

Workshop: Adaptation options for wetlands in the Murray-Darling Basin

Date: 12th & 13th July 2010 (1.5 days)

Venue: Christian Lab Conference Room
CSIRO, Black Mountain, Canberra

Sponsors: NCCARF, ILWS/CSU, CSIRO

Meeting purpose:

1. Identify adaptation options for wetland in the MDB for dealing with the impacts of climate change in the context of other pressures on wetlands
2. Communicate these adaptation options to wetland managers including those setting water management policies (e.g. MDBA, DEWHA, NWC) and implementing management programs (e.g. CMAs, state agencies?)
3. Provide information to NCCARF and the Ramsar Convention on wetland adaptation through the development of a case study of wetland management under a variable and changing climate regime

Geographic coverage area:

Main aquatic ecosystems in the lowland areas of the MDB, including streams, floodplains and billabongs.

Topics to be covered:

1. Describe wetland types and key management issues (drivers/pressures) for wetlands in the MDB.
Invited speakers: Rebecca Lester (Flinders), Daryl Nielsen (MDFRC/La Trobe)
2. Describe climate and sustainable yield analyses for MDB catchments.
Invited speaker: Bill Young (CSIRO)
3. Outline what is meant by adaptation and provide examples of policies and management responses for wetlands.
Invited speakers:
Nick Davidson (Ramsar) "Wetland restoration, adaptation and Ramsar Convention guidance".
Jamie Pittock (ANU)
4. Overview of how MDBA is considering climate change issues for wetlands in the Basin Plan?
Invited speaker: Ian Burns (MDBA)
5. Discussion on priority adaptation options – describe purpose and state of the art and gaps, and provide examples where they exist.

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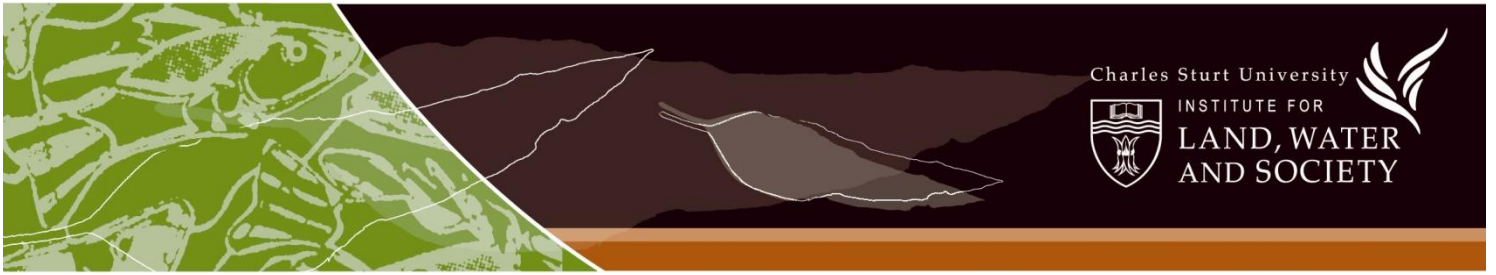
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Planned Outcomes:

1. Information and guidance on options for wetland adaptation and gaps in information, policy and management
2. Written summary of workshop prepared for NCCARF, Ramsar Convention and sponsors.

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