

Agenda

Monash University Law Chambers
472 Bourke Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
9.30 – 6pm

9.00 – 9.30	Arrival / Coffee
9.30 – 10.15	Introduction: <i>A political agenda – climate change and responses.</i> An overview of the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) processes to date (e.g. Garnaut, Wilkins) and of forthcoming papers and forums. Discussion by participants detailing their submissions or interest in the ETS and climate change.
10.15 – 10.45	Glyn Mather, TEC The potential to manage the impacts of climate change from electricity generation has been largely overlooked within the NEM. Demand management (DM) and the establishment of new regulatory frameworks offer the possibility to incorporate climate change concerns into the NEM.
10.45 – 11.00	Morning tea
11.00 -12.00	Alan Pears, RMIT Presentation on climate change and response; projected impacts of a carbon price on households. Discussion of potential for efficiency improvements to reduce household consumption, offset a carbon price, improve comfort and general costs and benefits.
12.00 – 12.45	Brad Shone, ATA and Tosh Szatow, CUAC An overview of technologies and existing policies in Australia that support Distributed Generation (DG) and how Feed in Tariffs have been used overseas and could be used in Australia to simplify and improve DG industry development.
12.45 – 1.15	Implications on the NEM – group discussion
1.15 – 2.00	Lunch
2.00 – 3.00	Owen Pascoe, Australian Conservation Foundation Insights and observations regarding the ETS design; setting a trajectory; issues in ensuring environmental integrity including coverage; trade exposed industries; monitoring, reporting, assurance and acquittal; engaging with Garnaut and related processes.
3.00 – 4.00	Julian Turecek, CleanTech Ventures Insights and observations regarding the ETS design; how a carbon price might impact on technological development and decisions regarding deployment; what effects there might be for existing energy businesses, the national market and consumers.
4.00 – 4.15	Afternoon Tea
4.15 – 5.15	Ian Woods, AMP Insights and observations regarding the ETS design, Consumer Impacts of the ETS (further detail to be provided).
5.15 – 6.00	Summary discussion: <i>An advocacy agenda – working together.</i>

Guest Speakers

Alan Pears

Adjunct Professor, RMIT University and Director, Sustainability Solutions

Alan Pears teaches in the environment program at RMIT and is co-director of consultancy Sustainable Solutions. He has worked across all aspects of sustainable energy and climate change issues, with government, business and community groups. Alan helped to develop the Victorian Government Home Energy Advisory Service in the 1980s, along with building energy regulations, public education materials and a range of energy efficiency programs. Alan recently carried out research on equity and climate change response.

Owen Pascoe

Climate Change Campaigner, Australian Conservation Foundation

Owen Pascoe is a climate change campaigner with the Australia Conservation Foundation. Owen has work on market-based solutions to environmental problems for the last five years. He worked on environmental policy and economics for the NSW Government before making the move to the non-government sector three years ago to have a bigger impact on key decisions. He has campaigned for climate change solutions with the Nature Conservation Council of NSW and the Climate Action Network Australia. He recently joined the Australian Conservation Foundation where he is focussed on federal policy, including the emissions trading scheme and the mandatory renewable energy target.

Julian Turecek

Investment Manager, Cleantech Ventures and Visiting Fellow, Macquarie University

Julian has over 16 years experience in the energy industry, with a strong emphasis on emerging greenhouse markets. He is an Investment Manager at Cleantech Ventures, a Melbourne-based venture capital company with \$80m funds under management. Prior to joining Cleantech Ventures, Julian was a senior manager at Origin Energy where he most recently led climate change and energy policy. His earlier roles at Origin included setting up and running their carbon markets trading desk and trading in the electricity and gas markets. Previously Julian held trading and marketing positions at BHP Petroleum, Ecogen Energy, Boral Energy and Enron Australia.

He is a Visiting Fellow (Emissions Trading) at Macquarie University's Applied Finance Centre.

Dr Ian Woods

Senior Researcher, AMP

Ian is responsible for environmental, social, workplace and governance research of Australian listed companies and investigates the relationship between sustainability and corporate social responsibility (CSR) and financial performance. In his role Ian has prepared a number of "position papers" and undertaken research looking at Australian corporate governance and climate change issues. He has also been involved in the "Mays Report", Finance Sector Sustainability Roundtable and UNEP Financial Initiatives. Ian joined AMP after 10 years in environmental consulting, working with a wide range of companies throughout Asia and Europe. He has also represented the UK Government in negotiations on a UN multilateral treaty on air pollution.