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11-13 November 2026 | W Hotel, Melbourne



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PRE CONFERENCE WELCOME | TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

5:30pm - 7:30pm Wet Deck at the W Hotel

DAY ONE | WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

8:45am - 9:00am	Welcome to Country and housekeeping		
9:00am - 9:20am	PLENARY SPEAKER Paul Keighley - Chief of Staff, National EPA		
9:20am - 9:40am	PLENARY SPEAKER Sonja Mennen - Program Director, Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute		
9:40am- 10:00am	PLENARY SPEAKER Stephanie Styles - Associate Partner, Planner at Boffa Miskell		
10:00am - 10:40am	LEGISLATIVE REFORM PANEL Paul Keighley, Sonja Mennen and Stephanie Styles, facilitated by William Bartley, Clayton Utz		
10:40am - 10:45am	EIANZ PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS Fiona Gainsford		
10:45am - 11:15am	MORNING TEA		
11:15am - 12:15pm	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Simon Torok, CEO and Director, Scientell Pty Ltd		
12:15pm - 1:15pm	LUNCH		
	ROOM 1: Building and rebuilding stakeholder and community trust	ROOM 2: Navigating the boom in renewable energy and data infrastructure	ROOM 3: Legislative Reform in Action
1:15pm - 1:35pm	Richard Sharp Fyfe Pty Ltd	Andries van der Merwe and Justin Sullivan Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd	Jonathan Rhodes Queensland University of Technology
1:35pm - 1:55pm	Nathan Menser TransGrid	Jared Brook AECOM Australia Pty Ltd	Alexandria Yadev Arcadis
1:55pm - 2:15pm	Emma Molloy KPMG	David Gainsford NSW Premier's Department	Jared Brook AECOM Australia Pty Ltd
2:15pm - 2:35pm	Michael Buckton Mecone		Geoff Ralphs and Amy Young Dept. of Transport and Planning
2:35pm - 3:00pm	Panel discussion and questions	Panel discussion and questions	Panel discussion and questions
3:00pm - 3:30pm	AFTERNOON TEA		
	ROOM 1: Building and rebuilding stakeholder and community trust	ROOM 2: Navigating the boom in renewable energy and data infrastructure	ROOM 3: Modern Pollution Management
3:30pm - 3:50pm	Patrick Nykiel DEECA	Vicki Brady EDF Australia Pacific	Helen Ross University of Queensland
3:50pm - 4:10pm	Liliana Pena and Roland Short Social Performance Partners	Gary Graham and Martin Doyle Northstar Air Quality Pty Ltd	Brent Davey FYFE Pty Ltd
4:10pm - 4:30pm	Kimberley Saflian and Catherine Hansen EarthScience Information Systems Pty Ltd	Travis Hancock and Gillian Lee Marshall Day Acoustics	Briony Muller Senversa Pty Ltd
4:30pm - 4:50pm	Samantha Tout Stantec	Anowar Hossen Bangladesh Meteorological Department	Avanish Panikkar ENVIRAUD
4:50pm - 5:15pm	Panel discussion and questions	Panel discussion and questions	Panel discussion and questions
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Conference dinner and EIANZ merit awards State Library of Victoria		

DAY TWO | THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

9:00am - 9:10am	Welcome to Day 2		
9:10am - 10:15am	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Professor Rodney Carter, Interim Director, The Mabo Centre		
10:15am - 10:45am	MORNING TEA		
10:45am - 12:15pm	AI PANEL AI: Disruptor or Enabler? Environmental Practice, consultancy, digital tools and the data centres powering the AI revolution, facilitated by Tom Davies		
12:15pm - 1:15pm	LUNCH		
	ROOM 1: Technology and AI in environmental practice	ROOM 2: Restoration, net gain and regional planning	ROOM 3: First Nations Partnerships and Leadership
1:15pm - 1:35pm	Vincent Rigoli Senversa Pty Ltd	Michael Cheetham Geomorphe Pty Ltd	Nicholas Carter SMEC Australia
1:35pm - 1:55pm	Andrew Berman Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd	Han Xie Massey University	Kylie Walker and Jubal Aboriginal Corporation NSW DCCEEW
1:55pm - 2:15pm	Mark Barnett DD Project Consulting	Jody Finsen SMEC Australia	Caitlin Treacy Social Performance Partners
2:15pm - 2:35pm	Matthew O'Brien Sole Trader	Gareth Hall and Suanna Harvey Senversa Pty Ltd	Warren Mayers NSW DCCEEW Water Group
2:35pm - 3:00pm	Panel discussion and questions	Panel discussion and questions	Panel discussion and questions
3:00pm - 3:30pm	AFTERNOON TEA		
	ROOM 1: Technology and AI in environmental practice	ROOM 2: Restoration, net gain and regional planning	ROOM 3: Ethics, governance and professional accountability
3:30pm - 3:50pm	Pri Pandey and Sofie Mason-Jones GHD	Luis Mata Lookfar Research, and Kath Kok Arup	Michael McGuiness University of New England
3:50pm - 4:10pm	Tom Davies Mountain Ridge Wines	Julian Martin Geomorphe Pty Ltd	Alan Chenoweth Chenoweth Environment
4:10pm - 4:30pm	Granger Bennett Talis Consultants Pty Ltd	Bryan Jenkins University of Adelaide	Tanya Burdett Burdett Associates Essential Planning and Engagement
4:30pm - 4:50pm	Kimberley Saflian and Catherine Hansen EarthScience Information Systems Pty Ltd		Melanie Rippon EMM Consulting, and Max Hardy Max Hardy Consulting
4:50pm - 5:15pm	Panel discussion and questions	Panel discussion and questions	Panel discussion and questions
5:15pm - 5:20pm	CONFERENCE CLOSE		

DAY THREE | FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

FIELD TRIPS	
Field Trip One 8:30am - 5:15pm	Field Trip Two 8:30am - 3:00pm
RepurposeIT and NorthEast Link and/or Plenty Gorge	Scar Tree walk with the Koori Heritage Trust and tour of the MCG Sustainability Initiatives

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