



## EIA in Queensland - the state of play

A breakfast forum by the Environment Institute of Australia and  
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**Date:** Thursday 8 March 2012  
**Time:** 7.30am - 8.30am, registration from 7.15am  
**Venue:** Moreton Room, United Services Club,  
183 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane

Environmental impact assessment is now well accepted as a requirement for all major projects and a significant body of expertise has built up around preparing and assessing Environmental Impact Statements. But times are changing in the world of projects. Projects are larger than ever before, with more components and complexity. The scale & intensity of development seems to be increasing exponentially and the time frames are ever squeezed.

How are our EIA processes and people coping with this? Certainly, EISs are getting larger and larger, and so are the lists of approval conditions. But are we really getting the outcomes we seek from the EIA process? Project specific EIA has a number of limitations. Are the cracks showing?

This presentation will reflect on the state of environmental impact assessment in Queensland and whether the processes and products are achieving the desired outcome – a balance of sustainability & development. It will discuss some limitations of project specific EIA & explore the interplay between EIA, strategic environmental assessment and cumulative impacts.

### Our Speakers

#### **Claire Gronow, Principal - Ashgrove Environmental**

Claire has over 20 years experience undertaking environmental impact assessments in Australia and overseas. She has presented on the topic at national and international conferences and presented lectures and training courses in environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment. Extensive project experience includes coastal development, mining and infrastructure projects.

Claire has tertiary qualifications in science and environmental science, is a certified Environmental Professional and Fellow of EIANZ.

#### **Dean Ellwood, Assistant Director-General - Environment & Natural Resource Regulation DERM**

As the Assistant Director-General, Dean is responsible for leading and managing whole of Department services including compliance and investigations, litigation, assessment of major development projects and the assessment and approvals process for the gas and petroleum industry, including Coal Seam Gas.

Dean holds tertiary qualifications in the fields of science and management and has over 20 years public administration experience working in many parts of Queensland including Rockhampton, Townsville and Mount Isa.

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