The Challenges of Federal Environmental Regulation

ACCEL Annual Conference

Keynote speaker
Prof Dr Kurt Deketelaere
Secretary-General of the League of European Research Universities
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Refederalisation of Environmental Regulation

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27-28 October 2009
The ACCEL Annual Conference addresses the effectiveness of Federal engagement in meeting a range of environmental challenges. The conference takes place at a time when the Commonwealth’s key legislation – the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 – is being independently reviewed for the first time since its commencement.

The conference commences on the evening of 27 October with a cocktail reception and the keynote address, held at the New Law Building on the Camperdown Campus of the University of Sydney. The evening will be followed by a full day program on 28 October to be held at the Portside Centre, 207 Kent St, Sydney.

### Tuesday 27 October

5.30 pm  
Drinks  
Reflecting Pool, New Law School Building,  
The University of Sydney

6.00-7.00 pm  
Welcome: Rosemary Lyster, Director ACCEL  
Opening: Prof Gillian Triggs, Dean Sydney Law School  
Keynote Address: Prof Dr Kurt Deketelaere  
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### Wednesday 28 October

9 am to 10.30 am  
The Architecture of Australian Federal Regulation  
Chair: Nicola Franklin  
Robert Hill, Professor in Sustainability, US Studies Centre, University of Sydney  
Jeff Smith, Director NSW Environmental Defender’s Office  
Lee McIntosh, Legal Consultant Mallesons Stephen Jaques  
Dual approval processes: The Gorgon Project

#### Full Fee Registration  
$350.00

#### Full-Time Academic/NGO  
$260.00

#### Full-Time Student  
$175.00

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**Featuring**

**Professor Dr. Kurt Deketelaere**  
Secretary-General of the League of European Research Universities, Professor of Law at the Universities of Leuven and Dundee, and former chief of staff to the Flemish Minister for Public Works, Energy, Environment and Nature, Belgium.

**Professor Robert Hill,** recently appointed Chair of the Board of the Australian Carbon Trust. Professor Hill is a former Minister for the Environment (1996-2001) and responsible for introducing the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth). Professor Hill was Australia’s ambassador to the United Nations and is currently Adjunct Professor in Sustainability at the University of Sydney’s US Studies Centre.

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**Tea**

**11 am to 12.30 pm**  
**Energy, Climate and Water**  
Chair: Kate Miles  
Assoc Prof Rosemary Lyster Cooperative Federalism: its influence on the development of Australia’s water and climate law regimes  
Rebecca Bates Water and Sanitation Services: Do we need a Federal Regulator?  
Commentator: Prof Adrian Bradbrook

**Lunch**

**1.30 pm to 3pm**  
**Heritage and Biodiversity**  
Chair: Celeste Black  
Susan Shearing Federal Heritage Legislation  
Dr Tim Stephens Federal Environmental Regulation: Antarctic Challenges  
Discussion

**Tea**

**3.30 pm to 5pm**  
**Participation and Accountability**  
Chair: Adjunct Professor Gerry Bates  
Bernard Dunne The Further Democratisation of Environmental Impact Assessment  
Andrew Edgar The EPBC Act and legal accountability  
Prof Zada Lipman Responsive regulation: does it work? An evaluation of its application in the EPBC Act