenges		
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12:45 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch		
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Session 3 - Climate Change and Uncertainty Chair: Dr Jayanath Ananda, La Trobe University <i>Climate change and hydrological modelling at a regional scale.</i> Speaker: Mr Mark Hocking, Hydrogeologist, Hocking et al. Pty Ltd <i>Dealing with extreme events.</i> Speaker Professor Harry Clarke, La Trobe University		
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Closing remarks and drinks and networking. Speaker: Dr Deborah Peterson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Primary Industries, and Mr Gavan Dwyer, Executive Director, Natural Resource Management and Economics Division, Department of Primary Industries		