

## PUBLIC SEMINAR

THE NATIONAL EUROPE CENTRE AT THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO:

# Comparative water resource management in Australia and the European Union

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**Wednesday 24 August, 12.30pm**

at the National Europe Centre

The Australian National University, 1 Liversidge Street,

Parking available in Balmain Lane, opposite University House

(Light refreshments will be served after the seminar)

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Water is an essential resource for households, industries and the environment. Increasing demand for domestic and industrial consumption is placing increasing pressure on water resources and river ecosystems, with increasing tensions between competing uses and users. The presentation will include a brief outline of the evolution and key features of water resource management in Australia and the EU, leading up to the Australian National Water Initiative and the EU Water Framework Directive. The presentation will compare policy and institutional mechanisms for water resource management and their implementation, including the integration of water, agriculture and environment policies. This comparison will draw on case studies from France, Spain and Australia. Finally the presentation will provide some preliminary comments on what may be learned from comparative Australian and EU experience in water resource management.

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