



Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to invite you to attend the Climate, Energy and Water Nexus Forum at ANU from 9am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to 3pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010.

Responding to climate change, conserving freshwater ecosystems and supplying adequate energy and water are some of the greatest challenges facing society. In an era of climate change the extra water required to expand energy production and the extra energy required to manage water scarcity are particular dilemmas. This two day forum brings together leading researchers and policy makers from the United States, Europe and Australia to discuss case studies, examine policy response options and identify potential solutions. As the pace of development of new climate change and water policies increases, this forum addresses the critical need for better knowledge to integrate measures and avoid conflicting outcomes.

The Forum will start with an exploration of how we can benefit from new and renewable energy technologies, and carbon sequestration, while minimizing perverse outcomes for water resources. We will then consider state and national scale systems for integrating management of energy and water policies, and conclude with a discussion with policy makers on potential solutions. The Forum will include the launch of the Australian and United States Climate, Energy and Water program, and a special edition of *Ecology and Society* on the energy water nexus.

The forum is co-hosted by the National Water Commission, United States Studies Centre, and the Australian National University. It will be held in the Crawford School of Economics and Government, Acton Theatre, JG Crawford Building (#132), Lennox Crossing, at the Australian National University.

The current program for the Forum is attached. We look forward to your contribution at the Forum. Places are limited. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Hayley Primrose at [Crawford.events@anu.edu.au](mailto:Crawford.events@anu.edu.au) or phone 02-61254387 by 22 November 2010.

I look forward to welcoming you to this significant event.

Sincerely yours,

Professor Geoffrey Garrett  
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US Studies Centre

Professor Quentin Grafton  
Chair, ANU Water Initiative  
The Crawford School of Economics  
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James Cameron  
A/g Chief Executive Officer  
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