



## VCCCAR UPDATE – 25 November 2011

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### NEWS

#### Call for proposals for round three (2012) think tanks



VCCCAR is calling for expressions of interests from Victorian academic institutions to coordinate think tanks in 2012. The focus of proposals should be on climate change adaptation or the interaction and integration of adaptation and mitigation.

*Victorian Government policy priorities:*

- a) Improving liveability by reducing cost of living and improving key services such as health care, transport, infrastructure investment and community safety;
- b) Building resilient cities, regional and country Victoria through infrastructure investment and sustainable regional growth;
- c) Extreme events – preparedness, response and recovery from floods, bushfires and other climate events;
- d) Economic sustainability – maintaining Victoria's robust economy and competitive advantages.

*VCCCAR research priorities 2012*

- a) Improved climate risk management for better decision making under cascading levels of uncertainty;
- b) Governance structures and coordination models to support the flexibility and authority required for effective climate adaptation; and
- c) Guidance and tools (and their trial) for the ongoing assessment of potential climate impacts and adaptation pathways for government, industries, communities and individuals.

Up to \$10,000 is available to support each think tank. If you have a good idea for a think tank that fits with these priorities, please present a submission by **27 January 2012** using the attached application pro forma to: [enquiries-vcccar@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:enquiries-vcccar@unimelb.edu.au). Applicants will be advised of submission outcomes by early March. More information about the think tanks can be found in the attached background document.

## Call for applications for 2012 VCCCAR visiting fellowship



VCCCAR is once again seeking applicants for its annual visiting fellowship programme. This initiative aims to attract outstanding scholars and academics that can make a significant contribution to the Centre's research agenda and actively promote international research initiatives with their home institution.

The appointed fellow will be expected to work collaboratively across partner universities and engage with government agencies and non government stakeholders to disseminate adaptation best practice according to their area of expertise.

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2012**. To find out more about the duties, selection criteria and how to apply see attached visiting research fellow guidelines. For further enquiries contact Professor Rod Keenan [rkeenan@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:rkeenan@unimelb.edu.au)

## ***Framing adaptation* project updates available online**

The *Framing adaptation* project updates from [June](#) and [November](#) 2011 are available on the VCCCAR website. This VCCCAR-funded project aims to develop and refine an authoritative, scientifically robust, and coherent decision support framework for multi-level and multi-actor adaptation responses in the Victorian context.

## EVENTS

### **SEMINAR: Adapting to Climate Change: Showcasing new perspectives from the Netherlands – Hans de Moel**



**When:** 5- 6pm Tuesday 13 December 2011

**Where:** RMIT City campus, RMIT Building 13, Level 3, Room 9, Emily McPherson Building, Corner of Russell and Victoria Streets

In conjunction with the Global Cities Research Institute and The EU Centre at RMIT, VCCCAR presents a free seminar by Hans de Moel, with an introduction by Professor Rod Keenan, Director of VCCCAR.

Climate change is projected to have various impacts in the Netherlands. Particularly adverse impacts related to flooding are of crucial importance to such a low-lying, densely populated country. So how is the Netherlands planning to cope with these changes?

Hans de Moel is a recipient of an RMIT Foundation Visiting International Fellowship 2011. He is a senior researcher at the Institute for Environmental Studies, an interdisciplinary research institute at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. His work focuses on flood risk, climate change and adaptation activities and options. This lecture will give an overview of how the Dutch are adapting to their changing climate and what lessons they have learned that are relevant to Australia.

Please RSVP by Monday 12 December to: [eucentre@rmit.edu.au](mailto:eucentre@rmit.edu.au)

### **VCCCAR 2012 Annual Forum – save the date!**

VCCCAR's next Annual Forum will be held on Monday 25 June 2012. This will be followed closely by the NCCARF Annual Conference, from 26 – 28 June, in Melbourne. The VCCAR forum program will be available early in 2012.