



# Landscape change and land use planning forum

With the recent announcement of the National Action Plan the Federal and State Governments have given a commitment to support programs addressing national salinity and water quality issues. A key message is that landscape change needs to happen and this needs to be supported by providing community capacity for this change to occur.

Healthy water depends on healthy catchments. Healthy catchments depend on integrated resource planning and management. It's time for resource issues to be counted! It's time for a change!

How we can better ensure that long-term land planning decisions lead to sustainable development and use. To help, the RBMS has invited policy makers, planners and developers to help answer some of the key questions and develop a vision of the future role and importance of sound land planning systems.

The Forum will commence with a morning session of keynote speakers with afternoon workshops discussing key issues associated with landscape planning.

The theme of the forum will be land use planning and landscape change, how they interrelate and how can these processes be encouraged to enable sustainable development. This forum aims to flesh out these issues, a review of current landscape change programs and try to address future challenges.

## Tuesday, May 8

9.00am	Registration, arrival, coffee
9.30am	Welcome <b>Lance Lloyd, President RBMS</b>
9.35am	Introduction <b>John Riddiford, CEO, North East CMA/ RBMS</b>
9.45am	Landscape change programs from a state level <b>Christine Forster, Chairperson, Victorian Catchment Management Council</b>
10.15am	Demographic barriers to landscape change <b>Neil Barr, Leader Social Research CLPR, Department of Natural Resources and Environment</b>
10.45am	Housing Victorians in a sustainable manner <b>Bryce Moore, Urban Land Corporation</b>
11.15am	Morning tea
11.30am	Land use planning at the local government level <b>Chris DeSilva, Manager, Strategic Planning, Whittlesea City Council</b>
12.00pm	The use of land resources assessments to enable landscape change <b>Shawn Butters, Science Director, Agriculture Victoria</b>
12.30pm	Landscape change in the Tambo Valley <b>Nevil Penrose &amp; Paul Carroll Catchment &amp; Agricultural Services, Department of Natural Resources and Environment</b>
1.00pm	Lunch

2.00pm Workshop Discussion 1

2.45pm Workshop Discussion 2

### Discussion Topics

- Tackling barriers to adoption
- Addressing the ageing trend
- Practical ideas for landscape change
- Getting local government assistance in land use planning
- Research needs for landscape change

3.30pm Report back and large group discussion  
**Chaired by John Riddiford**

4.15pm Close  
**Lance Lloyd, President RBMS**

4.30 Afternoon Tea

## Target audience

- those interested in or working on land and waterway planning & management.

## Seminar objectives

- to stimulate new thoughts and approaches to resource planning and management,
- to provide practitioners with information that can be applied in their normal work, and
- to enable participants to network with colleagues, clients and service providers.

