

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 a climate adaptation framework for the nature 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 e.g. the urban adaptation focus of the ACT Government’s Living Infrastructure Plan). 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, Environment, Heritage and Water (EHW), EPSDD Mobile: Personal information
DAY:	Friday
DATE:	8 th April
TIME:	The symposium commences at 9am and runs until 5pm. Minister Gentleman will be speaking at the opening of the second session of the symposium, which focuses on adaptation in the context of management of Namadgi National Park. This is scheduled to commence at 10:45am (following morning tea).
TIME COMMITMENT:	Minimum time commitment is 15 minutes (arrival, commencement of session, 5-minute speech). The Minister is welcome to stay for as much of the symposium as he would like.
CATERING:	Morning tea will be served 10:30am – 10:45am, preceding the Minister’s talk, and the Minister is welcome to participate.
DRESS CODE:	No set dress code. Business/smart casual would be appropriate.
YOUR ROLE:	A five-minute speech, opening the session of the symposium focused on climate adaptation in Namadgi National Park (Attachment A). 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.

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WHO WILL MEET YOU:	Rosie Cooney, Environment, Heritage and Water (EHW) Division.
ADVISOR ATTENDING:	No
AUDIENCE:	A mixture of researchers from ANU, CSIRO and UC (approx. 30-40), and staff from EPSDD (approx. 30-40), across EHW and some other parts of EPSDD.
VIPs:	- Rebecca Vassarotti, Minister for the Environment (will be opening the symposium – may still be present). - MLA Jo Clay is expected to attend the full day.
PAST INVOLVEMENT:	None known
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	10:30am - 10:45am - Morning tea. 10:45am - Pete Cotsell (Parks and Conservation Service) opens the session and introduces the Minister. 10:45am -10:50am - Minister Gentleman gives a short speech opening the session. 10:50am - Pete Cotsell thanks the Minister and introduces the subsequent speaker. Minister may then stay as long as desired in the symposium.
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