



ICE WaRM Seminar Series

ICE WaRM Presents a free short seminar:

Standards in International Water Law: Relevance to Australia

The International Centre of Excellence in Water resources Management (ICE WaRM) is proud to host leading researcher Professor Joseph Dellapenna as the keynote speaker at a free seminar on "Standards in International Water Law: Relevance to Australia". Professor Joseph Dellapenna is in South Australia to undertake joint research with the Centre for Comparative Water Policies and Laws at the University of South Australia funded through the International Liaison Programme offered through ICE WaRM.

Standards in International Water Law: Relevance to Australia

Thursday, 19 July, 3pm - 5pm

Venue: The Australia Asia Water Centre, Level 4, 77 Grenfell Street, Adelaide 5000

Registration for this seminar is required.

Please email Sophie at shastwell@icewarm.com.au with your name, your organisation, and contact number.

You can contact Sophie on 8236 5207 should you have any queries.

Seminar Schedule

3:00pm	Registration
3:15pm-3:30pm	Welcome and Introduction
3:30pm-4:15pm	"Standards in International Water Law: Relevance to Australia" Professor Joseph Dellapenna School of Law University of Villanova
4:15pm-4:40pm	"Achieving Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) in Australia: Institutions and Laws" Professor Jennifer McKay Centre for Comparative Water Policies and Laws University of South Australia
4:40pm-5:00pm environment"	"Institutional Change, Social Discourse, and Water Resources: Relating urban systems to the Sara Hughes University of California, Santa Barbara, visiting Fulbright Fellow
5:00pm-5:30pm	Refreshments



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In 2004 the International Law Association approved the Berlin Rules on Water Resources, ushering in a new standard for international water law. The Berlin Rules bring together traditional international water law, international environmental law, international human rights and the laws of war as a mechanism to deal with the evolving challenges on water resources in the 21st century. These new standards are not merely limited to transboundary water resources as found in traditional international water law, but

provides guides and rules applicable to all water resources. Professor Dellapenna will introduce these new standards and provide an insight into how they can be applied to water resources in Australia.

Professor Joseph Dellapenna is currently Professor of Law with Villanova University, Pennsylvania, is a widely regarded in the legal academy as a leading national and international expert on water law, having worked both in the US and internationally for government and

Achieving Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) in Australia: Institutions and Laws



Australia is in the midst of negotiating and reforming institutions to achieve complex legal requirements of Environmentally Sustainable Development. There are legal issues with any Australia wide scheme and these will be discussed. One practical problem is that Australia has over 300 water supply businesses who have 14 different corporate forms. Only one third of CEOs in Water Supply Businesses are confident that they can achieve ESD. The presentation will report on an interview with CEOs and also look at the different forms of NRM bodies in Australia. The community in SA has moved however and

there are many local examples of law reforms such as the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 and preexisting innovative schemes such as Mawson Lakes, Virginia triangle water markets and NRM Levies . Some aspects of these will be discussed.

Professor Jennifer McKay is the Founders and Director of The Water Policy and Laws Group at the University of South Australia, and has worked with the International Water Association Secretary of Water Governance Special Interest Group, as well as with the Australian Water Association. Her many affiliations have seen her

Institutional Change, Social Discourse, and Water Resources: Relating urban systems to the environment



Society has a critical and complex relationship with water resources; we look to water as the driver of our economies, households, and environments. Soon, a majority of people will be living in urban areas, placing an increasing demand both on the environment and our ability to innovate and develop sustainable solutions to this change. Sustainable urban water resources management therefore involves a complex network of actors, organizations, laws, policies,

and values that must be balanced against a changing resource base. These will be discussed in relation to Adelaide, a diverse and evolving city that depends on a highly regulated and drought-prone river system for a portion of its water supply. This basic framework for research will also include a discussion of the institutional relationship between environmental flow allocations in the Murray River and water security in Adelaide.