



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

### SEMINAR: INVESTING IN SOLUTIONS TO SALINITY

Monday, 8 April 2002 – Theatre, Parliament House

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
8:30	Registration	
9:00	Welcome and Introduction	<b>The Hon. Pam Allan MP</b> , Chairman, Select Committee on Salinity

#### HOW DO WE INVEST WISELY IN SOLUTIONS TO SALINITY?

##### KEYNOTE SPEECH

9:10	<b>Managing salinity with markets, plants and engineering: How do we move forward constructively?</b>	<b>David Pannell</b> , Associate Professor, Agricultural and Resource Economics, Department of Agriculture, University of Western Australia
	Economic policy instruments for environmental management. Are the expectations too high? How do we invest wisely in solutions to salinity?	

##### SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR INVESTMENT

9:45	<b>Targeting options for salinity management in the Murray Darling Basin</b>	<b>Dr Stephen Beare</b> , Research Director, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics
	Results of detailed modelling of the hydrological and economic issues related to salinity in the Murray Darling Basin. How do we target investment in addressing salinity?	

##### 10:20 MORNING TEA

10:45	<b>The NSW Salinity Strategy</b>	<b>Bob Smith</b> , Director-General, Department of Land and Water Conservation
	The NSW Government's progress with market based solutions and strategic investment	

11:15	<b>Opportunities for Investors</b>	<b>Dr David Brand</b> , Director, New Forests Program, Hancock Natural Resources Group (Australia) Pty Ltd.
	Who would invest, how would they invest, and what are the key public policy drivers to encourage private sector investment in revegetation and remediation of salinity	

11:45	<b>Opportunities for landholders</b>	<b>Di Bentley</b> , Convenor, Liverpool Plains Land Management Committee
	Paying landholders for environmental services, a project on the Liverpool Plains	

12:15	Business opportunities? Fact or fiction – the view from the ground	<b>Ian McColl</b> , Farmer and Chairman, Mid Lachlan Landcare
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12:45	LUNCH	
	<b>WHAT ARE THE MOST PROMISING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AREAS?</b>	
14:00	<b>Oil Mallee</b>	
	Oil mallee is likely to become the first commercially viable perennial plant crop developed. Find out how this business opportunity was developed and its implications for addressing salinity.	<b>John Bartle</b> , Manager, Farm Forestry Unit, Department of Conservation and Land Management, Western Australia
14:30	<b>Transition to a biomass economy</b>	
	Revegetation of recharge sites across Australia requires a very large market for biomass. Energy and transport fuels may be a large potential market. What are the benefits of, and barriers to, a biomass economy?	<b>Barney Foran</b> , CSIRO Resource Futures
15:00	<b>Profitable perennial pasture plants</b>	
	Perennial pasture plants may offer a commercially viable way for landholders to reduce recharge to groundwater and some may be productive on discharge sites. A significant research program is underway.	Cooperative Research Centre on Plant Based Management of Dryland Salinity (Speaker to be confirmed)
15:30	CLOSE	