Climate Change Adaptation in the ACT: Environment and Heritage

A provocative one-day symposium co-convened by the ACT Government Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate, the ANU-CSIRO-UC Centre for Biodiversity Analysis (CBA), and the ANU Institute for Climate, Energy and Disaster Solutions (ICEDS)

Friday April 8, 2022, 9am – 4.30 (drinks until 5pm)
Venue: Ann Harding Centre, 24 University Drive, University of Canberra, Bruce ACT

Background

The ACT Government currently has an intense focus on the area of climate change adaptation, with a whole-of-government climate risk assessment recently concluded. The next step in this process is detailed planning, and the Environment, Heritage and Water division (of EPSDD: the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate) is leading the way initiating work on a detailed framework for adaptation in this sector.

The symposium

This symposium is an initial event intended to kick start this process – exposing government managers, policymakers and scientists to the cutting-edge research and thinking of ANU, University of Canberra and CSIRO on climate change adaptation.

The subject matter will include local scenarios and projections, pathways to adaptation, tools and approaches, and case studies of successful (and unsuccessful) experiences. There will be plenty of time for discussion of emerging challenges for climate adaptation in the ACT.

The symposium will be opened by the ACT Minister for the Environment, Rebecca Vassarotti. It will be chaired by Rosie Cooney, EPSDD, and facilitated by Dr Michael Dunlop, CSIRO, with representatives from ACT Government and CBA.

Agenda

The day will be structured around three guiding themes: “transformation”, “values” and “uncertainty”. These will be explored across a number of contexts: water, biodiversity, fire, and the built environment. There will be a mixture of short, stimulating talks and discussion sessions.

There will be a social session with drinks following the formal proceedings. The final agenda will be sent out two weeks before the event.

The call

We are seeking researchers at ANU, CSIRO and University of Canberra to participate in this event. This is a chance to showcase your work, have your expertise directly impact government thinking, get to know government priorities and form relationships with government personnel, and lay the groundwork for productive collaborations including student projects and joint funding bids. Please get in touch with one of those below to discuss how you could be involved. You would only need to commit to one of the three sessions (~2 hours).

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