

# NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS CONFERENCE 3.0

*From offsetting to nature positive*

23 - 25 July 2024 | Hotel Realm, 18 National Circuit, Canberra

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## WELCOME | MONDAY 22 JULY 2024

5:30pm - 7:30pm **Welcome Function** | Ostani Restaurant and Bar, Hotel Realm

## DAY ONE | TUESDAY 23 JULY 2024

7:30am - 8:30am **REGISTRATION**

8:30am - 8:40am **Welcome & Introduction**

8:40am - 9:00am **Welcome to Country** | Serena Williams

9:00am - 10:00am **Keynote Speaker** | Professor Graeme Samuel AC, Monash University Business School, Facilitated by Nick Thomas, Partner at Clayton UTZ

10:00am - 10:30am **MORNING TEA**

### MOVING TOWARD NATURE POSITIVE

10:30am - 12:00pm **Jasmine Wood, Herbert Smith Freehills**

**Laura Waterford, Director at Pollination Group**

**James Tregurtha, DCCEEW, Division Head, Nature Positive Taskforce and Mahani Taylor, DCCEEW** | Reforming national environment laws and environmental offset arrangements

12:00pm - 1:00pm **LUNCH**

### SETTING THE SCENE

1:00pm - 2:30pm **Keynote Speaker** | Anthony Lean, Secretary, NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

### PANEL DISCUSSION

**Anthony Lean, Secretary, NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water**

**Sara Harbidge, Executive Director, Biodiversity Division at DEECA, Victoria**

**Lisien Loan, Director of Conservation and Wildlife, SA**

**Graeme Grosse, DCCEEW** | Acting Division Head Environmental Permitting and Compliance

2:30pm - 3:00pm **AFTERNOON TEA**

### CHALLENGING THE STATUS QUO

3:00pm - 4:00pm **Dr. Robyn Simcock, Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research NZ** | A new framework for Biodiversity Compensation and Offsets for harm to indigenous biodiversity in Aotearoa-New Zealand

**Megan Evans, University of NSW** | Nature positive greenwash and how to avoid it

**Nick Thomas, Partner at Clayton UTZ**

4:05pm - 6:00pm **POSTER SESSION**

## DAY TWO | WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2024

8:30am - 10:00 am **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE OFFSETS SPACE?**

8:30am - 9:15am **Keynote Speaker** | Professor Hugh Possingham, The University of Queensland | Biodiversity offsets and nature positive

9:15am - 10:00am **Keynote Speaker** | Professor Martine Maron, The University of Queensland | How to make offsets (aligned with) nature positive

10:00am - 10:30am **MORNING TEA**

### STREAM 1 | ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTING AND MARKETS

#### ROOM 1 | STANDARDS AND FRAMEWORK

10:30am - 12:00pm **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**Brendan Lynam, Environment Information Australia**  
**Karel Mokany, CSIRO**  
**Owen Nevin, WABSI**  
**Mark Eigenraam, IDEEA Group**

### STREAM 2 | POLICY AND DELIVERY

#### ROOM 2 | OFFSETS POLICY

**Steven Brown, Minerals Council of Australia** | Australian minerals industry role in a nature positive future  
**Jeremy Simmonds, 2rog Consulting** | Ask the experts: using elicitation to inform a biodiversity offsets study in data-poor northern Australia  
**Nathan Garvey, WSP Australia** | Are we serious about closing the gap? The role of biodiversity offsets in promoting and thwarting economic and social self-determination for First Nations people  
**Tim Kirby, Department of Planning and Environment NSW** | How the planning system experience in NSW might help predict how offset models could work

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### ROOM 1 | APPLICATIONS

1:00pm - 2:30pm **Michelle McKemey and Lesley Paterson, Banbai Rangers**

**Jayne Thorpe and Kay Blades, Stabish Pty Ltd** | Aboriginal Waterway Assessments and the Nature Positive Agenda

**Kathryn Reardon-Smith, University of Southern Queensland** | Assessing the Environmental Credit Landscape in Queensland's Cropping Zones: Marginal Land Mapping and Income Generation Potential

### ROOM 2 | GETTING IT RIGHT: PRACTICAL OFFSET DELIVERY

**David Gatfield and Daniel Light, Umwelt Environmental and Social Consultants** | Advanced Offsets – A key tool in the strategic delivery of nature positive projects  
**Bill Williamson, Magdicirt xyz** | Risk and Achieving Value for Money in Biodiversity Offsetting

**Mikalah Koch, City of Gold Coast Council** | Using offsets to secure a critical wildlife corridor in Australia's fastest growing regional city  
**Alexandra Cottle, Umwelt Environmental and Social Consultants** | My initial impressions of the NSW BAM and what it's doing for my career and nature positive opportunities

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### ROOM 1 | MARKETS

3:00pm - 4:40pm **Claire Smith, Clayton UTZ** | Key ingredients to grow flourishing nature credit markets

**David Young, Arup and Joan Ko, Arup** | Developments in nature markets – opportunities for Australia

**Professor Don Butler, ANU College of Law and National Stewardship Program** | Biodiversity assessment for agriculture stewardship pilots

**Andrew Lowe, Nature Positive Economy CRC**

### ROOM 2 | OFFSET DELIVERY

**Dave Fleming, Niche Environment and Heritage** | "Can't We Just Buy a National Park?" - Corporate Decision Making in Biodiversity Offsetting

**Gillian Backhouse, 2rog Consulting** | Portfolio-wide offsets audit shows importance of alignment between proponents, regulators and land managers for successful offsets delivery  
**Travis How, Umwelt Environmental and Social Consultants** | Offset Success – What does it look like for a Lizard?

**Dr. Cairo Forrest, Niche Environment and Heritage** | Taking the sting out of setting up Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements; Tips and tricks to avoid pitfalls and maximise outcomes

7:00pm - 11:00pm **CONFERENCE DINNER** at the National Museum of Australia with dinner speaker Dr Chadden Hunter

## DAY THREE | THURSDAY 25 JULY 2024

### HOW DO WE MOVE FORWARD AND BECOME NATURE POSITIVE?

8:30am - 10:00am **Keynote Speaker** | Zoe Whitton, Pollination Group

**INVESTOR PANEL DISCUSSION** | Facilitated by Estelle Parker, Responsible Investment Association of Australia

**Tim King, CIO, Melior**

**Alexandra Banks, Partner & Global Nature Leader, EY**

**Julia Leske, Managing Director, ISS ESG**

**Zoe Whitton, Managing Director, Head of Strategy and Impact, Pollination**

10:00am - 10:30am **MORNING TEA**

### ENGAGING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

10:30am - 12:00pm **Sheridan Coakes and Anneke Monte, Umwelt** | Enhancing Ecological Restoration through Traditional Knowledge and Community Engagement

**Heather Campbell, Greening Australia** | Engaging with internal stakeholders - how I got it so very wrong

**Kimberley Swords, Riffle Advisory** | Building offset market participation with Traditional Owner Private Partnerships

**Derryn Heilbuth, Executive Chairman, BWD Strategic** | Nature Positive Australia - Round table

12:00pm - 1:00pm **LUNCH**

### OFFSET DELIVERY IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION RACE

1:00pm - 2:30pm **Beth Kramer, Lightsource BP** | The realities of offsetting MNES habitat under the EPBC Act – a Queensland perspective.

**Kala Saban, Clean Energy Finance Corporation** | Challenges and alternative approaches to Biodiversity financing in Australia

**Louisa Mamouny, Executive Director, Nature Market and Offsets at NSW DCCEEW**

**Alex Cockerill, WSP** | Achieving project related strategic offset outcomes at a landscape scale

2:30pm - 3:00pm **AFTERNOON TEA**

### WORKSHOP | TOWARD NATURE POSITIVE

3:00pm - 3:30pm **David Francis, Francisii Ecology**

3:30pm - 3:45pm **Wrap Up** | Andrew Morison, business and biodiversity

3:45pm **Close**

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