

# ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTITIONERS SYMPOSIUM

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## PROGRAM

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome and Welcome to Country

8:45 – 10:15 **Session 1: Enhancing Assessment Timeframes**

**Lee McIntosh, Acting Chair, Environmental Protection Authority |**

EIA in WA: how to achieve environmental protection and efficiency

**Emma Molloy, Principal Environment Consultant, Umwelt |**

How to target a shorter EPA assessment timeframe

**Mia Pepper, Campaign Manager, Conservation Council of WA |**

Strengthening environmental assessment through meaningful public participation

10:15 – 10:45 **MORNING TEA**

10:45 – 12:15 **Session 2: Biodiversity**

**Juliet Seers, Training and Outreach Coordinator, Atlas of Living Australia |**

Harnessing biodiversity data: insights from the Atlas of Living Australia

**Harriet Mills, Program Leader, Perth Zoo Science |**

Science and research at Perth Zoo: an overview of ex-situ conservation of native species in WA

**Sonja Mennen, Program Director, Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute |**

Shedding new light on the cryptic world of subterranean fauna: progress on a research program for WA

12:15 – 13:15 **LUNCH**

13:15 – 14:45 **Session 3: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge**

**Teagan Shields, Research Fellow, Curtin University; Biodiversity Council |**

Recognising Cultural Significant Entities

**Alistair Jones, Director General, Department of Water and Environmental Regulations |**

Walking Together: Integrating Indigenous knowledge into environment and water regulation for a sustainable future

**Peter Dans, Dep. Director General-Parks & Wildlife, Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions**

Integrating Indigenous knowledge into park management

14:45 – 15:15 **AFTERNOON TEA**

15:15 – 16:45 **Session 4: Rehabilitation vs Restoration**

**Keith Bradby, CEO, Gondwana Link |**

Revegetate, Rehabilitate or Restore – are the options facing us really so simple?

**Craig Pensini, Project Manager, Collective Impact, Perth NRM |**

Establishing a Collective Impact approach for restoring natural capital in the farming landscape

**Sarah Bates, Technical Specialist – Science and Design, Greening Australia |**

Making stems count; increasing the impact of restoration

16:45 – 17:00 **CLOSING REMARKS**

17:00 – 19:00 **SUNDOWNER**

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