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**Tenth Annual Conference of Parliamentary Environment and  
Public Works Committees**

**Sustainability and Bushfire Recovery Conference**

**28–30 September 2005**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**Wednesday 28 September 2005 — ACT Legislative Assembly**

12.30pm – 1.15pm	<b>Registration: ACT Legislative Assembly Foyer</b> , coffee and tea available.
1.30pm – 1.35pm	<b>Welcome and introduction: Chamber, ACT Legislative Assembly</b> <b>Session chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Mick Gentleman, MLA</b> Chair, ACT Standing Committee on Planning and Environment</li> <li>• <b>Welcome to Ngunnawal country</b> by Ms Louise Brown</li> </ul>
1.35pm – 2.00pm	<b>Keynote presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Jon Stanhope MLA</b> ACT Chief Minister</li> </ul>
2.00pm– 2.15pm	Discussion
2.15pm – 2.45pm	<b>Session chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Neil Savery</b>, Chief Planning Executive, ACT Planning and Land Authority</li> </ul> <b>Keynote presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Stuart Ellis AM</b>, Chair, National Bushfire Inquiry <b>'Bushfire recovery and sustainability through the National 5 Rs'</b></li> <li>• <b>Mr Sandy Hollway</b>, Chair, Shaping Our Territory Working Group, ACT Government <b>'Eco-villages in the ACT'</b></li> </ul>
2.45pm – 3.00pm	Discussion
3.15pm	Buses depart for <b>Australian National Botanic Gardens</b>
3.30pm – 4.30pm	Guided walk through the Gardens with the focus <b>'Fire adaptation of Australian flora'</b>
4.45pm	Performance by <b>Wiradjuri Echo</b>
5.00pm–7.00pm	<b>Refreshments provided by Hudsons at the Gardens</b> <b>Formal welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Wayne Berry MLA</b>, Speaker of the ACT Legislative Assembly</li> </ul>
7.00pm	Buses depart for Civic and accommodation venues Canberra's fine restaurants are available for your enjoyment

**Thursday 29 September 2005 — Field Trip**

9.30am – 4.00pm	Visit areas and infrastructure recovering from the 2003 bushfires in and around Canberra, with senior ACT Government officials and experts providing commentary. <b><i>A field trip guide is included in the conference handbook. Lunch and morning and afternoon teas will be provided.</i></b>
7.00pm (approx.)	Buses depart from accommodation venues for dinner venue
7.30pm – 10.00pm	<b>Conference Dinner: Peninsula Room, National Museum of Australia</b> <b>Master of ceremonies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Tom Duncan</b>, Clerk, ACT Legislative Assembly</li> </ul> <b>After-dinner speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr John Mackay, CEO, ActewAGL</b> (the joint venture between the ACT Electricity and Water Authority and AGL that supplies electricity, gas, water and wastewater services to the ACT and region.)</li> </ul>
10.00pm (approx.)	Buses depart from Museum for accommodation venues

## Friday 30 September 2005 — University House

9.30am – 10.15am	<p><b>Risk management, recovery and sustainability</b></p> <p><b>Session chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Maria Taranto</b>, Project Manager, Bushfire CRC</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Jim Gould and Dr John Raison</b>, CSIRO Forestry and Forests Product <b>'Future Outlook – Bushfire Risk and Climate Change'</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Lyn Breuer</b>, Presiding Member, Environment, Resources &amp; Development Committee SA Parliament, <b>'Native Vegetation and the Eyre Peninsula Bushfire'</b></li> <li>• <b>Mr Hilton Taylor</b>, ACT Forests <b>'Bushfire – The Demise and Rise of ACT Forests'</b></li> </ul>
10.15am – 10.30am	Discussion
<b>10.30am–11.00am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
11.00am – 12.30pm	<p><b>STREAM 1: Seminar Room</b></p> <p><b>Post-bushfire public works and sustainability</b></p> <p><b>Session chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Maxine Cooper</b>, Executive Director, Arts, Heritage and Environment</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Paul Lewis</b>, ACT Planning and Land Authority, <b>'Post 2003 Canberra Bushfires – A Planning Perspective'</b></li> <li>• <b>Mr Barton Williams</b>, VicUrban, <b>'VicUrban creating sustainable communities – delivering outcomes and tools for change'</b></li> <li>• <b>Mr Rod Hillman</b>, Arts Heritage and Environment, <b>'Tidbinbilla – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow'</b></li> </ul>
12.30pm–12.45pm	STREAM 1: Seminar Room — Discussion
11.00am – 12.30pm	<p><b>STREAM 2: Common Room</b></p> <p><b>Community engagement</b></p> <p><b>Session chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Stuart Ellis AM</b>, Director, Leading Emergency Services Pty Ltd</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Mary Porter AM MLA</b>, <b>'What do we do when there are too many helping hands? Or not enough skilled ones?'</b></li> <li>• <b>Dr Susan Nicholls</b>, University of Canberra <b>'Communicating for Recovery – An ACT case-study'</b></li> <li>• <b>Ms Chris Healy</b>, Chief Minister's Department, <b>with representatives of the Mt Taylor Estate Residents Association 'People and Place in Bushfire Recovery in ACT'</b></li> <li>• <b>Mr Chris Stamford</b>, <b>'The Phoenix Association's Garden Regeneration Project'</b></li> </ul>
12.30pm – 12.45pm	STREAM 2: Common Room — Discussion
<b>12.45 – 1.45pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1.45pm – 3.00pm	<p><b>Jurisdictional round-up – Executive responses to Committee reports</b></p> <p><b>Session chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Zed Seselja</b>, Deputy Chair, ACTLA Standing Committee on Planning and Environment</li> </ul>
<b>3.00pm – 3.15pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
3.15pm – 4.00pm	<p><b>Conference round-up and discussion</b></p> <p><b>Session chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Mary Porter AM MLA</b>, Member, ACTLA Standing Committee on Planning and Environment</li> </ul>

### Sustainability and Bushfire Recovery Display

For the duration of the conference delegates will enjoy access to a 'Sustainability and Bushfire Recovery Display' at University House.

## GUEST / KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### Tenth Annual Conference of Parliamentary Environment and Public Works Committees



#### Mr Jon Stanhope MLA

Jon Stanhope, MLA has been the Chief Minister of the ACT since November 2001. Mr Stanhope is also the ACT Attorney General and Minister for Arts, Heritage and Indigenous Affairs and Minister for the Environment.

Immediately prior to his election to the Assembly, Jon worked as Senior Adviser and Chief of Staff for the Federal Attorney General, Michael Lavarch. He also spent a period as an adviser on native title to Federal Opposition Leader, Kim Beazley.



#### Mr Stuart Ellis AM

Following a 20 year military career, Stuart Ellis became the CEO of the Country Fire Service in South Australia. In 2001 he established his own consultancy firm and over recent years has been involved in a number

of major inquiries and performance reviews including a Performance Audit of Victorian Rural Fire Agencies in 2002 and the Operational Response to the Canberra Bushfires in 2003. He also served as the Chair of the Council of Australian Government's Inquiry on Bushfire Mitigation and Management, which reported in 2004.



#### Mr Jim Gould

Jim Gould has worked with the CSIRO for over 20 years in the areas of bushfire behaviour and prevention. Jim is a Research and Program Leader with the CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products Bushfire Behaviour and

Management Group and the Bushfire CRC respectively. He is currently researching fire behaviour, fire weather and fuel management of various vegetation types throughout Australia. Jim was the 2003 recipient of the CSIRO Chairman's Medal Award.



#### Mr Wayne Berry MLA

Wayne Berry, MLA was ACT Secretary and National President of the United Firefighters Union before being elected to the first ACT Legislative Assembly in 1989. Wayne was the ACT's first Minister for Health and carried

responsibility for the Health portfolio – in Government and Opposition – until 1998. He was elected to the position of Speaker in December 2001.



#### Ms Lyn Breuer MHA

Lyn Breuer was elected to the South Australian House of Assembly in October 1997. As the Member for Giles, Lyn is the only country Labor Member in the lower house. Prior to her election to the Assembly,

Lyn was a TAFE lecturer at the Spencer Institute. She is currently the Presiding Member of the Environment, Resources and Development Committee.



#### Mr John Mackay AM

John Mackay is the CEO of ActewAGL and TransACT Pty Ltd, which provide electricity, gas, water, sewerage, fibre cable, telephone and television services across the Canberra region. Prior to 1998, John held a number of

senior executive positions in the Commonwealth Public Service. He is currently a member of the 'Shaping Our Territory' Working Group which provided advice to the ACT Government on land use policy in the ACT following the January 2003 bushfires.



#### Mr Sandy Hollway

Sandy Hollway was the CEO of the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG). Prior to joining SOCOG in February 1997, Sandy had been Secretary of the Department of Employment, Training and

Youth Affairs and Secretary of the Department of Industry, Science and Technology. He had also held a number of key positions in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He is currently the Chair of the Shaping Our Territory Working Group.

# ACCOMMODATION

Special accommodation rates for conference delegates and accompanying persons are available at the three hotels listed below.

We encourage delegates to book with one of these three hotels to assist with streamlining transport arrangements.

**Please note:**

- that the Secretariat is not responsible for booking delegate's accommodation
- that to obtain the reduced tariff you will need to quote the reference given below for each hotel when making your booking, and
- each hotel's cancellation policy.

## UNIVERSITY HOUSE

★★★1/2 (Also conference venue)

18 Balmain Crescent, Acton 2601

**Telephone:** +61 2 6125 5211

**Fax:** +61 2 6125 5252

**Contact Person:** Julie Farnham

**Email:** accommodation.unihouse@anu.edu.au

**Website:** www.anu.edu.au/unihouse

**Quoted rates:**

North Wing Suite (Queen bed)

\$118 for one person with full breakfast

\$129 for two people with full breakfast

**Reference:** Tenth Annual Conference of Parliamentary Environment and Public Works Committees

*(please quote this reference when booking your accommodation to obtain the conference rate)*

Standard Check-in: 1:00 pm

Standard Check-out: 10:00 am

**Booking:** When making a booking guests must provide credit card details. Please remember to quote the reference when booking.

**Cancellation:** Bookings can be cancelled anytime up to 24 hours prior to arrival. A cancellation within 24 hours of arrival will incur a penalty equal to one night's accommodation to the credit card provided.

## WALDORF APARTMENT HOTEL

★★★★1/2

2 Akuna Street, Canberra City 2601

**Telephone:** +61 2 6229 0239

**Fax:** +61 2 6230 1463

**Contact Person:**

Kay Stares 6229 0239

**Email:** kays@waldorfcanberra.com.au

**Website:** www.waldorf.com.au

**Quoted rates:**

Studio (Twin beds)

\$150 room only

\$159 with breakfast (max 2 people)

One bedroom

\$172 room only

\$190 with breakfast (max 2 people)

**Reference:** PPWE

*(please quote this reference when booking your accommodation to obtain the conference rate)*

Standard Check-in: 1:00 pm

Standard Check-out: 10:00 am

**Booking:** When making a booking guests must provide credit card details or a written authority to charge back their company/organisation. Please remember to quote the reference when booking.

**Cancellation:** Bookings can be cancelled anytime up to 24 hours prior to arrival. A cancellation within 24 hours of arrival will incur a penalty equal to one night's accommodation to the credit card provided.

## CROWNE PLAZA CANBERRA

★★★★

1 Binara Street, Canberra City 2601

**Telephone:** +61 2 6247 8999

(ask for INHOUSE reservations)

**Fax:** +61 2 6257 4903

**Contact Person:** Roberts Ejubs

**Email:** res@crowneplazacanberra.com.au

**Website:** www.crowneplaza.com.au

**Quoted rates:**

\$180 with breakfast for one

\$196 with breakfast for two (Guests have a choice of 1 Queen or 2 Doubles in the room).

**Reference:** #28560

*(please quote this reference when booking your accommodation to obtain the conference rate)*

Standard Check-in: 2:00 pm

Standard Check-out: 11:00 am

**Booking:** When making a booking guests must provide a credit card or a cheque deposit equal to one night's accommodation. Bookings are not guaranteed until one of these has been received. All deposits must be forwarded to the hotel no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of the conference. Please remember to quote the reference number when booking.

**Cancellations:** Bookings can be cancelled anytime up to 72 hours prior to arrival. A cancellation within 72 hours of arrival will incur a penalty equal to one night's accommodation to the credit card provided.

To assist with transport arrangements please advise on page 5 where you will be staying during the conference

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN PAGES 5 AND 6 TO:**

10th Annual Conference of Parliamentary Environment and Public Works Committees  
Standing Committee for Planning & Environment  
Legislative Assembly for the ACT  
GPO Box 1020  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Please register by 2 August 2005**

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Title (Eg. Hon, Dr, Mr, Ms, Miss, Mrs)	First name	Surname		
Organisation		Position		
Address				
City	State	Postcode		
Country				
Email				
Phone (office)	Phone (mobile)	Fax (office)		
<i>Please include country (if not in Australia) and area code, eg. +61 3 1234 5678</i>				
Accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/> University House	<input type="checkbox"/> Waldorf	<input type="checkbox"/> Crowne Plaza	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

**Name to appear on badge**

First name	Surname
Position	Organisation

**Privacy**

Do you wish to be included on the **Participant List** to be distributed to delegates at the conference and published on the website?  Yes  No

**SIGNATURE**

**Accompanying person (non-delegate)**

If the accompanying person wishes to attend the Conference, s/he will need to complete a separate Registration Form as a Delegate.

Please check this box if there is an accompanying person

First name	Surname
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Does the accompanying person wish to be included on the Participant List to be distributed to delegates at the conference and published on the website?

If Yes, please ask the accompanying person to sign here:

**SIGNATURE**

Accompanying persons are welcome to attend the welcome reception, conference dinner and field trip.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Special dietary requirements**

Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanying person: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special access requirements**

Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanying person: \_\_\_\_\_

**Any additional information we should know?**

Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanying person: \_\_\_\_\_

# REGISTRATION FORM

## REGISTRATION FEE (GST inclusive)

Please indicate below which category of registration you are seeking.

Following receipt of a completed registration form the ACT Legislative Assembly will send you a tax invoice, payable within 21 days from the date of issue.

Registration fees will be applied flexibly for conference speakers and other contributors.

Australia has a Goods and Services TAX (GST) of 10%. Overseas delegates are not exempt from payment of this tax. All fees and costs quoted in this brochure are GST inclusive.

**3-day registration: The fully-inclusive 3-day conference registration fee includes — the welcome reception, the conference dinner, morning and afternoon teas, lunches on Thursday and Friday, the field trip and transport to and from designated hotels (excluding arrivals from airport).**

### I wish to pay:

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 day fully inclusive registration  | \$400 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single day registration (excluding conference dinner)   | \$120 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single day registration (including conference dinner)   | \$220 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single day concessional registration<br>(excluding conference dinner and field trip) (Full-time students, NGOs, retirees etc) | \$50  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference dinner only  | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying person registration  |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reception only  | \$40  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference dinner only  | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reception and dinner  | \$140 |

## REGISTRATION FEE TO BE INVOICED

Delegate	AUD\$
Accompanying person	AUD\$
TOTAL PAYMENT DUE	AUD\$

**Cancellation Policy:** Funds will be repaid in full if notice of cancellation is provided in writing to the Secretary, Standing Committee for Planning & Environment, no less than 14 days before the event. If no such notice is received, the fee will remain payable in full, but a substitute delegate is welcome.

For further information please contact the ACT Legislative Assembly Committee Office on  
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fax: 61 2 62050432  
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