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# *Mahla Pearlman* **ORATION 2015**

Thursday  
5 March



and

# *2015 FUTURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW Symposium*

Friday  
6 March



The prestigious annual

## **MAHLA PEARLMAN ORATION**

will be delivered at the Federal Court in Sydney on 5 March 2015 by Professor Jan McDonald, Professor and Associate Dean of Research in the School of Law at the University of Tasmania. The Oration title is "Is Resilience the new ESD?"

The Oration will be delivered on the eve of the 2015 Future of Environmental Law Symposium, also in Sydney.

Professor McDonald specialises in environmental law, with particular expertise in the legal and policy dimensions of climate change adaptation, including urban planning and coastal management, liability and insurance issues.

Prior to taking up her current position at the University of Tasmania in 2011, Jan held professorial positions at Griffith University School of Law and School of Environment. She was Director of Griffith's Climate Change Response Program and led Griffith University's successful bid to host the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility. Jan has led or been involved in numerous multidisciplinary research projects, including the CSIRO Collaboration Cluster project "South East Queensland Climate Adaptation Research Initiative (SEQ-CARI)" and a major national review of planning frameworks for adaptation. Jan teaches a range of environmental and climate law subjects and consults to local and state government. She was a Member of Tasmania's Climate Action Council until its abolition in 2014, is a member of the Australian Panel of Experts on Environmental Law convened by the Places You Love Alliance, and is currently President of the National Environmental Law Association.

The 2014 Mahla Pearlman Oration was delivered by Adjunct Professor Rob Fowler, School of Law, University of South Australia. A copy of Professor Fowler's Oration can be accessed here: [www.lawcouncil.asn.au/LPS/images/pdfs/mahlapearlmanao/2014\\_Oration.pdf](http://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/LPS/images/pdfs/mahlapearlmanao/2014_Oration.pdf)

## **2015 FUTURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SYMPOSIUM**

The Law Council's biennial Future of Environmental Law Symposium focuses on topical issues in environmental law and honours a leading environmental lawyer.

The Symposium on 6 March 2015 will honour the contribution of Dr Gerry Bates to environmental law.

The 2015 Symposium will also focus on the new environmental federalism under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) and the issues that raises for environmental lawyers.

A keynote speaker is Dr Allan Hawke AC, who led the independent review of the EPBC Act completed in 2009.

The Symposium will be held at the Langham Hotel in Sydney's historic Rocks area.

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