



The University of Sydney

The Challenges of Federal Environmental Regulation

ACCEL Annual Conference

Keynote speaker

Prof Dr Kurt Deketelaere

Secretary-General of the League of European Research Universities

Professor of Law at the Universities of Leuven and Dundee

Refederalisation of Environmental Regulation

Sydney Law School

and

The Portside Centre

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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
Refederalisation of Environmental Regulation

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
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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.

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*