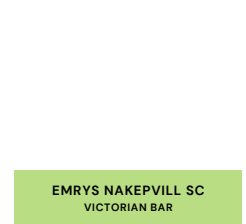
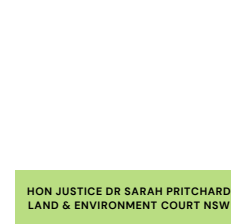


National Conference

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Speaker lineup includes:




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 **THEME: Intersecting crises of climate change and biodiversity loss – where to next for Australian environmental law?**

 **VENUE: Melbourne University, Law School, Woodward Conference Centre**

8am – 9am

Arrival & Registration

9am – 9:30am

Welcome to Country & Opening
Wurundjeri
Mark Beaufoy, President of NELA

1st Session

Environmental Policy Agenda – Federal & State

An outline of what government has been doing, Federal and State policy agenda, and the role of environmental law and lawyers

9:30am – 9:40am

Matthew Harding, Dean of Melbourne Law School to introduce Ministers

9:40am – 10am

Federal Environment Minister, The Hon Tanya Plibersek, MP

10:20am – 10:50am

Morning Tea

2nd Session

Status of Australia's Environmental Laws

Environmental law in Australia: The history and future of environmental law, how the past informs possibilities, and the role of courts

10:50am – 12:20pm

Format: Keynote followed by moderated Q&A panel of speakers

Keynote: Hon Justice Jagot, High Court of Australia

Panel chair: Simon Molesworth AO KC

Panel moderated discussion: Justice Bromberg, President, Australian Law Reform Commission, Deputy President Teresa Bisucci, Head of the Planning and Environment Division, VCAT, TBC

12:20pm – 1:30pm

Lunch

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3rd Session	Nature Positive Laws: What Does It Mean & How Do We Get There? Biodiversity (EPBC reforms) – The complexities of nature positive
1:30pm – 3pm	Format: Keynote followed by moderated Q&A Panel of speakers Keynote: Prof Brendan Wintle (Biodiversity Council) & Dr Jack Pascoe (Biodiversity Council) Panel chair: Dr Phillipa McCormack (University of Adelaide) Panel moderated discussion: Dr James Fitzsimmons (Nature Conservancy), Rachel Walmsley (EDO)
3pm – 3:15pm	Afternoon Tea
4th Session	Climate Change – What’s Next for Climate Law in Australia? Climate litigation & human rights
3:15pm – 4:45pm	Format: Keynote followed by moderated Q&A Panel of speakers Keynote: Dr Andrea Vecchi, University of Melbourne Panel chair: Dr Justine Bell-James (University of Queensland) Panel moderated discussion: Claire Smith (Clayton Utz), Prof Samantha Hepburn (Deakin University), David Hertzberg (Equity Generation Lawyers), Dr Arjuna Dibley (University of Melbourne)
5th Session	International Processes Relating to Enforcement of Environmental Law In particular in relation to the rights of Indigenous peoples
4:45pm – 5:15pm	Keynote: Hon Justice Dr Sarah Pritchard, Land and Environment Court NSW & TBC
5:15pm – 5:30pm	NELA President Closing Speech Mark Beaufoy, President of NELA
5:30pm – 7.00pm	Interval Drinks
7pm	Post-Conference Dinner Guest speaker: Emrys Nekvapil SC

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