

# WATER LAW

AVAILABLE ON A LEGAL PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT (LPD), CROSS-INSTITUTIONAL OR  
NON-DEGREE BASIS



Semester 2 Intensive  
28-29 September & 5-6 October 2012  
Seminar Room 022  
Sydney Law School (F10)  
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#### ABOUT THE LECTURERS:

PROFESSOR ROSEMARY LYSTER

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Rosemary Lyster is the Professor of Climate and Environmental Law. Rosemary Lyster is a Professor in the Faculty of Law and Director of the Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law (ACCEL). In the area of Environmental Law, Rosemary specialises in Energy and Climate Law, Water Law and GMOs and Environmental Law. She has published two books with Cambridge University Press in the area of Energy and Climate Law. They are Rosemary Lyster and Adrian Bradbrook *Energy Law and the Environment* (Cambridge University Press: 2006) and Adrian J. Bradbrook, Rosemary Lyster, Richard L. Ottinger and Wang Xi (eds) *The Law of Energy for Sustainable Development* (Cambridge University Press: 2005). Rosemary is also the principal author of Rosemary Lyster, Zada Lipman, Nicola Franklin, Graeme Wiffen, Linda Pearson, *Environmental and Planning Law in New South Wales* (Federation Press: 2007).

Rosemary is the Energy and Water Special Editor of the *Environmental Planning and Law Journal* which is the leading environmental law journal in Australia. Rosemary is a member of the IUCN – The World Conservation Union Commission on Environmental Law, comprising environmental lawyers from around the world. She is a member of the Commission's Special Working Groups on Water and Wetlands, Energy and Climate Change, and Forests.

Rosemary has an extensive list of publications including books, chapters in books and articles in leading international and domestic law journals. She is a regular presenter at international and domestic conferences.

This unit of study situates the management of Australia's water resources within an International Law context including the *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*, International Water Law principles and an internationally recognised human right to water. The unit examines the ecologically sustainable management of water resources in the context of climate change, with Australia being the driest inhabited continent. According to the Garnaut Climate Change Review, climate change could halve the productive capacity of the Murray-Darling Basin, which produces one third of Australia's food supply, by 2050. In May 2012, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority released the controversial Draft Basin Plan which proposes to allocate more water for the environment. At the same time, the Council of Australian Governments is pursuing a decade long process of water reform to establish a national water trading market by 2014. Consequently, the unit examines water resource management from the interdisciplinary perspectives of law, science and within the context of broader economic reform and the National Competition Policy framework. The corporatisation of water utilities and competition in the water service market is also discussed. Key legislation covered includes the *Water Act 2007 (Cth)*, the *Water Management Act 2000 (NSW)* and the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006 (NSW)*.

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## ASSESSMENT

- 1 x 7,000 Word Essay (80%)
- Class Participation (20%)

## APPLICABLE DEGREES

- Master of Laws (LLM)
- Master of Environmental Law (MEL)
- Master of Administrative Law & Policy (MALP)
- Master of Global Law (MGlobL)
- Master of Environmental Science & Law (MEnvSci&L)
- Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (GradDipEnvLaw)
- Graduate Diploma in Law (GradDipLaw)

## SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL IN EUROPE

The Sydney Law School in Europe program offers a wide range of subjects taught by specialist academics from Sydney Law School and from our international faculty. Students can combine study in Europe with study in Australia, or complete the entire program in Europe. This unique offshore initiative provides an opportunity for lawyers to obtain a Master of Laws (LLM) and non-lawyers to obtain a Sydney Law School Master's degree with an emphasis on comparative, commercial and international law. Current locations include the United Kingdom, Germany, and Italy.

## TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

Students should make their own travel, accommodation and visa arrangements. Current Australian student visa holders should consult with the Compliance Officer, International Student Office, regarding their visa status.

## FEES

- \$3,450 (Local Students)
- \$4,350 (International Students)

## LEGAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

You can enrol in this unit on an LPD basis. Seminars, courses and units of study offered under Sydney Law School's LPD Program meet the necessary requirements of both the Law Society of New South Wales and the New South Wales Bar Association in relation to their individual members.

## NON-AWARD ENROLMENT

You can enrol in this subject on a or non-award basis if you do not wish to commit to a Masters or Graduate Diploma. You can continue to add units via this method, and provided you meet the relevant requirements and complete the assessment you can also qualify for a Graduate Diploma or Masters if you so wish.

## SINGLE UNIT ENROLMENT

You can enrol in this unit on a single unit or seminar basis where you can attend classes but you do not have to complete the assessment.

## CROSS INSTITUTIONAL STUDY

Subject to approval from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Coursework), candidates in other Faculties at the University of Sydney or from other universities may be able to enrol in this unit.

## APPLICATION

To apply online go to <http://sydney.edu.au/law/fstudent/coursework/apply.shtml> and follow the links.

You can also contact the Postgraduate Team:

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