

## ***List of contributors***

### **Jon Altman**

*Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, The Australian National University*

Jon Altman is Director of the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research established at The Australian National University in 1990. Professor Altman has an academic background in economics and anthropology and has researched Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economic development, with a strong emphasis on remote regions, for over 30 years. In recent years much of his research has focused on land rights and native title and the role that Indigenous Australians must play in managing the growing massive Indigenous estate; and the issue of Indigenous rights in new and emerging forms of property like water, carbon and biodiversity.

### **Max Bourke**

Max Bourke AM has been a jackaroo/shearer, agricultural scientist, science broadcaster, Ministerial adviser, public servant (CEO of two statutory authorities) and chairman of a farming investment business. He has had a lifelong interest in ecology and history which he continues to pursue along with his roles as board member of both The Thomas Foundation and The Nature Conservancy (Australia).

### **Naomi Brown**

*Australasian Fire Authorities Council*

Naomi Brown has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Australasian Fire Authorities Council (AFAC) since December 2006. Naomi is also a board member of the Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) and the National Aerial Firefighting Centre (NAFC).

Naomi took up the role of Director Community Safety at the Country Fire Authority (CFA) of Victoria in 2003. She had previously worked in her home state of Western Australia with the WA Fire and Emergency Services (FESA) for five years. She spent time there as Executive Director Community Safety and also Executive Director State Emergency Service and Volunteer Marine Rescue.

### **Ralf Buckley**

*Griffith University*

Ralf Buckley is Director of the International Centre for Ecotourism Research, and Research Director of the Climate Response Program at Griffith University. His interests focus on the interactions between tourism, conservation and climate change, with past publications on ecotourism and adventure tourism, tourism in parks, ecology and environmental management, and climate change adaptation. He is a member of World Heritage advisory bodies and IUCN commissions and taskforces, a judge and auditor for international tourism awards, and an active contributor to relevant policy processes and research in Australia and internationally. Further info: [www.griffith.edu.au/centre/icer](http://www.griffith.edu.au/centre/icer).

### **Alan Butler**

*CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research*

For many years Alan Butler taught and studied marine ecology in the Zoology Department, University of Adelaide. For the last 12 years he has worked in the Perth, Brisbane and Hobart laboratories of CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research, where he is currently leader of the Southern Marine Systems Research Program.

His research interests have been broad, but especially in the ecology of sessile marine animals; dynamics of populations, composition and dynamics of communities. This has included a variety of applied projects, interests in aspects of marine pollution, new anti-fouling techniques, deep-sea surveys and habitat mapping, environmental reporting and the development of systems of marine protected areas.

His particular interest is in the management implications of ecological theory, and the application of theory to effective management. This interacts strongly with the concept of adaptive, ecosystem-based, integrated management of human uses of marine and coastal systems.

### **Beverley Clarke**

*School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management, Flinders University*

Dr Beverley Clarke is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management, Flinders University. She has experience in public and environmental policy evaluation specialising in coasts. Over the last 10 years she has been conducting research in environmental planning and governance, environmental impact assessment, community participation and integrated coastal management. She has published on topics such as measuring the effectiveness of community participation, needs assessment and capacity building, and the policy implications of sea level rise.

### **Peter Cullen**

At the time of his death in 2008, Peter Cullen was a Commissioner of the National Water Commission, Chair of the Victorian Water Trust Advisory Council, a member of the Natural Heritage Trust Advisory Committee, a Director of Land and Water Australia, and a member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists.

He was founding Chief Executive of the CRC for Freshwater Ecology at the University of Canberra from 1992–2002 and a Visiting Fellow at CSIRO Land and Water. He was a graduate in Agricultural Science from the University of Melbourne, a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and a Member of the International Water Academy and the International Ecology Institute.

Professor Cullen was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2004 for services to freshwater ecology, particularly in the areas of policy development, implementation and sustainability in relation to water and natural resource management, and to education. He was a leading commentator on land and water issues in Australia.

### **Stephen Dovers**

*Fenner School of Environment and Society, The Australian National University*

Stephen Dovers is Professor and Research Convener with the Fenner School of Environment and Society at the Australian National University (ANU), undertaking research and education in environment and sustainability policy, climate adaptation, institutional change and disaster management. His recent books include *Environment and Sustainability Policy*

(Federation Press 2005), *The Handbook of Disaster and Emergency Policies and Institutions* (Earthscan 2007, with J. Handmer), *Institutional Change for Sustainable Development* (Elgar 2007, with R. Connor) and the edited volume *Managing Water for Australia* (CSIRO 2007, with K. Hussey).

### **Barney Foran**

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Barney Foran has degrees in agriculture and ecology which led to professional eras spanning rangeland ecology, agricultural systems, environmental science and long-term analysis of Australia's physical economy. He led research teams in CSIRO's Resource Futures group which produced long-term analyses of Australia's physical economy focusing on human population (*Future Dilemmas*), marine fisheries (*Fish Futures*), land and water (*Decision Points*) and a triple bottom line analysis of the Australian economy (*Balancing Act*). His current work focuses on integrated solutions to Australia's challenges of energy security and greenhouse mitigation. He is a research fellow at the ANU's Fenner School of Environment and Society, The Institute of Land Water and Society at Charles Sturt University, and the Physics Department at the University of Sydney. He now lives in regional Victoria.

### **A. Malcolm Gill**

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Dr A. Malcolm Gill is a research scientist who has been studying bushfires and their effects for nearly 40 years, largely with CSIRO Plant Industry, but more recently with The Australian National University as well. His interests include fire weather, fire behaviour, fire effects and fire management. The effects of fires studied by Dr Gill include those on eucalypts, biodiversity, water quality and urban interfaces. He is widely published and enjoys an international reputation. He has been the co-author or co-editor of a number of books. He was a member of the Victorian Bushfire Inquiry that followed the widespread fires of 2003.

### **Brendan Gleeson**

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Brendan Gleeson is Director of the Urban Research Program and Professor of Urban Management and Policy at Griffith University. He has published widely in urban research, including books on making space for hope in the suburbs, and creating child-friendly cities. His new Griffith Review essay, 'Waking from the Dream', examines the sustainability threat facing our cities.

### **Ken Green**

*National Parks and Wildlife Service, Snowy Mountains Region*

Ken Green began his cold climate research as an undergraduate at the Canberra College of Advanced Education and the ANU where he studied synthesis of antifreeze in grasshoppers for his MSc qualifier, and insectivorous mammals and their prey beneath the snow for his PhD. He spent eight years with the Antarctic Division including full years at Davis in Antarctica and on subantarctic Heard Island. He has published widely in the field and is currently the National Parks and Wildlife Service alpine ecologist based in the Snowy Mountains.

### **Nicole Gurran**

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Nicole Gurran is an Associate Professor in the Urban and Regional Planning Program at the University of Sydney. She is the author of the book *Australian Urban Land Use Planning; Introducing Statutory Planning Practice in NSW* (Sydney University Press 2007). Her research focuses on local planning, housing and managing urban development in highly sensitive environmental contexts. In 2007 she established the online Australian Urban Land Use Planning Policy Monitor, revealing how Australian local plans address matters like urban growth, housing diversity and affordability.

### **John Handmer**

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John Handmer is Innovation Professor of Risk and Sustainability at RMIT University in Melbourne where he is head of the Centre for Risk and Community Safety and the Human Security Program, and one of four Research Program Leaders for the Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Australian National University. A geographer, he holds a BA and PhD from ANU, and a MA from the University of Toronto. His current research is dedicated to improving community resilience and sustainability through providing the evidence base for policy and practice.

### **Molly Harriss Olson**

*Eco Futures*

Molly Harriss Olson is a Director of Eco Futures, an Australian-based international policy firm, and is the Founder and Convenor of the National Business Leaders Forum on Sustainable Development. Ms Olson was the Founding Executive Director of President Clinton's Council on Sustainable Development at the White House (1992–1996).

She serves on the Boards of the Green Building Council, The Australia Institute, and is Chair of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Ecos Magazine* (CSIRO Publishing). Ms Olson earned her joint Bachelor degrees in Environmental Studies and Economics with thesis honours from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She was a distinguished Bates Resident Scholar at Yale University where she earned a Masters in Environmental Policy from the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. In January 1995, Ms Olson was selected to be a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Leaders for Tomorrow program, made up of individuals worldwide born after 1950, who have distinguished themselves as recognised leaders in the world community.

### **Richard J. Hobbs**

*School of Environmental Science, Murdoch University*

Richard Hobbs is Professor of Environmental Science at Murdoch University, where he holds an Australian Professorial Fellowship, and leads the Ecosystem Restoration Laboratory. His particular interests are in vegetation dynamics and management, invasive species, ecosystem restoration, conservation biology and landscape ecology. He is the author of over 250 scientific publications and author/editor of 17 books. He serves or has served in executive positions in a number of learned societies and on numerous editorial boards, is currently Editor in Chief of the journal *Restoration Ecology*, and was elected to the Australian Academy of Science in 2004.

## **Ove Hoegh-Guldberg**

*Centre for Marine Studies, University of Queensland*

Ove Hoegh-Guldberg has held academic positions at UCLA, Stanford University, the University of Sydney and the University of Queensland and is currently a member of the Australian Climate Group, the Royal Society (London) Marine Advisory Network and is a Reviewing Editor at *Science Magazine*. He also heads a large research laboratory (over 25 researchers and students) at the University of Queensland that is focused on the impacts of global warming and ocean acidification on marine ecosystems now and into the future. He completed his BSc (Honours) at the University of Sydney and PhD at UCLA in 1989, and was recognised in 1999 with the Eureka Prize for Research into the physiological mechanisms of coral bleaching.

## **Lesley Hughes**

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Professor Lesley Hughes is a community ecologist from Macquarie University who has been studying the potential impacts of climate change on Australian species and ecosystems for over 15 years. Her research group is conducting a wide variety of investigations using bioclimatic modelling, field surveys, and experimental work on the impacts of elevated CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature. She was a lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report and is a member of the Expert Advisory Group on Climate Change and Biodiversity for the Department of Climate Change. She is also Chair of the NSW Scientific Committee, responsible for listing threatened species in NSW, and a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of WWF Australia.

## **Joanne L. Isaac**

*Centre for Tropical Biodiversity and Climate Change, James Cook University*

Joanne Isaac is currently a post-doctoral researcher in the Centre for Tropical Biodiversity and Climate Change, School of Marine and Tropical Biology at James Cook University, Townsville. She is particularly interested in understanding how environmental change will influence life history and population persistence in animal populations and is using Wet Tropics vertebrates as a model system to investigate the links between life history, ecology, rarity and extinction risk. She has previously worked on a variety of native Australian mammals, and in particular explored the life history and ecology of common brushtail possums on Magnetic Island, Queensland.

## **Sue Jackson**

*CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems*

Sue Jackson is a research scientist with CSIRO's Division of Sustainable Ecosystems. She is a geographer with over 10 years experience researching the social dimensions of natural resource management in north Australia. During that time she has studied the interactions between the introduced environmental management and planning systems of the settler society and Indigenous values and customary management practice. The social impact of development projects on Indigenous communities has been a complementary research interest. Sue's current research focus is the Indigenous rights and values associated with water and their successful incorporation into contemporary water resource management frameworks.

**Robert Kearney***Institute of Applied Ecology, University of Canberra*

Bob Kearney is Emeritus Professor of Fisheries at the University of Canberra. He is Chairman of the Research Committees of the Hermon Slade Foundation and the Australia and Pacific Scientific Foundation. Previous positions include: Director of the Skipjack and Tuna Programs for the South Pacific Commission, Chief Scientist of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, Director of the NSW Fisheries Research Institute and Chairman of the Board of the World Fish Center. His current research interests include assessment of Australia's future supply and demand for seafood and improving the standard of science used to underpin natural resource conservation and allocation. In 2005 he was awarded the Order of Australia in recognition of his contribution to international and Australian fisheries research and management.

**Richard Kingsford***School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of New South Wales*

Professor Richard Kingsford has focused his research over about the last 20 years on the water-birds, wetlands and rivers of arid Australia, which cover about 70% of the continent. He has particularly been interested in flow patterns of some of the great desert rivers in Australia such as Cooper Creek. He has identified the significant impacts of water resource development on the rivers and wetlands of the Murray-Darling Basin and contributed to policy development. Aerial surveys of water-birds, mapping of wetlands and development of software for delivering knowledge about catchments are other areas of his work. His research has demonstrated the ecological values of many rivers and impacts of water resource in arid Australia, for which he received a Eureka Award in 2001. He has more than 100 publications including three books, including one on the desert rivers of the world. In 2007, he received the Hoffman Medal for contribution to global wetland science.

**Neil Lazarow***Fenner School of Environment and Society, The Australian National University; Griffith Centre for Coastal Management, Griffith University*

Neil Lazarow's PhD research at the Australian National University focuses on a number of coastal planning and management challenges in Australia, including institutional challenges and better ways to incorporate local knowledge into decision-making. He is also a Senior Research Fellow at Griffith University. He has qualifications in philosophy, political science and public policy. His research interests include coastal planning and management, climate adaptation, outdoor recreation and serious leisure, anthropology and economics. In 2006, along with Rob Fearon, Regina Souter and Stephen Dovers, he edited the monograph *Coastal Management in Australia: Key Institutional and Governance Issues for Coastal Natural Resource Management*, which was published by the Coastal Cooperative Research Centre.

**David Lindenmayer***Fenner School of the Environment and Society, The Australian National University*

David Lindenmayer is a Professor of Ecology and Conservation Biology in the Fenner School of Environment and Society. He has published 500 scientific articles and 20 books in the fields of forest management, biodiversity conservation, landscape change and habitat fragmentation, woodland ecology and plantation design. He has won several awards for his research including

the Eureka Prize for Environmental Research, the Whately Award (3 times), the Inaugural DaimlerChrysler Prize, The Australian Natural History Medallion, and the Bulletin Award for Australia's most innovative environmental thinker. He was made a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science in 2008.

### **Ian Lowe**

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Ian Lowe AO FTSE FQA is Emeritus Professor of Science, Technology and Society at Griffith University and President of the Australian Conservation Foundation. He directed the Commission for the Future in 1988 and chaired the advisory council that produced the first national report on the state of the environment in 1996. In 2000 he received the Queensland Premier's Millennium Award for Excellence in Science and the Prime Minister's Environmental Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement. He wrote a weekly column for *New Scientist* for 13 years and received the 2002 Eureka Prize for promotion of science and technology.

### **Fiona McKenzie**

*Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists*

Fiona McKenzie grew up on a farm in north-western NSW where she learnt first hand that to live within the natural limits of the Australian landscape has implications for rural communities as well as the ecosystems in which they reside. Fiona has a passion to discover new approaches to agriculture and natural resources management where both can prosper. Currently, Fiona is a Policy and Natural Resources Analyst with the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists where she has demonstrated creativity in synthesising ideas from across a range of disciplines and turning scientific knowledge into concrete solutions. She previously worked in the former Healthy Rivers Commission, the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources and the Ministry for Science and Medical Research.

### **Phil McManus**

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Phil McManus is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Geosciences at the University of Sydney. He has tertiary qualifications in urban planning (Curtin), environmental studies (York, Canada) and a PhD in geography (Bristol). He is the author of *Vortex Cities to Sustainable Cities: Australia's Urban Challenge* (UNSW Press 2005) and numerous journal articles and book chapters on the topics of sustainable cities, concepts of nature and urban environmental management. His current research includes urban forestry, and thoroughbred breeding and the uses of nature and tradition.

### **Anthony J. McMichael**

*National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, The Australian National University*

Tony McMichael, medical epidemiologist, is an NHMRC Australia Fellow at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, ANU. He was previously Professor of Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 1994–2001. His research focuses on environmental influences on disease occurrence, both infectious and non-infectious. He has pioneered research into the health risks of climate change. During 1993–2007 he coordinated the assessment of health impacts for the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate

Change (IPCC) – and shared with IPCC colleagues the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. His books include *Human Frontiers, Environments and Disease: Past Patterns, Uncertain Futures* (Cambridge 2001) and *Climate Change and Human Health: Risks and Responses* (WHO 2003).

### **Steve Morton**

*CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems*

Steve Morton received his PhD in animal ecology from the University of Melbourne. After postdoctoral studies at the University of California, Irvine and the University of Sydney, he worked with the Office of the Supervising Scientist at Jabiru, Northern Territory, before joining CSIRO in Alice Springs. He then transferred to Canberra, became Chief of CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems, and joined the CSIRO Executive Team to oversee research in environment and energy. Following a year's leave in Alice Springs, he has returned to CSIRO's Executive with responsibility for manufacturing, materials and minerals. His interest continues to be the challenge of finding pathways towards sustainability.

### **Gavin M. Mudd**

*Department of Civil Engineering, Monash University*

Gavin Mudd has been an active researcher and advocate on the environmental impacts and management of mining for over a decade, with particular experience in brown coal ash, uranium mining and environmental management. He maintains an independent perspective, including research for mining companies, community groups and Aboriginal organisations. With strong qualifications and experience, he has developed a unique understanding of the multidisciplinary nature of the environmental aspects of mining, culminating in a distinctive view on an apparent oxymoron – that of 'sustainable mining'. Additionally, he has active research interests in groundwater management, and urban water, especially with respect to climate change and sustainability. Gavin is presently Course Director for Environmental Engineering at Monash University.

### **Hugh P. Possingham**

*The Ecology Centre, University of Queensland*

Hugh Possingham topped Mathematics Honours at The University of Adelaide in 1984. Hugh completed his DPhil at Oxford University in 1987 as a Rhodes scholar. In 1995 he was appointed Foundation Chair of Environmental Science at the University of Adelaide. He is currently an ARC Federation Fellow (2006–2011) in Mathematics and Ecology at the University of Queensland and Director of a Commonwealth Environment Research Facility – <http://www.aeda.edu.au/>. The Possingham lab includes 30 people working on conservation and applied population ecology. Hugh's public roles include: member of the Wentworth Group and former Chair of the Federal Biological Diversity Advisory Committee. In 2005 he was elected to the Australian Academy of Science. He suffers from obsessive bird watching.

### **Richard Price**

*Kiri-ganai Research*

Richard is Managing Director of Kiri-ganai Research. He has substantial experience in developing and managing national inter-disciplinary and multi-organisational programs in the environmental arena. In 1992 he established and managed Australia's National Dryland Salinity Program until 2004. As a senior manager with Land & Water Australia, he also established and managed the National Climate Variability in Agriculture Program, National Soil

Acidification Program, the Research Integration and Adoption Program and the Social and Institutional Research Program. Richard has a PhD in the sociology of science, and currently coordinates Grain & Graze, a program involving 66 diverse research, industry and NRM institutions across the country. Richard won a Banksia Environmental Award in 2008 for his collaborative work on biodiversity in agriculture.

### **Suzanne M. Prober**

*CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems*

Suzanne Prober is a plant ecologist at CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems in Perth, and has worked for many years in temperate eucalypt woodlands of southern Australia. Her research is centred on understanding and restoring ecological function and diversity in woodlands and other ecological communities of fragmented agricultural landscapes, with a focus on plant-soil interactions, weed invasion, fire ecology and native grasses. She has been closely involved in the development of novel policy initiatives for conserving and restoring fragmented and degraded temperate woodlands. Current projects focus on understanding and restoring ecological resistance and resilience in woodlands and shrublands under climate change.

### **Mark Stafford Smith**

*CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems*

Mostly based in Alice Springs, Mark Stafford Smith has lived and worked in the rangelands for nearly three decades. His initial research focused on arid zone ecology and sustainable management of grazing, particularly decision-making and financial returns in the face of climate variability. His work broadened to look at sustainable habitation of the remote Australia more generally, as a result of which he was the inaugural CEO of the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre. Today he divides his time between the Science of Desert Living, and his role as science director of CSIRO's Climate Adaptation Flagship.

### **Timothy F. Smith**

*Regional Sustainability Research Group, University of the Sunshine Coast*

Associate Professor Tim Smith is the Director of the Regional Sustainability Research Group, and Research Coordinator for the Faculty of Science, Health and Education, at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC). Prior to joining USC he was a senior research scientist with CSIRO and has also led research portfolios for national environmental research centres (e.g. Coastal Cooperative Research Centre and Catchment Hydrology Cooperative Research Centre). His research interests focus on transforming society towards sustainability. He lives in Doonan with his wife and three children, and is happiest when immersed in the ocean.

### **Will Steffen**

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Professor Will Steffen is Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society at the Australian National University, Canberra, and is also Science Adviser, Department of Climate Change, Australian Government. From 1998 to mid-2004, he served as Executive Director of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme, based in Stockholm, Sweden. His research interests span a broad range within the field of Earth System science, with a special emphasis on terrestrial ecosystem interactions with global change, the global carbon cycle, incorporation of human processes in Earth System modelling and analysis, and sustainability and the Earth System.

**John Williams***Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists*

John Williams is one of Australia's most respected scientists, and has led the national debate about sustainable land management. Prior to joining the Natural Resources Commission of NSW in 2006, he was Chief Scientist and Chair of the Department of Natural Resources' Science and Information Board and Adjunct Professor in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management at Charles Sturt University. He retired from CSIRO as Chief of Land and Water in 2004 and is a founding member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists. In 2005, he was awarded the prestigious Farrer Memorial Medal for achievement and excellence in agricultural science. He has extensive experience in providing national and international thought leadership in natural resource management, particularly in agriculture production and its environmental impact.

**Stephen E. Williams***Centre for Tropical Biodiversity and Climate Change, James Cook University*

Stephen Williams is the Director for the Centre of Tropical Biodiversity and Climate Change in the School of Marine and Tropical Biology, James Cook University, Townsville. His research was the first to identify global climate change as a severe threatening process in the Australian Wet Tropics and since 2003, he has published 23 articles and reports on climate change impacts on biodiversity. His findings have been incorporated into the Wet Tropics conservation strategy, Queensland's climate change policy, the National Biodiversity & Climate Change Action Plan, the 'State of the Worlds Birds' Report, and IUCN Climate Change reports. His work has resulted in the IPCC recognising the Australian Wet Tropics rainforests as a biodiversity hotspot that is highly threatened by global climate change.

**John Woinarski***NT Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts; School for Environmental Research, Charles Darwin University*

John Woinarski has worked on many issues related to the ecology, conservation and management of northern Australia, over the last 20 years. He is a Principal Scientist with the Northern Territory Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts, an Adjunct Professorial Fellow with Charles Darwin University and a member of the Science Council of the Wild Country project. He has published about 200 scientific papers and book chapters, mostly about Australia's tropical savannas.

**Mike Young***University of Adelaide*

Mike Young is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and holds a Research Chair in Water Economics and Management at the University of Adelaide.

A Member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, in 2006, Mike Young was awarded the Land and Water Australia Eureka Award for Water Research. The award recognises the significant contribution of his research with Jim McColl on the introduction of improved water entitlement, water allocation systems and trading systems. He is best known for his capacity to integrate biophysical and economic information to produce innovative policy proposals that catalyse change.

He holds Adjunct Professorships with the University of New England and Charles Sturt University. Prior to joining the University of Adelaide, he spent 30 years with CSIRO where amongst other things he established their Policy and Economic Research Unit with offices in Adelaide, Canberra and Perth. In 2003, he was awarded a centenary medal 'for outstanding service through environmental economics.'

In 2005, the *Canberra Times* recognised him as 'Green Australian of the Year.' In 2006, the *Canberra Times* listed him as one of the 10 most influential people in water policy reform. More information can be found at [www.myoung.net.au](http://www.myoung.net.au).