



The Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Research invites you to ...

## ***Scenarios for Climate Adaptation: Critical Perspectives Seminar***

*A half-day seminar featuring presentations from key thinkers on climate change adaptation challenges and the use of scenarios methods to address them.*

<b>Dr Penny Whetton</b> <i>CSIRO</i>	<b>The evolving use of climate change scenarios at CSIRO</b>
<b>Dr Lauren Rickards</b> <i>University of Melbourne</i>	<b>What is adaptation? Implications of adaptation definitions for scenario strategies</b>
<b>Prof Roger Jones</b> <i>Centre for Strategic Economic Studies Victoria University</i>	<b>The use of scenarios in adaptation planning: Managing complex risks</b>
<b>Prof Ray Ison</b> <i>Monash Sustainability Institute, Monash University</i>	<b>Scenario praxis for systemic and adaptive governance: A critical review</b>

*Alongside presentations, the seminar will include a briefing on the VCCCAR Scenarios for Climate Adaptation research project and a panel discussion with plenty of opportunity for audience interaction.*

**When:** *Thursday 11 November, 2010, 8.45am (for 9am start) to 1pm  
Morning tea provided*

**Where:** *Basement Theatre 1, Level B1, 207 Bouverie St, Carlton*

**This seminar is free and open to anyone who is working on or interested in climate change adaptation challenges in Victoria including academics, State and local government staff, private sector, NGOs and community organisations.**

**PLEASE RSVP BY Fri 5 November.**

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## Thinking of coming? Here's a bit of background...

This seminar is part of a series of data collection and knowledge-sharing activities being undertaken for the *Scenarios for Climate Adaptation* research project.

### About the research

*Scenarios for Climate Adaptation* is a year-long research project aimed at building common understanding of scenario based strategies to inform climate change adaptation decision making in Victoria. It is funded by the Victorian Government through the Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Research (VCCCAR) and is being undertaken by an interdisciplinary team led by the University of Melbourne and including members from CSIRO, Monash University, Victoria University, RMIT University and EPA Victoria.

Drawing on recent Victorian and Australian experience, this project will gather and synthesise learning about the use and development of scenarios to help meet climate adaptation challenges. The key outputs will include a Final Report and a practical Guidebook for adaptation policy makers and practitioners, due to be finished in mid 2011.

### What do we mean by scenarios?

A scenario can be defined as 'a plausible and often simplified description of how the future may develop, based on a coherent and internally consistent set of assumptions about driving forces and key relationships'. In this project we are looking at what we're calling 'scenario based strategies'. This is a deliberately broad term to refer to a wide range of projects and processes involving the use of scenarios created by others or the development of new scenarios, as part of decision making, planning or engagement activities.

More information is available at: <http://www.vcccar.org.au/content/pages/scenarios-climate-adaptation>

### Where does this seminar fit in?

The *Scenarios for Climate Adaptation* research team has been compiling information about peoples' understanding of the purpose and value of using scenarios and the experiences they have had in applying different scenarios methods to climate change adaptation challenges. Data is being collected via an extensive literature review, an online survey, a series of expert interviews and workshops.

At the same time, several members of the research group have been doing some deep thinking about the role and value of scenarios in 'doing' climate change adaptation from a critical and theoretical perspective. These critical perspectives will inform the key project outputs and will also be published as separate papers.

The seminar is an important opportunity to present and discuss the insights raised by these critical perspectives papers.

We look forward to seeing you there and hearing your views!