

ARRANGEMENTS BRIEF

FUNCTION:	A one-day symposium entitled “Climate Change Adaptation in the ACT: Environment, Heritage and Water”. The aim of the symposium is to kickstart the process of development of an adaptation framework for the Environment, Heritage and Water (EHW) Division by exposing government managers, policymakers and scientists to the cutting-edge research and thinking of the Australian National University (ANU), University of Canberra (UC) and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) on climate change adaptation. The focus is on landscape-level adaptation (as distinct from the urban adaptation focus of the ACT Government’s Living Infrastructure Plan). It is not a planning meeting, but a “provocative” symposium aimed at stimulating the ACT Government team to think through what climate change means for their area, what the options are, what are the challenges, and what the planning process may involve. The symposium has been collaboratively co-convened by: - the ACT Government Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) - the Centre for Biodiversity Analysis (CBA; a network that brings together researchers from UC, the ANU, and CSIRO, and links them with research users), and - the ANU Institute for Climate, Energy and Disaster Solutions (ANU-ICEDS).
VENUE:	Ann Harding Conference Centre, Building 24, University Drive South, University of Canberra.
HOST:	Name: Rosie Cooney, Conservation Research and Evaluation Branch, EHW. Mobile: Personal information
DAY:	Friday
DATE:	8 th April
TIME:	8:50am arrival (or from 8:30am if the Minister would like coffee/tea with participants). Symposium starting time is 9am.
TIME COMMITMENT:	Minimum time commitment is 20 minutes. The Minister is welcome to stay for as much of the symposium as she would like.
CATERING:	The symposium will be fully catered, with tea/coffee available at the venue from 8:30am, morning tea 10:30am, lunch, afternoon tea, and social drinks 4:30-5:00pm.
DRESS CODE:	No set dress code. Business/smart casual would be appropriate.

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YOUR ROLE:	A five-minute opening speech, setting the tone for a day and clarifying the ambitious EHW agenda on climate adaptation (<u>Attachment A</u>). A microphone and lectern will be available.
WHERE TO PARK:	A parking spot will be available directly to the right of the entrance of the conference centre, marked out with witches' hats.
WHO WILL MEET YOU:	Rosie Cooney, Conservation Research and Evaluation.
ADVISOR ATTENDING:	Yes. Personal information have RSVP'd to organisers. Should any additional advisors wish to attend they are welcome - no additional arrangements are required.
AUDIENCE:	A mixture of researchers from ANU, CSIRO and UC (approx. 20-25, covering many different disciplines from climate modelling to ecology to parks management to social change); and staff from across EHW (approx. 55-65). A small number of staff from other parts of EPSDD and from Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD). Minister Gentleman will be attending and providing an opening speech at the second session of the symposium, after morning tea (focused on adaptation in Namadgi National Park).
VIPs:	Jo Clay MLA. Many senior academics are present, but no requirement to acknowledge any individuals.
PAST INVOLVEMENT:	The Minister has met with the CBA to discuss strengthening research cooperation between EPSDD and the CBA and its component institutions. This event is an example of cooperation that is likely to lead to collaborative research opportunities focused on adaptation.
SENSITIVITIES:	There are no known funding sensitivities. CBA is not funded by ACT Government, but ACT Government has many collaborative research projects with its member organisations (ANU, CSIRO, UC). This symposium may possibly lead to further collaborative arrangements involving funding, and this is likely to be one of the motivations for the researchers present to participate in this event. However, there are no concrete projects related to this currently in the planning stage. There are no significant policy sensitivities. Climate adaptation broadly is led by CMTEDD and the Climate Change and Energy Division within EPSDD. EHW is closely linked in with both these teams in its work on adaptation.
ORDER OF CEREMONIES	9:00am - Ian Walker Welcomes participants and introduces Mary Mudford for the Welcome to Country. Ian Walker then introduces the Minister. 9:05am - Minister Vassarotti gives a speech. 9:10am (approx.) - Ian Walker thanks the Minister and hands over to Rosie Cooney to chair the talks and discussion.

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MEDIA:	No media interaction is anticipated.
SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS	The Centre for Biodiversity Analysis twitter handle is @biodivaCBA. The ANU Institute for Climate, Energy and Disaster Solutions twitter handle is @ANU_ICEDS.
OUTSTANDING REGULATORY ISSUES	N/A