



Ecological Consultants Association of NSW Annual Conference 2023

Monday 7th August Fairmont Resort,
Leura, Blue Mountains

Program

Understanding the Biodiversity Legislation Nexus

8:30 - 9:00	REGISTRATION	<i>Tea and coffee available</i>
	TOPIC OF PRESENTER	PRESENTER
9:00 – 9.05	<i>Conference Welcome</i>	Rebecca Hogan ECA President
9.05 - 9.15	<i>Welcome to Country</i>	David King (Dingo Darbo)
	SESSION 1: LLS Act and the BC Act and EPBC Act	Chair: Jessica O’Leary
9.15-9.45	<i>The Land Management Framework</i>	Luc Farago Local Land Services
9.45-10.00	<i>Interactions between Part 5A of the LLS Act and Biodiversity Legislation</i>	Jessica Rossell Local Land Services
10.00-10.15	<i>Q & A Session 1</i>	
10.15-10.45	MORNING TEA	
	SESSION 2: Rural Fires Act and the BC Act	Chair: Rebecca Hogan
10.45-11.05	<i>PFBP 2019 – Overview of APZ, expectations for Management, Monitoring / compliance</i>	Grahame Douglas Senior Lecturer at School of Computing, Engineering and Mathematics, Western Sydney University
11.05-11.45	<i>Controlled Burning: Legal Aspects, Practices and Management</i>	Jim Killen Community Protection Planning & NSP Coordinator Planning & Environment Services East NSW Rural Fire Service
11.45-12.20	<i>Fire as a management tool and bush fire preparedness on land with a BCT agreement</i>	Dr Chels Marshall and Mel Huntsman NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust
12.20-12.30	<i>Q & A Session 2</i>	
12.30-1.15	LUNCH	
1.15 – 1.35	<i>The NSW State Vegetation Type Map undermines ecological fire management in dry sclerophyll forests on the NSW north coast</i>	Andy Baker Wildsite
1.35-1.55	<i>Increasing the supply of in-demand biodiversity credits</i>	John Seidel Credits Supply Taskforce DPE
	SESSION 3: EPBC Act and its interactions	Chair: Jason Berrigan
1.55-2.15	<i>The NSW Biodiversity Offsets Scheme and its interaction with the EPBC Act</i>	Amy Dumbrell DPE

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2.15-2.50	<i>EPBC Act reform update followed by EPBC Act referral, assessment and bilateral process</i>	Martin Paull Director, Southern NSW Assessments Section DCCEEW
2.50-3.20	Q & A Session 3	
3.20-3.40	AFTERNOON TEA	
	SESSION 4: Student Presentations	Chair: Paul Burcher
3.40-3.55	<i>Passive monitoring facilitates assessment of the multi-scale factors driving bat box usage in urban reserves</i>	Elsa Kohane Sydney University
3.55-4.10	<i>Comparing artificial intelligence (AI) models for the detection of mammals in camera trap images</i>	Jess Tam UNSW
4.10-4.25	<i>Microphytobenthos biomass as a potential indicator of bushfire impact</i>	Thayanne Lima Barros UNSW
4.25-4.40	<i>Does fire affect the relationship between plants and their pollinators, or are they capable of rekindling things when burned out</i>	Joshua Whitehead University of New England
4.40-4.55	<i>Restoring Drylands from the Ground Up: Soil health response to reintroduced semi-fossorial mammals</i>	Jana Stewart UNSW
5.00-5.45	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
6.00-9.00	Conference Dinner and Trivia	