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## VCCCAR News

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### Showcasing some of our speakers

The 2014 Victorian Adaptation Forum will feature presentations from leading climate scientists, policy makers and adaptation practitioners from the private and public sectors. See below for more information about a some of the speakers presenting at the Thursday afternoon sessions.

#### Kate Auty

Kate became Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability in 2009. She has worked in agriculture and academia, as a solicitor and a barrister. She was a senior lawyer for the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia. Kate is also an Adjunct Professor at La Trobe University. As part of the *Supporting partnerships with local government and the community* session, she will present on **Public involvement in environmental reporting**.



#### Terry de Lacy

Terry is Director of the Tourism and Events Research Group in the College of Business at Victoria University. As part of the *Supporting adaptation in industry* session, he will present on: **Tourism destinations reducing vulnerability and building resilience to climate change**. Tourism is vulnerable to climate change risks due to its close connections with the environment. A framework for adaptation to climate change to help tourism destinations become more resilient and adaptable to climate change risks may help Australian tourism destinations develop strategies to maintain and enhance resilience.



#### Carla Sgro

Carla is an evolutionary biologist interested in understanding organisms adapt to environmental change. She is interested in exploring how evolutionary processes can be explicitly incorporated into biodiversity conservation and management. As part of the *Natural assets and natural resource based industries* session, she will present on **Biodiversity conservation and climate adaptation: an evolutionary perspective**. She will talk about the concept of evolutionary resilient landscapes as a way of emphasising evolutionary considerations in biodiversity management and landscape planning.



#### Celeste Morgan

Celeste is a recognised and highly skilled sustainability professional, with experience in leading the sustainability agenda internationally. Celeste relocated in 2013 from the UK, where she was instrumental in developing sustainability strategies for the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic Parks and four of UK's zero-carbon Eco-towns. As part of the *Assets and infrastructure* session, she will present on: **Demonstrating the business case for joint delivery of water sensitive urban design as a climate change adaptation strategy**.



### Register now for the Victorian Adaptation Forum

Registrants for the **Victorian Adaptation Forum** (Thursday 20 March) also gain access to VCCCAR research workshops (Wednesday 19 March). The workshops and the forum will be held at Rydges on Swanston, 701 Swanston St, Carlton.

[Register and pay online](#) or download a registration form from the [VCCCAR website](#) and request an invoice from us.

For further information please email [enquiries-vcccar@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:enquiries-vcccar@unimelb.edu.au)

## Don't forget to RSVP for Lord Krebs' public presentation hosted by Robyn Williams

An important reminder to all Victorian Adaptation Forum delegates: If you want to attend **Lord Krebs' public presentation** on the evening of Wednesday 19 March you must RSVP for this separately. Please contact [cheyne.brudenell@deakin.edu.au](mailto:cheyne.brudenell@deakin.edu.au) to confirm your attendance.



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