



OPEN BRIEFING

A CLIMATE FOR CHANGE

Parliament House Canberra
21 March 2011

This briefing will present new research on communicating and managing climate change, with a particular emphasis on the views and opinions of ordinary Australians on climate change policy directions and their roles in decision-making.

Topics:

- New input from humanities and social sciences on how to communicate climate change and generate positive actions
- How to handle controversies and uncertainties around climate change
- Tapping the opinions and beliefs of ordinary Australians on climate change issues and bringing them into policy processes
- Promoting robust debate and culturally intelligent policies on climate change
- Exploring potential roles for museums and other cultural institutions in this process

12:00 noon	Light lunch served in the Mural Hall
12:15pm - 12:20pm	Introduction and opening remarks Hon Kelvin Thomson
12:20pm - 12:25pm	<i>Introducing the Australian Research Council Linkage project: Hot Science Global Citizens: the agency of the museum sector in climate change interventions</i> Chief Investigator, Dr Fiona Cameron, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Cultural Research University of Western Sydney
12:25pm - 12:40pm	Communicating Climate Change <i>Communicating the science, warts and all</i> Professor Bob Hodge, Centre for Cultural Research, University of Western Sydney <i>What does 'public opinion' really say about climate change?</i> Professor David Karoly, School of Earth Sciences, University of Melbourne
12:40pm - 12:55pm	Discussion
12:55pm - 1:20pm:	Community engagement and climate policy <i>Listening to citizens on climate change</i> Dr Juan Salazar, Senior Lecturer, School of Communication Arts, University of Western Sydney <i>Australians' views on climate change policy and processes</i> Dr Fiona Cameron, Senior Research Fellow; Centre for Cultural Research, University of Western Sydney and researchers Dr Ben Dibley and Dr Anne Newstead <i>Collaborative problem solving as key to robust policies</i> Professor Lyn Carson, Centre for Citizenship and Public Policy, University of Western Sydney and Dallas Rogers, Ph.D researcher
1:20pm - 1:35pm	Discussion
1:35pm - 1:50pm	Summation Hon Mark Dreyfus, Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

Please RSVP to r.harrison@uws.edu.au with your name, affiliation and contact details by 14th March.